



Smoky Lake County
Meeting Minutes Regular Council Meeting, April 16, 2026, Following the Municipal Planning Commission at 9:00 a.m.

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by the Reeve, Craig Lukinuk, in the presence of the following persons:

		ATTENDANCE
		Thursday, April 16, 2026
Div. No.	Councillor(s)	
Division 1	Ryan Barker	Physically Present
Division 2	David Kully	Physically Present
Division 3 / Reeve	Craig Lukinuk	Physically Present
Division 4/ Deputy Reeve	Lorne Halisky	Physically Present
Division 5	Jered Serben	Physically Present
CAO	Chyenne Shaw	Physically Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Physically Present
Director of County Services	Jordan Ruegg	Physically Present
Recording	Meaghan Andreychuk	Physically Present
Secretary/Legislative Services		
Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:		
Environment and Parks Manager	Dave Franchuk	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Virtually/Physically Present
Agricultural Fieldman	Sebastien G Dutrisac	Virtually Present
Communications Officer	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
HR/ Safety Manager	Jasmine Schaub	Virtually Present
Regional Fire Chief	Scott Franchuk	Virtually Present
Deputy Regional Fire Chief	Spencer Kotylak	Virtually Present
Other Observers	8 Members	Virtually Present

Resolution No: 20260416-235
Adoption of Agenda
Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council adopt the agenda with the following additions:

- 8.14 ASB Summer Tour
- 8.15 Rapid Attack Truck
- 11.5 Bellis 4-H Beef Club Sponsorship

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the March 26th, 2026, Regular Council meeting
Moved By: Jered Serben

Resolution No: 20260416-236
That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Minutes of the March 26th, 2026, Regular Council with the proposed amendments:

- Update the Director of County Services attendance in camera
- Delegation LARA time: 12:03 p.m.

- Carried unanimously on all Bylaws
- The County open house, and the County open house 60th Anniversary acknowledgment
- Policy numbering on all Policies within the motions
- Corrections of the following times:
 - 4.1 and 4.2 time of the delegations
 - Resolution 20260326-163 time: 10:46 a.m.
 - Question and answer period time 12:03 a.m.

CARRIED

Bob Daudelin from Accurate Assessments Group entered Council Chambers at 10:25 a.m.

4. Delegation(s)

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4.1 STARS

Moved by: Jered Serben

Present before Council from 10:06 a.m. to 10:43 a.m. was Glenda Farnden of Sr. Municipal Relations Liaison, Alberta British Columbia for the purpose of STARS annual update of 2025.

That Smoky Lake County accepted the presentation of Glenda Farnden of Sr. Municipal Relations Liaison, Alberta British Columbia as information.

CARRIED

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Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council recess the meeting at 10:46 a.m. and resume the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Don Klym and Leon Boychuk Hunter, Victoria Homeguard entered chamber at 11:20 a.m.

4.2 Bob Daudelin - Accurate Assessments Group

Moved by: Jered Serben

Present before Council from 10:56 a.m. to 11:38 a.m. was Bob Daudelin from Accurate Assessments Group for the purpose of providing the annual Tax assessment presentation for the year 2025.

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That Smoky Lake County accepted the presentation of Bob Daudelin Accurate Assessments Group as information.

CARRIED

7. Question and Answer Period 11:38 a.m. – 11:39 a.m.

No members of the public came forward at this time.

Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager, returned to Chambers at 11:47 a.m.

4.3 Don Klym – Victoria Homeguard

Moved by: Ryan Barker

Present before Council from 11:39 a.m. to 12:12 p.m. was Don Klym and Leon Boychuck-Hunter of Victoria Homeguard for the purpose of requesting permission to utilize the Road Allowance for River lot 9 as per Smoky Lake County’s Policy No. 62-08-02 Agricultural Use of Municipal Right-of-Way.

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That Smoky Lake County accepted the presentation of Don Klym and Leon Boychuck-Hunter of Victoria Homeguard as information.

