



Smoky Lake County
Meeting Minutes Regular County Council
May 28, 2026 - 09:00 AM

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m. by the Reeve, Craig Lukinuk, in the presence of the following persons:

		ATTENDANCE
Div. No.	Councillor(s)	Thursday, May 28, 2026
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
Recording	Meaghan Andreychuk	Physically Present
Secretary/Legislative Services		
<u>Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:</u>		
Environment and Parks Manager	Dave Franchuk	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present
GIS Technician	Carlos Zetina	Virtually Present
Agricultural Fieldman	Sebastien G Dutrisac	Virtually Present
Communications Officer	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
HR/ Safety Manager	Jasmine Schaub	Physically Present
Director of County Services	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Deputy Regional Fire Chief	Spencer Kotylak	Virtually Present
Other Observers	14 Members	Virtually Present
Members from the public	1 Member	Physically Present

Resolution No: **Adoption of Agenda**
20260528- 312 **Moved By: Ryan Barker**

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

- 8.25: FedGas FIRE AGM
- 8.26: MCC Motion follow-up
- 8.27: Northern Trek Donations
- 8.28: Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 1433-23
- 8.29: Council expenses
- 11.22: Riverland Recreational Trail Society request for funding letter, dated May 22, 2026

CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Minutes**
Resolution No: **3.1 Minutes of the Budget Meeting, April 1, 2026**
20260528- 313 **Moved By: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Minutes of the County Budget Meeting, held on April 1st, 2026, with the following amendments:

- Adding Township Road 584 between Highway 855 and Range Road 172 to injection and removing from Construction.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 314 **3.2 Minutes of the Special Council meeting April 8, 2026**

Moved By: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on April 8, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 315 **3.3 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting April 16, 2026**

Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 16, 2026, with the following correction to resolution 20260416-280:

- “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: 20260528- 316 **3.4 Minutes of the Special Council meeting April 20, 2026**

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Minutes of the Special Council meeting April 20, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Delegation(s)

4.1 Bellis 4H Beef Club

Present before County Council from 9:27 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. were Reed Cherniwchan, President, and Austin Cherniwchan, Vice President of Bellis 4H Beef Club, to extend a “thank you” to Smoky Lake County Council for the funding donation toward the Bellis 4H Beef Club Belt Buckles in support of the Achievement day on June 8, 2026, located at the Waskatenau riding arena.

Resolution No: 20260528- 317 **Moved by: Ryan Barker**

That Smoky Lake County Council accepted the verbal presentation received from Reed Cherniwchan, President and Austin Cherniwchan, Vice-President of Bellis 4H Beef Club, as information.

CARRIED

Michelle Wright, Treasurer of the Smoky Lake Kinnette Club, entered Council Chambers at 9:45 a.m.

4.2 Stone Bear Recovery Solutions

Present before Council from 9:35 a.m. to 10:13 a.m. were Randal Bell, Executive Director, and Reagan Bartel, Director of Health for the Optipemisiwak Metis Government; for the purpose of a presentation to share Metis Nations within Alberta’s vision and philosophy for the Healing Waters Recovery Community, outline its operational plan, explain how it will engage the community for feedback, and discuss how it aims to become a net contributor to the region operated by the Stone Bear Recovery Solutions.

Resolution No: **Moved by: David Kully**
20260528- 318 That Smoky Lake County Council accepted the presentation received from Randal Bell, Executive Director, and Reegan Bartel, Director of Health for the Optipemisiwak Metis Government, for the Healing Waters Recovery Community operated by the Stone Bear Recovery Solutions, as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Stone Bear Recovery Solutions**
20260528- 319 **Moved by: Jered Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to extend an invitation to Randal Bell, Executive Director, and Reegan Bartel, Director of Health for the Optipemisiwak Metis Government when County Council has the opportunity to meet with the provincial government; and request that the same courtesy be extended to the Smoky Lake County to be invited to jointly collaborate on shared values within Smoky Lake County.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Stone Bear Recovery Solutions**
20260528- 320 **Moved by: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to extend an invitation to the Honourable Rick Wilson, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, to come tour the Healing Water Recovery Centre located at Victoria Settlement, River Lot 15 in Smoky Lake County scheduled for early October of 2026.

