



**Smoky Lake County**

**Meeting Agenda**

Special County Council Meeting

September 29, 2026 – 01:00 P.M.

In Person - Council Chambers

4612 - McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, Alberta

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1. CALLED TO ORDER
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
  - 3.1. Special County Council meeting – July 13, 2026 (Completed)
  - 3.2. Committee of the Whole meeting – July 13, 2026 (Completed)
  - 3.3. Committee of the Whole meeting – July 20, 2026(Completed)
  - 3.4. Regular County Council Meeting – July 23, 2026(Completed)
  - 3.5. Special Council Meeting – August 4, 2026 (Completed)
  - 3.6. Special Council Meeting – August 11, 2026 (Completed)
4. DELEGATIONS
  - 4.1. **9:15 a.m.** STARS (Completed)
  - 4.2. **9:30 a.m.** Anita Doktor (Sgt) Detachment Commander and Roberta McKale, District Officer RCMP (Completed)
  - 4.3. **9:45 a.m.** Austin Zacharko – Director, Sunset Ridge Estates Development (Completed)
  - 4.4. **10:30 a.m.** Associated Engineering Alberta Ltd. Presenting Smoky Lake County Bridge Program Priority (Completed)
5. PUBLIC HEARING - N/A
6. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION - N/A
7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD (11:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.) (Completed)

## 8. REQUESTS FOR DECISION

- 8.1. Bylaw 1509-26 Redistricting of Pt. NE-4-62-13-W4M under Land Use Bylaw #1272-14, from AG District to R1 District; (Completed)
- 8.2. 2026-27 Alberta Community Partnership Grant Application – Municipal Internship Stream (Completed)
- 8.3. Road Construction Plan, 2186MC Block 1 Lot 4R (Handout) (Completed)
- 8.4. Bylaw No. 1512-26 Emergency Infrastructure Protection (Completed)
- 8.5. Hosting an Introduction to local Veterinarian Workshop (Completed)
- 8.6. Policy 08-28 Work-in-Kind Policy (Completed)
- 8.7. RFP – Reclamation of County Gravel Pit (Handout) (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 8.8. Policy 03-39 Dust Control (Deferred to Special County Council meeting)
- 8.9. Policy 03-35 Snow Clearing (Completed)
- 8.10. Shop Boiler Replacement (Completed)
- 8.11. ACP Grant Economic Development (Handout) (Completed)
- 8.12. Policy 15-14 - Temporary Duty and Absence Coverage (Completed)
- 8.13. Policy No- 15-41 Adverse Weather (Completed)
- 8.14. Regional Emergency Management Plan (Digital Link) (Completed)
- 8.15. Policy 15-10 Responsible Use of AI Policy (Completed)
- 8.16. Policy 08-18 Council Remunerations (Completed)
- 8.17. Policy 01-28 Council Request for Information (Completed)
- 8.18. Bylaw 1513-26 - Repeal of Bylaw 1320-18: Code of Conduct (Completed)

- 8.19. Family School Liaison Worker Program (Completed)
- 8.20. Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board (Completed)
- 8.21. Financial Auditor Selections (Completed)

#### 9. CAO REPORT

- 9.1. CAO Report dated September 9, 2026 (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 9.2. Action Item List – As of September 9, 2026 (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)

#### 10. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 10.1. Reeve's Report Division 3 (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 10.2. Deputy Reeve's Report Division 4 (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 10.3. Division 1 (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 10.4. Division 2 (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 10.5. Division 5 – Handout (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)

#### 11. CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1. Bonnie lake Golf Cart Use Request (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 11.2. Letter received from Ukrainian Canadian Congress Dated, August 10, 2026 (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)