CARRIED

Don Klym and Leon Boychuk Hunter, Victoria Homeguard exited Council Chambers at 12:12 a.m.

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Victoria Homeguard

Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council give permission to Victoria Homeguard permission to utilize the road allowance for River Lot 9 54” 00’ 29.0 N and 112”36,36.5 W with approval from the Agriculture Services Manager and Public Works Manager.

CARRIED

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Moved by: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council recess the meeting at 12:12 p.m. and resume the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

CARRIED

Daniel Moric, Natural Gas Manager, entered Council Chambers at 12: 27 p.m.

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Request for Decisions

8.1 Agricultural Fieldman Appointment

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council appoints Sebastien Dutrisac and Brieann Eden as the Agricultural Fieldmen for the County of Smoky Lake, effective April 16, 2026, pursuant to the Agricultural Service Board Act.

CARRIED

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8.2 RFD Bylaw 1503-26 Bellis Sewer Tax Bylaw

Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council give First Reading to Bylaw No: 1503-26 Bellis Sewer Tax Bylaw.

CARRIED

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8.2 RFD Bylaw 1503-26 Bellis Sewer Tax Bylaw

Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council give Second Reading to Bylaw No: 1503-26 Bellis Sewer Tax Bylaw.

CARRIED

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8.2 RFD Bylaw 1503-26 Bellis Sewer Tax Bylaw

Moved By: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council give permission for Third Reading of Bylaw No: 1503-26 Bellis Sewer Tax Bylaw

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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8.2 RFD Bylaw 1503-26 Bellis Sewer Tax Bylaw

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council give Third and Final Reading to Bylaw No: 1503-26 Bellis Sewer Tax Bylaw

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260416- 248	8.3 RFD April Tax penalty cancellation requests Moved By: David Kully That Smoky Lake County Council decline the request to waive \$926.79 tax penalties on tax roll #23090412, NW 15-60-12 W4 received on March 23, 2026.	CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 249	8.3 RFD April Tax penalty cancellation requests Moved By: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County Council decline the request to waive the \$270.46 penalties on tax roll #17610310, SE 3-61-17-4 received March 23, 2026.	CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 250	8.3 RFD April Tax penalty cancellation requests Moved By: David Kully That Smoky Lake County Council decline the request to waive the \$388.30 penalties on tax roll #24110606, Lot 6 Block 6 Plan 3223TR received on March 23, 2026.	CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 251	8.3 RFD April Tax penalty cancellation requests Moved By: Craig Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council decline the request to waive the \$544.53 penalties on tax roll #34240307, Lot 7, Block 3, Plan 8022990 received March 24, 2026.	CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 252	8.3 RFD April Tax penalty cancellation requests Moved By: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County Council decline the request to waive the \$272.40 penalties on tax roll 33220215, Lot 15, Block 2, Plan 7921626 received on March 18, 2026.	CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 253	8.3 RFD April Tax penalty cancellation requests Moved By: Lorne Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council decline the request to waive \$519.72 penalties on tax roll 40451202, Lot 2A, Block H, Plan 0425044 received on March 24, 2026.	CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 254	8.4 RFD Caveat Release LINC #0010828408 Moved By: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County Council authorizes Administration to discharge the caveat registered against LINC 0010 828 408, originally registered in 1981 in favour of Smoky Lake County.	CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 255	8.5 RFD GAS Unit 217 Trailer Axle Replacement Moved By: Lorne Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council approve the unbudgeted Natural Gas expenditure of \$12,000.00 from reserves for the purposes of replacing the axles on Unit 217 2013 SWS 32-foot trailer.	CARRIED

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8.6 RFD Itron Meter Reading Equipment

Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the unbudgeted Natural Gas capital expenditure of \$41,000 for the purchase of Itron meter reading hardware and software for the replacement of the meter reading equipment from M&RS Controls in Edmonton.