CARRIED

4.3 Derek Zaplotinsky - Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games

Present before Council from 10:15 a.m. to 10:24 a.m. was Derek Zaplotinsky, Canadian Paralympic Participant along with Miron Zaplotinsky, his father, who attended to extend a “thank you” to Smoky Lake County Council for its financial donation toward his participation in the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games and to share his training experiences leading up to and during the Games.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Moved by: Craig Lukinuk**
20260528- 321

That Smoky Lake County Council recess the Regular Council meeting at 10:24 a.m. and to resume at 10:37 a.m.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **4.3 Derek Zaplotinsky - Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games**
20260528- 322 **Moved by: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal presentation received from Derek Zaplotinsky, Canadian Paralympic Participant with the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games, as information and furthermore, direct administration to share the photos taken from todays delegation on County social media platforms.

CARRIED

4.4 Smoky Lake Kinnette Club - Baseball Diamond Grant

Present before Council from 10:38 a.m. to 10:46 a.m. was Michelle Wright, Treasurer of the Smoky Lake Kinnette Club, in regard to the collaborative regional grant application under the Active Communities Initiative (ACI) program for the development and/or revitalization of baseball diamond within the Hamlet of Warspite and Bellis.

Resolution No: **Moved by: Ryan Barker**
20260528- 323 That Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal and written presentation of Michelle Wright, Treasurer of Smoky Lake Kinnette Club in respect to the

regional grant application under the Active Communities Initiative (ACI) for the development and/or revitalization of baseball diamonds within the Hamlets of Warspite and Bellis, as information.

CARRIED

4.5 SGT Anita Doktor – RCMP – Administrative Update

Present before Council from 10:47 a.m. to 11:07 a.m. was Stg. Anita Doktor, RCMP, Smoky Lake Detachment, to provide Council an update on new-member, training, traffic-control information, and details on upcoming RCMP events, including Cupcake with a Cop in Vilna, on June 16, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., and the RCMP Community BBQ in Smoky Lake on September 9, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Smoky Lake Lions Club.

**Resolution No:
20260528- 324**

Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council accepted the verbal and written presentation received from Sgt. Anita Doktor, RCMP, Smoky Lake detachment on the current updates and upcoming events, as information.

CARRIED

**Resolution No:
20260528- 325**

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to extend an invitation to Sgt. Trevor Hanson SEU (Street Enforcement Unit) and Sgt. Anita Doktor, RCMP, Smoky Lake detachment, to attend as a delegation to the County Council Regular meeting scheduled for August 27, 2026.

CARRIED

4.6 Atco Energy - Streetlight LED Conversion

Present before Council from 11:08 a.m. to 11:54 a.m. were Richelle Bourget Customer Support Representative, Central East Region Electricity and Mikhael Rahn, Representative of Atco Electricity to discuss the Atco Energy Streetlight LED Conversion program and the invested vs non-invested streetlight rate class.

**Resolution No:
20260528- 326**

Moved by: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the written and verbal presentation of Richelle Bourget, Customer Support Representative for the Central East Region Electricity, and Mikhael Rahn, Representative, Atco Electricity on the Atco Energy Streetlight LED Conversion, as information; and direct administration to bring back additional information regarding the streetlight LED conversion program.

CARRIED

7. Question and Answer Period from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Public Question and Answer Period 11:57 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Virtually present online was County resident, Lori Danyluk

Lori Danyluk addressed Council regarding future water servicing and infrastructure planning in the eastern region of the County. She inquired whether Council intended to establish priorities for future water line expansion requests and whether servicing could eventually be extended to the Hillside Acres subdivision.

Ms. Danyluk also raised concerns regarding increasing water delivery and sewage hauling costs, future subdivision growth in the Whitefish Lake area, road deterioration from increased traffic, and the need for long-term planning for water, wastewater, and transportation infrastructure. She suggested Council consider future wastewater servicing options, including a lagoon for the eastern area.

Councillor Lorne Halisky advised that current policies regarding connections to the regional water system have not changed and that individual properties cannot presently connect directly to the water line. He noted that the County has applied for funding to complete an infrastructure and asset management study, which may help identify future servicing opportunities.