- 11.3. Letter received from Sturgeon County, dated August 21, 2026 -  
Collaboration on Agricultural Disaster (Deferred from September 17,  
Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 11.4. Lakeland College Grand Opening Event – October 2, 2026 (Deferred  
from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 11.5. Smoky Lake County Acknowledgement of Application for the Hazard  
(Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting  
Agenda)
- 11.6. Assistance and Resilience Program (HARP) dated July 28, 2026  
(Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting  
Agenda)
- 11.7. Tourism Economic Budget Forum Event – November 16, 2026  
(Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting  
Agenda)
- 11.8. Letter to Honourable Devin Dreeshan, M.L.A, Minister of  
Transportation and Economic Corridors Draft Advocacy Letter –  
Highway 36 Passing Lanes (Deferred from September 17, Regular  
County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 11.9. Travel Lakeland Destination Development Collaboration Request for  
Decision Letter dated August 7, 2026 (Deferred from September 17,  
Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 11.10. Bellis Board of Trade - Thank you Letter - dated August 23, 2026  
(Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting  
Agenda)

## 12. INFORMATION RELEASE

- 12.1. “Thank You” letter on behalf of Smoky Lake County Council - Minister Dan Williams, dated July 22, 2026 (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 12.2. “Thank You” letter on behalf of Smoky Lake County Council - Mr. van Dijken, dated July 27, 2026 (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 12.3. Smoky Lake County - Request for status of Intersection Improvements - Micheal Bortos, Landon Reppert, dated August 5, 2026 (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 12.4. Letter from Smoky Lake County - Advocacy for sustainable Rural Healthcare Facilities - RMA District 5, dated August 13, 2026 (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 12.5. Smoky Lake County letter to The Honourable Tara Sawyer, Dated September 4, 2026 (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)
- 12.6. Letter to the Town of Smoky Lake regarding temporary placement of Recreational Vehicles, dated September 10, 2026 (Deferred from September 17, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda)

### 13. FINANCIAL REPORTS

### 14. NEXT MEETINGS

- Monday, September 28, 2026, Special County Council Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

## **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

**Reporting Period:** June–September 2026

**Prepared by:** Chyenne Shaw, Chief Administrative Officer

### **Executive Summary**

During this reporting period, Administration continued implementing Council's 2026–2029 Strategic Plan while preparing the organization for the 2027 budget process. Considerable work has been completed in organizational restructuring, policy development, emergency management, regional fire services, workforce training, financial oversight, service-level reviews, labour relations, infrastructure planning, and regional collaboration.

The first six months of departmental workplans have now been reviewed. Departments are better positioned to identify operational pressures, organizational changes, resource requirements, and emerging priorities. Workplans have been updated to reflect staffing changes, retirements, weather-related challenges, revised timelines, and the operational realities identified during the first half of the year.

### **Strategic Planning and Workplans**

Administration completed a six-month review of departmental workplans developed to implement Council's 2026–2029 Strategic Plan.

The workplans have been updated and adjusted to account for:

- Organizational and staffing changes;
- New and retiring employees;
- Weather-related impacts on operations;
- Emerging infrastructure and drainage concerns;
- Departmental capacity and resource requirements;
- Revised financial information;
- Business continuity and succession-planning needs; and
- Changes to departmental priorities and anticipated completion dates.

Departments now have a clearer understanding of Council's strategic direction, the work required to meet established priorities, and the challenges that may affect implementation. Updated workplans will continue to be used to monitor progress and support future reporting to Council.

## **2027 Budget Preparation and Service-Level Review**

Preparation for the 2027 operating and capital budgets has begun.

Administration has completed a review of departmental service levels to better understand:

- Existing service commitments;
- Council and public expectations;
- Staffing and equipment requirements;
- Areas where service levels may need to be clarified or adjusted;
- The financial impact of maintaining current services;
- Opportunities for efficiencies and modernization; and
- Infrastructure and asset-replacement priorities.

The results of these reviews will be presented to Council during the 2027 budget deliberations. Administration will identify where current resources are sufficient, where service pressures exist, and where Council direction is required.

Capital planning discussions have also begun, including fleet replacement, road and drainage infrastructure, parks and recreation assets, fire equipment, facility requirements, and other long-term infrastructure needs.