CARRIED

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8.7 RFD- Policy 01-11-06 Municipal Office Policy

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approve Policy 01-11 – Municipal Office as amended with the following additions:

- 1.5 Non-Emergency Office closure must be approved by Council
- 2.1 All Visitors must sign in while visiting the Administration or Public Works Office *and must be accompanied by an employee.*

CARRIED

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8.8 RFD - Warspite Community Hall Terms of Reference

Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council reject draft Policy EO 07-10-0 Warspite Community Hall Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

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8.9 Backsloping Application

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the backsloping program project along the lands legally described as SW-25-59-17-W4, as per the application received from Mark Fedoretz, dated March 25th, 2026, and subject to the pass of an inspection conducted by the Public Works Manager or designate, upon completion the County will provide funding to the applicant in the amount of half the total cost of the project up to a maximum amount of \$2,500.00, in accordance with County Policy Statement No.03-21-06.

CARRIED

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8.10 RFD April Donations Sponsorships

Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County approve \$100.00 donation, in response to the March 19, 2026, letter requesting support towards Lemonade Day taking place June 13, 2026, and approve any Councillor member who can attend, to attend the event as a judge.

CARRIED

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8.10 RFD April Donations Sponsorships

Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge the release of County funds to the Vilna/Bellis Citizens on Patrol, in the amount of \$3,000.00 as per Council's September 26, 2018 annual funding Motion #940-18, and in respect to the letter and dated March 26 with the 2025 Audited Financial statement, from Vilna/Bellis Citizens on Patrol, requesting funding.

CARRIED

Michael Botros, Regional Director for the North Central Region at Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, and Landon Reppert, Construction Manager, North Central Region, Transportation and Economic Corridors came in at 1:23 p.m.

Resolution No: 20260416- 262	8.11 RFD April FCSS Grant Applications Moved By: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County approve the allocation of funding from the 2026 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant budget in accordance with Policy no 08-17-03: Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) grant as follows: \$5,277 to Smoky Lake Regional Fire Rescue Services for Summer Day Camp \$1,500 To Vilna Curling Club for volunteer appreciation event; And further declare that no more applications for FCSS funding will be accepted in 2026. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 263	Moved by: Craig Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County recessed the meeting for lunch at 1:27 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:12 p.m. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 264	4.4 Michael Botros, P.Eng. Regional Director North Central Region Present before Council from 2:12 p.m. to 3:37 p.m. was Michael Botros, Regional Director - North Central Region – Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors and Landon Reppert, Construction Manager, North Central Region, Transportation and Economic Corridors for the purpose of discussing the HWY 28 Improvement Plans.
Resolution No: 20260416- 265	Moved by: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County Council recessed the meeting at 2:25 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:35 p.m. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 266	Moved by: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County Council recessed the meeting for lunch at 3:37 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:50 p.m. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 267	8.12 RFD Planning and Development Fees Bylaw No. 1498-26 Moved By: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1498-26 First Reading. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 268	8.12 RFD Planning and Development Fees Bylaw No. 1498-26 Moved By: Ryan Barker That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1498-26 Second Reading. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 269	8.12 RFD Planning and Development Fees Bylaw No. 1498-26 Moved By: David Kully That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1498-26 permission for Third Reading. DEFEATED

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4.4 Michael Botros, P.Eng. Regional Director North Central Region
Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County accepted the presentation Michael Botros, Regional Director - North Central Region – Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors and Landon Reppert, Construction Manager, North Central Region, Transportation and Economic Corridors for the purpose of discussing the HWY 28 Improvement Plans.

CARRIED

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8.13 RFD - Road & ROW Width Reduction Request
Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the request to reduce the minimum road width for rural residential local roadway construction within the proposed Sunset Ridge Estates, respecting the lands legally described as Pt. NE-4-62-13-W4M, from 8.5 meters wide to 7.5 meters wide.