Councillor Halisky further advised that the County is exploring the development of a truck-fill station in the Goodfish Lake area to provide improved access to potable water and support fire protection services. He also acknowledged that infrastructure requirements associated with future growth in the Whitefish Lake area could be reviewed.

Virtually present, a member of the public inquired about the status of the Waskatenau Creek Conservation and Trail Plan.

Jordan Ruegg, Director of County Services, advised that the Village of Waskatenau has been working with local stakeholders to improve accessibility and connections to the trail system between the North Saskatchewan River and the Village. From the County's perspective, staff have investigated grant opportunities to support infrastructure improvements identified in the plan; however, no funding has been secured to date. He also noted that the project aligns with the County's strategic priorities related to community well-being and tourism development. Opportunities to collaborate and leverage regional partnerships may be explored as the project progresses.

**Resolution No:
20260528- 327**

Moved by: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal and written information presented during the question and answer period at today's meeting.

CARRIED

**Resolution No:
20260528- 328**

Moved by: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council recess the Regular Council meeting at 12:05 p.m. and to resume at 12:41 p.m.

CARRIED

4.7 Philip Hicks - Government Frameworks

Present before Council from 12:42 p.m. to 1:04 p.m. was Philip Hicks, President, of Government Frameworks, to highlight the Government Frameworks software in relation to new provincial legislation concerning the protection of privacy within organizations across Alberta (Access to Information Act and Protection of Privacy Act). The presentation included an overview of the program's processes for records management, cybersecurity breach response, the handling of sensitive personal data retained by the organization, and the system for managing and responding to information requests.

**Resolution No:
20260528- 329**

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the presentation of Philip Hicks, President of Government Frameworks, as information, and direct Administration to bring back further information regarding the proposed Government Frameworks software at a future Council meeting.

CARRIED

4.8 Vitor Marciano, Chief of Staff, Energy and Minerals Office of the Ministers and Mark Dorin, Representing Alberta Surface Rights Federation - Mature Asset Strategy

Present before Council from 1:07 p.m. to 1:43 was Vitor Marciano, Chief of Staff, Energy and Minerals Office of the Ministers, to provide an overview of Alberta's Mature Asset Strategy, focusing on the challenges associated with aging oil and gas infrastructure. It highlighted issues such as increasing liabilities, orphan wells, and financial pressures on industry, municipalities, and landowners, noting that current policies are outdated. The presentation outlined a proposed collaborative approach to better manage closure costs, capture remaining resource value, and support economic opportunities while maintaining the polluter-pay principle and avoiding taxpayer funding and highlighting efforts to modernize regulations and balance environmental responsibility with long term economic sustainability in Alberta's energy sector.

Resolution No:
20260528- 330

Moved by: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council recess the regular Council meeting at 1:37 p.m. and to resume at 1:43 p.m.

CARRIED

4.8 Vitor Marciano, Chief of Staff, Energy and Minerals Office of the Ministers and Mark Dorin, Representing Alberta Surface Rights Federation - Mature Asset Strategy

Present before Council from 1:43 p.m. to 2:26 p.m. was Mark Dorin, Representative, Alberta Surface Rights Federation to outline concerns with the Alberta's Mature Asset Strategy (MAS) that primarily serves oil-industry interests by weakening environmental standards, reducing company obligations, and shifting financial risks onto landowners, municipalities, and taxpayers. The presentation warned that proposed Special Purpose Entities such as HarvestCo and ClosureCo would enable companies to offload liabilities while avoiding royalties and long-term cleanup responsibilities. The presenter further highlighted the Alberta Energy Regulator's poor enforcement record and questioned its ability to manage municipal tax accountability. Also highlighted the urge for municipalities to advocate for Alberta Energy Regulations reform and stronger polluter-pay legislation to protect public and landowner interests.