## **Financial Management and Revenue Review**

Administration continues to review County programs, fees, and service costs to identify areas where the County may not be recovering the actual cost of providing a service.

Work completed or underway includes:

- Reviewing dust-control costs and updating the Dust Control Policy to provide one application and improve cost recovery;
- Reviewing the Senior Snow Clearing Program and clarifying that the discounted service applies to one principal residence per eligible senior;
- Reviewing departmental fees and charges;
- Reviewing fleet and equipment replacement requirements;
- Examining outstanding accounts and options for collection or transfer to the tax roll where authorized;

- Reviewing the financial components of departmental workplans;
- Reviewing services and programs for financial sustainability.

Administration is also working with legal counsel and staff regarding grazing lease tax assessments. This work includes reviewing the applicable assessment and taxation framework, addressing identified concerns, and determining the appropriate process moving forward.

### **Payroll Modernization and Administrative Restructuring**

Demonstrations are being provided for an online timesheet and payroll system. The objective is to improve payroll accuracy, reduce manual processing, strengthen approval controls, and create a more efficient process for recording regular hours, overtime, leave, and departmental coding.

Administration is assessing whether the selected system can integrate with or upload information into the County's existing financial system.

As part of this modernization, the former payroll-focused position is being transitioned to an Administrative Clerk position. The position will provide front-counter and telephone support and serve as backup to the Finance and Planning and Development departments. Duties will include accepting payments, preparing deposits, assisting with fire invoicing, formatting documents, using MuniSight, and supporting County communications and social-media platforms.

Interim arrangements have been established to ensure payroll continues to be completed during the transition to the online system.

### **Human Resources and Labour Relations**

The County has received formal notice regarding upcoming union negotiations. Administration is preparing for collective bargaining by reviewing the current collective agreement, operational requirements, compensation matters, existing practices, and areas requiring clarification.

Human-resource work during the reporting period has also included:

- Reviewing employee roles and departmental responsibilities;
- Supporting recruitment and organizational transitions;
- Reviewing sick leave, attendance, and recruitment practices;
- Developing an Absence Coverage and Additional Duties Pay Policy;
- Clarifying approval requirements for acting pay and additional compensation;

- Reviewing confidentiality and privacy expectations for employees with access to payroll information;
- Supporting performance-management processes;
- Reviewing succession-planning and cross-training needs; and
- Clarifying the respective roles of Council and Administration in personnel and labour-relations matters.

The proposed Absence Coverage and Additional Duties Pay Policy establishes a consistent process for temporary additional duties. It provides for acting or responsibility pay, up to a maximum of 10% at the CAO's discretion, where an employee or manager assumes substantial additional duties for more than two weeks and is not receiving overtime for that work.

### **Staff Training and Legislative Compliance**

Privacy training has been completed by all employees whose duties require the training. The sessions reinforced employee responsibilities for collecting, accessing, using, storing, and disclosing personal information.

Workplace violence and harassment training has also been completed by all staff. The training included legislative responsibilities, respectful workplace expectations, reporting procedures, investigation processes, and practical workplace scenarios.

Additional work has included:

- Reviewing workplace violence and harassment procedures;
- Reinforcing confidentiality requirements;
- Reviewing occupational health and safety responsibilities;
- Supporting WHMIS and Transportation of Dangerous Goods compliance;
- Developing scenario-based learning and knowledge testing; and
- Identifying future training requirements for managers and employees.

### **Organizational Restructuring**

Parks and Recreation has been transferred to the Agricultural Services Department. This change is intended to strengthen operational coordination, improve the sharing of staff and equipment, and better align vegetation management, recreation areas, public lands, and seasonal operations.

Administration has also continued to review the organizational structure to ensure appropriate reporting relationships, manageable workloads, business continuity, and clear departmental accountability.

Cross-training has been expanded within Public Works and other operational areas. Current and new staff are being trained on multiple pieces of equipment and operational functions to support business continuity and maintain service levels during absences, vacancies, and peak operational periods.