CARRIED

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8.13 RFD - Road & ROW Width Reduction Request
Moved By: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the request to reduce the minimum right-of-way (ROW) width for rural residential local roadway construction within the proposed Sunset Ridge Estates, respecting the lands legally described as Pt. NE-4-62-13-W4M, from 30.0 meters wide to 20.0 meters wide.

CARRIED

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8.14 Addition to the Agenda - ASB Summer Tour
Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to forward information regarding the 2026 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour Conference, scheduled for July 14–16, 2026, to the Agricultural Service Board, and further approve the attendance of any Agricultural Service Board member who is able to attend the event.

CARRIED

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8.15 2005 Rapid Attack Truck
Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approve an unbudgeted expense from the Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Service capital reserve not to exceed the amount of \$50,000.00, for the purposes of purchasing a 2005 Ford F-550 Super Duty 4x4 Emergency Support Truck (Control #: 91436765) from the Michener Allen Auctions sale scheduled for April 23, 2026, in Edmonton, Alberta.

CARRIED

Council Reports

Resolution
No:
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10.1 Council Committee Reports
Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Councillor Reports from Divisions one through five as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence

Resolution No: 20260416- 276	11.1 Lakeland Industry and Community Association - Smoky Lake County - Letter and Report Moved By: Lorne Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council direct the Agricultural Fieldman to contact Kristina Marris of the Lakeland Industry and Community Association to obtain additional information regarding aquatic invasive species prevention within local lakes, and to report back at a future Council meeting. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 277	11.2 Minister Letter 2026 - Smoky Lake County Moved By: Craig Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council file the letter from Minister Dan Williams, dated March 24, 2026, and direct Administration to draft and resend a follow-up letter requesting additional funding to support lobbying efforts for enhanced fire training. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 278	11.3 Road Access Request - Shemeluk Lake Area Moved By: Lorne Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the letter from Stephanie Jarema, and Leonard Jarema dated March 11 th , 2026, regarding a road access request near Shemeluk Lake and furthermore direct the Public Works Manager, to investigate the land area and bring back information to a future Council meeting. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 279	11.4 Minister System Email, April 2nd - Bill 28 Moved By: Ryan Barker That Smoky Lake County Council file the letter as information from Minister Dan Williams regarding Bill 28, dated April 2 nd , 2026, for information. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 280	11.5 Bellis 4-H Beef Club Buckle Sponsorship Letter 2026 Moved By: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County Council supply the Bellis 4-H Club donation of \$1,400.00 for the Bellis 4-H Beef Club Trophy Buckle Sponsorship for the year of 2026. CARRIED
	12. Information Releases None.
	13. Financial Reports
Resolution No: 20260416- 281	13.1 Budget to Actual March 30, 2026 Moved by: Ryan Barker That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Budget to Actual report as presented. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260416- 282	13.2 2026 January Bank Reconciliation Moved by: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County Council accept the 2026 January Bank Reconciliation. CARRIED

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14. Next Meetings:

Moved by: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the following upcoming Council meetings:

- Monday, April 20th, 2026, Special County Council Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, May 14th, 2026, Departmental meeting at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED

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15. In Camera

15.1. In Camera session - Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIA), Section 20: Personnel Matters

Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council move into an In Camera Session pursuant to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIA), Division 2, Part 1, Section 18 & 20: Personnel Matters, at 5:28 p.m. in the physical presence of all Council and the following staff members:

- Chyenne Shaw, CAO
- Jordan Ruegg, Director of County Services

CARRIED

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Out of Camera

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council will go out of In Camera Session a 6:07 p.m.

CARRIED

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No:
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Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to work with Alberta Transportation to install an illuminated stop sign at the intersection of Range Road 130 and Highway 28, and further direct Public Works to install a “Stop Sign Ahead” warning sign.

CARRIED

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Adjournment

Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of April 16th, 2026, be adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

CARRIED

Signature Apon Request

REEVE,

Craig Lukinuk

SEAL

Signature Apon Request

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,

Chyenne Shaw