Resolution No:
20260528- 331

Moved by: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal and written presentation of both, Vitor Marciano, Chief of Staff, Energy and Minerals Office of the Ministers, and Mark Dorin, representative Alberta Surface Rights Federation in regards to the Mature Asset Strategy as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 332

Request for Decisions

8.1. Backsloping Program Application - January 9th, 2026

Moved By: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council defer the Backsloping Program Application dated, January 9th, 2026, to the Regular County Council Meeting scheduled for June 25, 2026.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 333

Request for Decisions

8.2. Warspite Hall Renovations

Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the request from the Warspite Community Hall to reallocate previously approved funding from the replacement of an oversized furnace to the repair of the existing furnace and further that \$6,225.00 be approved for the furnace repairs, with the remaining \$1,775.00 to be returned to Smoky Lake County from the original \$8,000.00 approved under Motion No. 1319-21, dated October 15, 2021.

		CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 334	Request for Decisions 8.3. Leases for Baseball Grant – Smoky Lake Kinette Club Moved By: Lorne Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to prepare a lease agreement in the amount of \$1.00 for a 10-year term to support the Active Communities Initiative (ACI) Grant application in respect to the Baseball Diamond, between Smoky Lake County and Smoky Lake Kinette Club and to provide all appropriate required documentation, ensuring there is no liability to Smoky Lake County.	
		CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 335	Request for Decisions 8.4. Farm Family Centennial Award Application Moved By: Jered Serben Smoky Lake County Council approve to bestow the Farm Family Centennial Award via Plaque, Gate Sign, and Certificate for the current 2026 applicant and 2025 applicant in the maximum amount of \$3,000.00 per applicant, to be allocated from the promotional budget.	
		CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 336	Request for Decisions 8.5. Ag Services Fees and Charges Bylaw 2026 Moved By: Ryan Barker That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1506-26 Ag Services Fees and Charges First Reading.	
		CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 337	Request for Decisions 8.5.1 Ag Services Fees and Charges Bylaw 2026 Moved By: David Kully That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1506-26 Ag Services Fees and Charges Second Reading.	
		CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 338	Request for Decisions 8.5.2 Ag Services Fees and Charges Bylaw 2026 Moved By: Lorne Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1506-26 Ag Services Fees and Charges Permission for Third Reading.	
		CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Resolution No: 20260528- 339	Request for Decisions 8.5.3 Ag Services Fees and Charges Bylaw 2026 Moved By: Craig Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No.1506-26 Ag Services Fees and Charges Third and Final Reading.	
		CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 340	Request for Decisions 8.6.4 Annual ASB Report for 2025 Moved By: Craig Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council receive the Annual Agricultural Services Board Report for the year 2025 report as presented.	
		CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 341	Moved By: David Kully That Smoky Lake County Council direct the Agricultural Services Department to use Option 2-the condensed version of the 2025 ASB Report, as the	

Council Presentation document, and to include in the document reference to Option 1- full version; submitted to the Government for further information.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 342

Request for Decisions
8.7. Aquatic Invasive Species 2026
Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to research grant funding opportunities, identify priority lakes, and inquire the cancellation policy for the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 343

Request for Decisions
8.8. Weed and Pest Inspector Appointment 2026
Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Hannah Richards and Natalie Tychkowski as Weed and Pest Inspectors for Smoky Lake County, effective May 28, 2026, to the termination of employment.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 344

Request for Decisions
8.9. Weed and Pest Appeal Committee 2026
Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to investigate the creation of a Regional Weed and Pest Appeal Committee for Smoky Lake County and continue to seek interested neighbouring municipalities for 2027.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 345

Request for Decisions
8.10. Weed Inspection and Weed Notice Policy AG-14-02
Moved By: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council amend Policy AG-14-02: Weed Inspection formally known as Weed Inspection and Weed Notice as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 346

Moved By: Lorne Halisky
That Smoky Lake County Council direct the Agricultural Service Board to review and amend, as necessary, its procedures to reflect changes to the Weed Control Act and its related regulations, including amendments recognizing the change from town to municipality.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 347

Request for Decisions
8.11. Vegetation Management Policy 62(AG)-15-04 2026
Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council defer Policy AG-15-04: Vegetation Management Policy to the regular County Council meeting scheduled for June 25, 2026.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 348

Request for Decisions
8.12. Roadside Mowing Policy AG-28-09 2026
Moved By: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council amend Policy No. AG-28-09: Roadside mowing Policy formally known as Mowing Program Policy to remove the Waskatenau Ball Diamond.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 349

Request for Decisions
8.13. ISDAB Clerk Appointment
Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Kyle Schole to serve as the Clerk of the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB), pursuant to Bylaw 1447-23 Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB) Agreement and Section 627.1 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 350 **Request for Decisions**
8.14. Road Closure Resolution
Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council closes all those portions of Road Plan 5022MC, and to create a separate title for the purposes of disposal (sale) as per the attached Resolution and sketch plan, describing said closure area.