### **Emergency Management**

Significant progress has been made on the Smoky Lake Regional Emergency Management framework.

Work completed or underway includes:

- Updating the Regional Emergency Management Plan;
- Reviewing and revising emergency management bylaws;
- Clarifying regional roles, responsibilities, and lines of authority;
- Updating the Regional Director of Emergency Management structure;
- Reviewing Emergency Coordination Centre procedures;
- Updating hazard, risk, and vulnerability information;
- Developing response levels and activation procedures;
- Updating evacuation and emergency social-services components;
- Reviewing notification, communication, and documentation processes; and
- Developing supporting appendices, forms, contact lists, and operational resources.

The updated emergency management bylaws and plans will be brought forward through the appropriate regional and municipal approval processes.

Administration has also documented impacts associated with the significant rainfall events experienced this summer. These events affected roads, bridges, culverts, gravel infrastructure, natural gas lines, drainage systems, and recreation areas. Information is being maintained to support future mitigation planning and any available funding applications.

### **Regional Fire Services**

The regional fire bylaws and supporting policies have now been drafted. These documents establish a more consistent regional framework for fire governance, authority, service delivery, cost recovery, enforcement, and operational responsibilities.

The completed drafts will be forwarded to the Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee for review and direction before being presented to the participating municipal councils.

Administration continues to work with the Regional Fire Chief, Regional Deputy Fire Chief and municipal partners on:

- Fire-service governance;
- Officer classifications and responsibilities;
- Fire invoicing and cost recovery;
- Required training and certification;
- Equipment and capital requirements;
- Mutual-aid and regional-response procedures;
- Fire permits and enforcement;
- Levels of service; and
- Supporting regional policies and bylaws.

### **Public Works and Infrastructure**

Public Works operations were significantly affected by rainfall and drainage conditions throughout the summer. These challenges also provided an opportunity to identify drainage patterns, infrastructure bottlenecks, and recurring problem areas.

Public Works has been working with Agricultural Services, Parks and Recreation, GIS, and MuniSight data to document drainage concerns and determine appropriate mitigation options.

Other Public Works initiatives include:

- Cross-training employees on equipment;
- Reviewing road-maintenance service levels;
- Supporting road-condition assessments;
- Improving service-request and ratepayer call processes;
- Reviewing drainage and water-flow concerns;

- Coordinating responses to culvert, bridge, and road damage;
- Reviewing fleet and equipment needs;
- Supporting business-continuity planning; and
- Clarifying communication and escalation processes for operational concerns.

Administration continues to reinforce that operational service requests should first be directed to the appropriate department. Matters that cannot be resolved operationally may then be escalated to the CAO, with Council being kept informed through the appropriate governance and reporting processes.

### **Protective and Enforcement Services**

Administration has reviewed enforcement authority, jurisdictional boundaries, officer conduct, and joint-force operations with regional partners.

This work has included:

- Clarifying enforcement authority within urban municipalities;
- Reviewing circumstances involving joint operations with the RCMP, Alberta Sheriffs, or municipal partners;
- Reviewing traffic-safety and commercial vehicle enforcement practices;
- Reinforcing consistent and equitable enforcement;
- Reviewing complaint and dash-camera information where appropriate;
- Expanding community education and awareness objectives; and
- Including regional joint-force operations within departmental workplans.

### **Governance and Policy Development**

Administration has completed or advanced several governance and policy initiatives, including:

- Updating the Council Requests for Information Policy;
- Updating the Dust Control Policy;
- Updating the Senior Snow Clearing Policy;
- Developing the Absence Coverage and Additional Duties Pay Policy;
- Updated the Procedural Bylaw;

- Reviewing Council remuneration and disclosure requirements;
- Reviewing signing-authority requirements;
- Reviewing purchasing and financial-control processes;
- Advancing the regional emergency management bylaws;
- Developing the regional fire bylaws and policies;
- Reviewing work-in-kind provisions;
- Reviewing fleet capital-replacement planning;
- Reviewing service levels and departmental mandates; and
- Clarifying Council and Administration roles under the Municipal Government Act.