CARRIED

A Guest from the public entered Council Chambers at 3:52 p.m.

Resolution No:
20260528- 351 **Request for Decisions**
8.15. Bylaw 1505-26 Bylaw to Amend Land Use Bylaw 1272-14
Moved By: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council give First Reading to Bylaw No. 1505-26 Redistricting Bylaw for the lands legally described as NW-22-59-14-W4M to amend Bylaw 1272-14 and schedule a Public Hearing on said Bylaw, to be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. and to advertise said Public Hearing in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, in the Redwater Review and on the County’s website.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 352 **Request for Decisions**
8.16. Planning and Development Fees Bylaw No. 1498-26
Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1498-26 Planning and Development Fees Third Reading.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528-353 **Moved by: Craig Lukinuk**

That Smoky Lake County Council recess the Regular Council meeting at 4:03 p.m. and to resume at 4:11 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 354 **Request for Decisions**
8.17. Speed Limit Reduction Request
Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council defer the Speed Limit Reduction request received on May 8, 2026; and direct Administration to bring forward a draft Traffic Bylaw to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for Council’s discussion.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 355 **Request for Decisions**
8.18. Natural Gas Request for Payment Arrangement
Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council deny the request to enter into a payment agreement with the property owner of Smoky Lake County Natural Gas account #100840.02, as per the email dated April 22, 2026, and request that the payment be made in full by July 31, 2026.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 356 **Request for Decisions**
8.19. FedGas Charity Golf Classic 2026
Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council donate in the amount of \$500.00 in support of STARS HALO Air Ambulance and not attend the FedGas 20th annual Federation Charity Golf Classic event on August 12, 2026 located at Red Tail Landing Golf Club in Nisku Alberta.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Request for Decisions**
20260528- 357 **8.20. 2025 Unsold Tax Sale Accounts**
Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to Register Roll 22010105 Lot 5 & 6, Block 1, Plan 1955CL under Smoky Lake County Tax Forfeiture due to non payment of property taxes.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Request for Decisions**
20260528- 358 **8.20. 2025 Unsold Tax Sale Accounts**
Moved By: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to register Roll 27150120 Lot 20, Block 1, Plan 1039CL under Smoky Lake County Tax Forfeiture due to non payment of property taxes.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Request for Decisions**
20260528- 359 **8.20. 2025 Unsold Tax Sale Accounts**
Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to register Roll 30190101 Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 7822612 under Smoky Lake County Tax Forfeiture due to non payment of property taxes.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Request for Decisions**
20260528- 360 **8.20. 2025 Unsold Tax Sale Accounts**
Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to register Roll 30190107 Lot 7, Block 1, Plan 7822612 under Smoky Lake County Tax Forfeiture due to non-payment of property taxes.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Request for Decisions**
20260528- 361 **8.21. 2026 to 2029 Audit**
Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council proceed to prepare a Request for Proposal for audit services for the years ending December 31, 2026, 2027, and 2028 and advertise accordingly.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Request for Decisions**
20260528- 362 **8.22. May Tax Penalty Cancellation Requests**
Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council deny the request to waive the amount of \$816.00 tax penalties on tax roll #40341002, NW 10-59-18 March 24, 2026.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Request for Decisions**
20260528- 363 **8.22. May Tax Penalty Cancellation Requests**
Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council deny the request to waive the amount of \$711.89 tax penalties on tax roll #34240120, Lot 20, Block 1, Plan 8022990 dated April 7, 2026.

CARRIED

Jasmine Schaub, HR/ Safety Manager, entered Council Chambers at 4:45 p.m.