Requests for Decision have been prepared or updated to clearly explain proposed policy changes, financial implications, legislative requirements, strategic alignment, benefits, disadvantages, and alternatives available to Council.

### **Regional and Intermunicipal Collaboration**

Administration continues to participate in regional initiatives and support the County's relationships with neighbouring municipalities, commissions, Indigenous communities, provincial departments, and other regional partners.

Current work includes:

- Whitefish Lake First Nation gravel project;
- Proceeding with work supported through the approved Alberta Community Partnership grant;
- Supporting regional emergency management planning;
- Advancing regional fire-service governance;
- Preparing items for the Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee;
- Supporting mutual-aid and joint-force operations; and
- Reviewing opportunities for regional service delivery and modernization.

### **Communications and Public Service**

Administration continues to improve internal and external communication processes.

This work includes:

- Clarifying how ratepayer service requests are received, assigned, tracked, and escalated;
- Supporting consistent departmental reporting;
- Improving the formatting and presentation of policies, bylaws, reports, and Requests for Decision;
- Supporting public notices and County social-media communications;
- Providing Council with operational and strategic updates;
- Improving documentation through MuniSight and GIS; and
- Strengthening coordination between departments.

### **Priorities for the Next Reporting Period**

Administration's priorities for the next quarter include:

- Completing preparation for the 2027 operating and capital budget deliberations;
- Presenting departmental service-level reviews to Council;
- Continuing online timesheet and payroll system demonstrations and selecting an appropriate solution;
- Preparing for collective bargaining;
- Advancing grazing lease assessment and taxation matters with legal counsel and staff;
- Presenting updated departmental workplans and monitoring strategic-plan progress;
- Advancing the regional emergency management bylaws and plans through the approval process;
- Forwarding the regional fire bylaws and policies to the Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee;
- Continuing policy and bylaw modernization;
- Advancing asset-management and fleet-replacement planning;
- Continuing drainage, road-condition, and infrastructure assessments;
- Supporting organizational restructuring, recruitment, cross-training, and succession planning;

- Preparing a prioritized implementation schedule for projects arising from the 2027 budget process.
- Researching and developing other revenue streams for Smoky Lake County.

## **Conclusion**

The reporting period involved significant organizational, policy, operational, and regional work. Administration has focused on building clear processes, improving accountability, strengthening legislative compliance, modernizing internal systems, and aligning departmental operations with Council's 2026–2029 Strategic Plan.

The work completed during the first six months has provided a stronger foundation for the 2027 budget process and has allowed departments to identify service pressures, resource needs, infrastructure priorities, and opportunities for improved coordination. Administration will continue bringing the applicable policies, bylaws, service-level decisions, and budget priorities forward to Council for consideration and direction.

# ACTION ITEM LIST

# 2025

## Legend

Meeting Date

Completed

In Progress

Assigned to

Due  
Date

Status

Comments

MOTION NO.

RESOLUTION

8-May-25

12-Jun-25

28-Aug-25

4-Sep-25

11-Sep-25

25-Sep-25

9-Oct-25

9-Oct-25

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the offer to lease the lands legally described as SW-1-61-18- W4M, SW-2-61-18-W4M, NW-2-61-18-W4M, NE-3-61-18-W4M, SW-11-61-18-W4M & SE-10-61-18-W4M, in the amount of \$200.00/year for each parcel (cumulative total of \$1,200.00), dated October 1, 2025, received from Mr. Kevin Wawrynchuk (U Over 4 Ranching Ltd.), for a term of five (5) years, in response to the Limited Invitation to Tender extended by Smoky Lake County.

Public works/  
Planning and  
Development/  
Executive Services

Completed

Policy No. 62-13: Surface Lease of Municipally-Owned Lands was amended at the February 26, 2026 Council meeting. The Director of County Services has sent the lease documents to the applicant and is awaiting signature by the applicant and payment of lease fee.