Resolution No: **Request for Decisions**
20260528- 364 **8.23. Designation of the Privacy Officer**
Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Evonne Zukiwski as the Privacy Officer for Smoky Lake County, effective May 28, 2026, pursuant to the *Protection of Privacy Act (POPA)*.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Request for Decisions**
20260528- 365 **8.24. Substance Use Policy No. HR-04**
Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Council amend Policy HR-04: Substance Use as presented formally known as Drug and Alcohol Policy.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Request for Decisions**
20260528- 366 **8.25 FEDGAS**
Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council approve for Council who can attend and the Natural Gas Manager attend the FedGas Fire AGM on June 15, 2026, located at the River Cree Resort and Casino, in Enoch, Alberta.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Moved by: Craig Lukinuk**
20260528- 367

That Smoky Lake County Council recess the regular Council meeting at 4:58 p.m. and resume the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

CARRIED

A Guest from the public left Council Chambers at 5:06 p.m.

Resolution No: **Request for Decisions**
20260528- 368 **8.26 MCC Motion**
Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to coordinate a Joint meeting with the Town of Smoky Lake to establish a joint working committee for the purpose of developing a business plan focused on viable economic opportunities for the Municipally Controlled Corporation, with the meeting to be scheduled on June 16 or 17, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED

Spencer Kotylak, Regional Deputy Fire Chief entered Council Chambers at 5:10 p.m.

Resolution No: **Request for Decisions**
20260528- 369 **8.27 Northern Treck**
Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council donate in the amount of \$1,000 to support the Northern Trek for Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation; and direct Administration to contact the Town of Smoky Lake, the Village of Waskatenau, and the Village of Vilna to consider contributing a donation.

CARRIED

Spencer Kotylak, Regional Deputy Fire Chief left Council Chambers at 5:20 p.m.

Resolution No: **8.28 Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 1433-23**
20260528- 370 **Moved by: Craig Lukinuk**

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to compile a list of discretionary uses in the various land use district in the Land Use Bylaw

No.1433-23 and bring the information to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528-371

8.28 Council Expenses

Moved by: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to bring back a draft policy regarding detailing Council expenditures to a future Council meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 372

9.1 Action Item List December

Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council rescind the January 27th, 2026, resolution No. 20260127-051: *“That Smoky Lake County Council accept the email forwarded from Reeve Lukinuk, regarding A largescale, phased AI data center as information and direct administration to bring the topic back to future Council meeting for discussion”.*

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 373

Moved by: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to add the Smoky Lake Lions Club Bus topic to the next Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC) meeting agenda scheduled for June 8, 2026.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528- 374

9.1 Action Item List December

Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Action Item List for the period of March 2025 to April 2026 with the following amendments:

- Change items to in progress status column with an explanation of where the progress is
- Correction to Resolution No. 20260127-054 Don Cooper’s name
- Adding Policy Numbers to each Policy stated in the resolutions
- Resolution No. 20260416-260 Who can attend, attend as a judge for the lemonade day event.

CARRIED

Resolution No:
20260528-375

Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to contact Michael Botros, Regional Director for the North Central Region at Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, and his colleague, as well as Scott Cyr, Parliamentary Secretary for Transportation and Strategic Development, for an update regarding the highway 28 construction requested by Council and to have the information brought forward to a regular Council meeting or at the earliest opportunity.

CARRIED

Council Reports

Resolution No:
20260528- 376

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

Resolution No:
20260528- 377

Moved by: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council recess the Regular Council meeting at 6:07 p.m. and resume the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Correspondence

Resolution No: 20260528- 378	11.1 Letter received from Derek Zaplotinsky dated, March 24, 2026 Moved By: Ryan Barker That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the letter received from Derek Zaplotinsky, Canadian Olympic Participant dated, March 24, 2026 and file as information. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 379	11.2. Fleming Camp Town and County Proposal received April 29, 2026 Moved By: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the letter received from Kevin Flemming, Camp Coordinator, dated April 29, 2026 in regards to the Flemming Camp Town and County Proposal. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 380	Moved by: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County Council extend an invitation to Kevin Flemming, Camp Coordinator, to attend as a delegation to discuss the Flemming Hockey Camp proposed to the Regular Council meeting scheduled on June 25, 2026. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 381	11.3 Detail Assessment Audit Report - Smoky Lake County Received May 20th, 2026 Moved By: Lorne Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Detail Assessment Audit Report for Smoky Lake County, received on May 20, 2026, and file for information. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 382	11.4 Dragonfly Counselling & Support Centre - Letter of Support received May 19, 2026 Moved By: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt from Dragonfly Counselling & Support Centre; and approve the action taken by Administration in providing a letter of support on behalf of Smoky Lake County. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 383	11.5 Industrial Activity Report dated April 24, 2026 Moved By: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Industrial Activity Report dated April 24, 2026, and file as information. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 384	11.6 Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) 15% Exemption Cap Letter dated May 13, 2026 Moved By: Jered Serben That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) 15% Exemption Cap letter dated May 13, 2026, and file for information; and direct Administration to contact the Town of Athabasca regarding the letter sent to the Honourable Joseph Schow concerning the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) to obtain an update on the status of the response. CARRIED
Resolution No: 20260528- 385	11.7 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) District 5 Update - May 2026 Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) District 5 Update dated May 2026 from Wyatt Skovron, General Manager of Policy and Advocacy, and file as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 386 11.8 Smoky Lake Foundation Financial Statements for the year ended December 2025

Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Smoky Lake Foundation Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2025, and file as Information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 387 11.9 Letter from Two Hills County dated April 8, 2026, Regarding ICF Bylaw 1360-19

Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the letter received from Two Hills County dated April 8, 2026, in regard to the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Bylaw No. 1360-19 with Two Hills County; and direct administration to draft a repealing Bylaw.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 388 11.10 Letter from Portage College dated March 26, 2026
Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the letter from Dr. Steven Price, President and CEO, Portage College dated March 26, 2026, be filed for information; and direct Administration to share Portage College programs included in the 2024–2025 Report for the Community awareness on Smoky Lake County’s social media platforms.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 389 11.11 Smoky Lake Potable Water Study Health Endorsement from Otipemisiwak Metis Government dated May 6th, 2026

Moved By: Ryan Barker

Councillor Jered Serben abstained from the vote due to a personal business conflict of interest

That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to forward agenda items 11.11, 11.12, 11.16, 11.18, and 11.21, pertaining to the Highway 28/63 Water Line Requests, to the next Chief Administrative Officers meeting for discussion scheduled on June 3, 2026.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 390 11.13 Alberta Day 2026 received May 5th, 2026
Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council approve action taken regarding the submission of the application to the 2026 Alberta Day.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 391 11.14 Alberta Day Festival in A Box received May 5, 2026
Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council file the correspondence of the Alberta Day Festival in A Box received May 5, 2026, as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 392 11.15 2026 Redwater Parade List inquiry received May 5th, 2026
Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Redwater Parade List inquiry received on May 5, 2026, and direct administration to follow up with the Town of Redwater administration for further details regarding the event.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 393 **11.17 RMA Country Fair reception**

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the attendance of any members who can attend-attend the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Country Fair reception on June 4, 2026, located at the Banquet Bar in Edmonton Ice District.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 394 **11.19 Smoky Lake Golf Club Gravel Donation request dated, May 8th, 2026**

Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the letter received from Amy Rooks, Manager of the Smoky Lake Golf Course dated May 8, 2026, and approve to donate of two tandem loads of gravel, and request that the Town of Smoky Lake contribute any additional gravel required for the golf course project.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 395 **11.20 The Bonnie Lake Scout Camp Gravel Donation Request received from Service Request on May 6, 2026**

Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Bonnie Lake Scout Camp Gravel donation request submitted through a Service Request on May 6, 2026, and approve the delivery and donation of one tandem load of ¾" crushed gravel, with delivery costs included as part of the donation.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 396 **11.22 Riverland Recreational Society Funding Request received May 24, 2026**

Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council respectfully decline the Riverland Recreational Society funding request received May 24, 2026, from Jerry Bidulock; and further, that Smoky Lake County offer in-kind support to assist with the planting and watering of trees located within Smoky Lake County.