856-25: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council adopt the Road Policy No. 03-15-05, as presented, and rescind the previous Road Maintenance Policy No. 03-51-02 and Road Inspection Policy No. 14-01-02 to establish a comprehensive framework for roadway inspection, maintenance, and long-term planning. Further, that Administration be directed to categorize all County roads in accordance with the new policy, identify required projects for inclusion in the 2026 Capital Budget and Five-Year Road Plan, and bring forward a separate policy regarding the Road Brushing Program for Council's future consideration.

Public Works

In Progress

GIS has updated web map to prepare for PW to update the road categories. Public Works are working on a plan to inspect each road and will be brought to a 2026 Meeting, upon completion of the inspections. (This will not be completed until Spring 2026.) This will be brought to you in June 2026

30-Oct-25

10-Nov-25

14-Nov-25

27-Nov-25

1009-25 Halisky

That Smoky lake County Council defer the Letter regarding Appreciation and Request for Assistance received on October 21, 2025, on behalf of the Canadian Youth Friendship Society of Edmonton, to the next Council meeting for further information.

Public Works/Finance

In Progress

Finance has sent an email with the information requests from Council PW needs to inspect the location to determine the extent of and the cost of the work requested.

1-Dec-25

18-Dec-25

| ACTION ITEM LIST                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                             |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| MOTION NO.                             | RESOLUTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Assigned to                 | Status      | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 8-Jan-26                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                             |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 20260108-012<br>Serben                 | That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to bring back Policy-13-01.Surface Lease. Municipal Property to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting in early February and defer all payment owing pursuant to the lease agreement until the Policy # 13-01 is amended and to notify the Land Lessee.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Planning and Development    | In Progress | Policy-13-01.Surface Lease. Municipal Property was amended at the February 26, 2026 Council meeting. The Planning and Development Manager is working with the Leese to sign the Lease Agreement. |
| 27-Jan-26                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                             |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 26-Feb-26                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                             |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 26-Mar-26                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                             |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Kully- Resolution No: 20260326-205     | That Smoky Lake County Council defer the Road Access letter request dated March 11th, 2026, to the next Regular County Council meeting on April 16th, 2026, to receive input from the Director of County Services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Director of County Services | Completed   | The Public Works Department has investigated the road access and has determined that it is not feasible or practical for the County to conduct any work within the surveyed road plan.           |
| 16-Apr-26                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                             |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260416- 259 | 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 conduction 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. | Public Works                | In Progress | Work has commenced on this project but was delayed due to extreme water flows. The remaining work is pending completion.                                                                         |

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| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260416- 278 | That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the letter from Stephanie Jarema, and Leonard Jarema dated March 11th, 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. | Ag Services / PW Manager        | Completed   | Discussions between departments are ongoing to assess the request and determine next steps. However weather conditions have delayed project. <b>August - Request not in sync with current financial and service levels.</b>                                                 |
| <b>28-May-26</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                 |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Serben - Resolution No: 20260528- 319  | That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to invite Executive Director Randal Bell and Director of Health for the Optipemisiwak Métis Government, Reegan Bartel, of Stone Bear Recovery Solutions, to any meeting involving higher levels of government to collaborate on shared values.                         | Legislative Services            | In progress | An email was sent to Randal Bell and Reagan on June 16 regarding the two-way open invitation, as well as an update on the status of the Healing Waters Facility open house, projected for October 2026.                                                                     |
| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260528- 320 | That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to invite Rick Wilson, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, to come tour the Healing Water Recovery Centre located in Smoky Lake County.                                                                                                                           | Legislative Services            | In progress | An invitation will be extended to Honourable Rick Wilson once the grand opening date has been confirmed.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260528- 325 | That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to send an invitation to RCMP SEU Sgt. Trevor Hanson and Sgt. Anita Doktor to come as a delegation to the August 27, 2026, Regular Council meeting.                                                                                                                    | Legislative Services            | Completed   | Members of Council met on September 9, 2026, with RCMP District Sgt. Trevor Hanson, Anita Doktor, and colleagues prior to the RCMP Community BBQ held at the Lions Den                                                                                                      |
| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260528- 329 | 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.                                                  | CAO/Director of County Services | In progress | Phillip Hicks from Government Frameworks will be attending the September 10th Departmental Meeting to discuss solutions that Government Frameworks provides relating to online timesheets, daily vehicle inspections, incident reporting and Field Level Hazard Assessment. |
| Barker - Resolution No: 20260528- 333  | That Smoky Lake County Council reimburse expenses related to the Warspite Community Hall renovations for the upgraded furnace costs in the amount of \$6,225.00 and request the Warspite Community Hall return that the remaining \$1,775.00 be returned to Smoky Lake County in accordance with Motion No. 1319-21.        | Finance Manager                 | Completed   | Emailed motion to Ellie Din of Warspite Hall<br>No Response as of August 6, 2026<br>Money has been received                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| Serben - Resolution No: 20260528- 335  | Smoky Lake County Council approves to bestow the Farm Family Centennial Award via Plaque, Gate Sign, and Certificate for the current applicant and 2025 applicant in the maximum amount of \$3,000.00 per applicant, funds to be allocated from the promotional budget. | Legislative Services        | In progress | Update was received on September 9 late p.m. with Quotes and plaque proofs. Plaques proofs emailed September 10 a.m. to the residents receiving County plaques. Quotes will be emailed back with signatures for approval to start to make the plaques. Estimated time is 6-8 weeks                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260528- 342 | That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to research grant funding opportunities, identify priority lakes, and determine the cancellation policy for the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program.                                                       | Agricultural Fieldman       | In Progress | Emailed organizations. Further correspondence with identified organization and draft grant parameters received                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Halisky- Resolution No: 20260528- 344  | That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to investigate the creation of a Regional Weed and Pest Appeal Committee for Smoky Lake County and interested neighboring municipalities for 2027.                                                                 | Agricultural Fieldman       | In Progress | Sept 9. Next meeting scheduled for 3rd week of september with 3 other municipalities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Barker - Resolution No: 20260528- 350  | 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.                                          | Director of County Services | In Progress | The Director of County Services is awaiting for approval of the Resolution from the Minister of Transportation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260528- 354 | 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.                                   | Director of County Services | In Progress | The Director of County Services is working with the Public Works Department, the Agriculture Department, the Environmental Operations Department and the GIS Technician to compile a list of all roads within the County that have a maximum speed limit of less than 70 km/hr., to be incorporated into a Speed Limit Bylaw, which will be forwarded to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion prior to receiving consideration at a future County Council meeting. |
| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260528- 357 | That Smoky Lake County Council Register Roll 22010105 Lot 5 & 6, Block 1, Plan 1955CL under Smoky Lake County Tax Forfeiture due to non-payment of property taxes.                                                                                                      | Finance Manager             | In Progress | Tax Clerk is finding all the historical documentation. Received confirmation from Municipal Affairs that there is no timeline in which a tax forfeiture can be placed on title. Began processing the tax forfeitures August 24th.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| Kully - Resolution No: 20260528- 358   | That Smoky Lake County Council register Roll 27150120 Lot 20, Block 1, Plan 1039CL under Smoky Lake County Tax Forfeiture due to non-payment of property taxes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Finance Manager             | In Progress | Tax Clerk is finding all the historical documentation. Received confirmation from Municipal Affairs that there is no timeline in which a tax forfeiture can be placed on title. Began processing the tax forfeitures August 24th.                                                           |
| Serben - Resolution No: 20260528- 359  | That Smoky Lake County Council register Roll 30190101 Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 7822612 under Smoky Lake County Tax Forfeiture due to non-payment of property taxes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Finance Manager             | In Progress | Tax Clerk is finding all the historical documentation. Received confirmation from Municipal Affairs that there is no timeline in which a tax forfeiture can be placed on title. Began processing the tax forfeitures August 24th.                                                           |
| Barker - Resolution No: 20260528- 360  | That Smoky Lake County Council register Roll 30190107 Lot 7, Block 1, Plan 7822612 under Smoky Lake County Tax Forfeiture due to non-payment of property taxes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Finance Manager             | In Progress | Tax Clerk is finding all the historical documentation. Received confirmation from Municipal Affairs that there is no timeline in which a tax forfeiture can be placed on title. Began processing the tax forfeitures August 24th.                                                           |
| Serben - Resolution No: 20260528- 361  | That Smoky Lake County Council advertises a Request for Proposal for audit services for the years ending December 31, 2026, 2027, and 2028.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Finance Manager             | In Progress | Extended deadline on APC to allow for parties to review addendums. Closed August 14th , Will be presented on the Sept 17, 2026 Meeting                                                                                                                                                      |
| Lukinuk - Resolution No: 20260528- 362 | That Smoky Lake County Council deny the March 24, 2026, request to waive \$816 tax penalties on tax roll #40341002, NW 10-59-18.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Finance Manager             | Completed   | Letter sent to ratepayer July 17th, 2026 notifying them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Lukinuk - Resolution No: 20260528- 370 | 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 and bring the information to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Director of County Services | In progress | A draft list of Discretionary and Permitted Uses was presented to the Committee of the Whole on July 13, 2026 for discussion. An amendment to the County's Land Use Bylaw based on this discussion is being drafted for consideration for First Reading at a future County Council meeting. |
| Serben - Resolution No: 20260528-375   | That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to follow up on the updates regarding the highway 28 construction requested by Council to 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, and to have the information brought forward to a Regular Council meeting or at the earliest opportunity. | CAO/Legislative Services    | In progress | Request sent for Meeting, followed up by another email requesting an update on August 4, 2026<br>Emailed received back - Correspondence will be in next agenda package                                                                                                                      |