CARRIED

12. Information Releases

Resolution No: 20260528- 397 **12.1 2026 Fire Services Training Response Letter to Minister Dan Williams April 24th, 2026**

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council file the letter sent to the Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs in regards to the 2026 Fire Services Training Response Letter, April 24, 2026, as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 398 **12.2 Trans Canada Trail Designation - Letter of Support - Smoky Lake County**

Moved By: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the action taken by administration for providing a letter of support sent on April 30, 2026, to the Trans Canada Trail Designation.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 399 12.3. Riverland Recreational Society Letter of Support from Smoky Lake County - May 5, 2026

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approve action taken by administration for providing a letter of support sent on May 5, 2026, to the Riverland Recreational Society.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 400 12.4. Smoky Lake County - Bill 28 Concerns to Minister Williams - May 7th, 2026

Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council file the letter sent to Honorable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs of Alberta on May 7, 2026 as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 401 12.5. Smoky Lake County - Bill 28 Concerns to Mr. Glenn van Dijken – MLA, May 7, 2026

Moved By: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council file the letter regarding Smoky Lake County - Bill 28 Concerns sent to Mr. Glenn van Dijken, MLA, Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, dated, May 7, 2026, as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 402 12.6. Smoky Lake County - Bill 28 Concerns to Premier Danielle Smith - May 7, 2026

Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council file the letter regarding Smoky Lake County - Bill 28 Concerns to the Honourable Premier Danielle Smith of the Government of Alberta dated, May 7, 2026, as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 403 12.7. Smoky Lake County - Bill 28 Concerns to RMA May 8, 2026

Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council file the letter regarding Smoky Lake County - Bill 28 Concerns to the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) dated, May 8, 2026, as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 404 12.8. Smoky Lake Region - Honourable Matt Jones - Lack of physicians

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council file the letter highlighting the concerns about the lack of physicians sent to Honourable Matt Jones, Minister of Hospital and Surgical Health Services, dated April 20, 2026, as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 405 12.9. Smoky Lake Region - Honourable Adriana LaGrange - Lack of physicians

Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council file the letter highlighting the concerns about the lack of physicians sent to Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health and Education, dated April 20, 2026, as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 406 **12.10. Smoky Lake Region - Honourable Jason Nixon - Lack of physicians**
Moved By: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council file the letter highlighting the concerns about the lack of physicians sent to Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services , dated April 20, 2026, as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 407 **12.11. Smoky Lake Region - Honourable Rick Wilson - Lack of physicians**
Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council file the letter highlighting the concerns about the lack of physicians sent to Honourable Rick Wilson, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, dated April 20, 2026, as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 408 **12.12. Smoky Lake Region –Mr. Glenn van Dijken, MLA - Lack of physicians**
Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council file the letter highlighting the concerns about the lack of physicians sent to Mr. Glenn van Dijken, MLA, Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, dated April 20, 2026, as information.

CARRIED

13. **Financial Reports**
13.1 Budget to Actual May 13, 2026,
Moved by: Lorne Halisky

Resolution No: 20260528- 409 That Smoky Lake County Council file the Budget to Actual report dated May 13, 2026, as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260528- 410 **13.2 March Bank Reconciliation**
Moved by: David Kully
That Smoky Lake County Council file the March 2026 Bank Reconciliation report as information.

CARRIED

14. **14. Next Meetings:**
Moved by: David Kully
That Smoky Lake County Council approve the following County Council meetings:

- Resolution No: 20260528- 411**
- Wednesday, June 10, 2026, Smoky Lake County Council Departmental Operations Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
 - Thursday, June 25, 2026, Regular County Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
 - Thursday, July 23, 2026, Regular County Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

15. **Closed Session**
Closed Session - Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIA), Pursuant to Section 20: Personnel Matters
Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council move to closed Session pursuant to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIA), Part 1, Section 20: Personnel Matters, at 7:14 p.m. in the physical presence of all Council and the following staff members:

- Chief Administrative Officer, Chyenne Shaw
- Director of County Services, Jordan Ruegg
- Human Resources/ Health and Safety Coordinator, Jasmine Schaub

Finance Manager, Brenda Adamson, and Record Secretary/ Legislative Services, Meaghan Andreychuk, left Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Out of Camera**
20260528- 413 **Moved By: David Kully**

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of In Camera Session at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution No: **Adjournment**
20260528- 414 **Moved By: Craig Lukinuk**

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of May 28, 2026, be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

REEVE,
Craig Lukinuk
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
Chyenne Shaw