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| Barker - Resolution No: 20260528- 389  | 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 on June 3, 2026.                                                                                                                                                          | CAO                                                   | In progress | CAO's met with Ryan from A&E and currently researching if it needs to be town allocation or if it can come from the County. Information to be brought to the October Regular Council Meeting |
| Serben - Resolution No: 20260528- 394  | 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 in response, approve the donation of two tandem loads of gravel, and request that the Town of Smoky Lake contribute any additional gravel required for the golf course project.                                                                | Public Works Manager                                  | Completed   | This was delayed due to the weather and road repairs. PW deliver at the end of July                                                                                                          |
| Serben - Resolution No: 20260528- 395  | 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.                                                                                                    | Public Works Manager                                  | in progress | The Scouts Camp will contact PW when they would like the gravel delivered                                                                                                                    |
| Lukinuk - Resolution No: 20260528- 396 | That Smoky Lake County Council deny the Riverland Recreational Society request for funding received on May 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2026, from Jerry Bidulock and supply in kind services for planting and watering the trees located within Smoky Lake County.                                                                                                                                            | Environment and Parks Manager / Agricultural Fieldman | In Progress | June 16 meeting. Current service levels reviewed and discussed with group. Other items would be a 2027 budget discussions                                                                    |
| <b>25-Jun-26</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                       |             |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260625-435  | That Smoky Lake County Council defer Policy 03-56 – Equipment Storage, Availability and Compensation to the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for July 13, 2026 with the following amendments:<br>•County equipment and County owned Equipment<br>•Who the employee reports to<br>•Section 5: Can not be used for personal use and only for mobilization purposes (Getting out of their yard) | PW/CAO                                                | Completed   | Policy was reviewed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda, and will be presented on the July 23rd, meeting for approval                                                               |

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| Kully - Resolution No: 20260625-436   | That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Backsloping Program Project as per application received from Robert Senecal, dated January 9, 2026 located along the lands legally described as SE-36-58-13-W4, and subject to the pass of an inspection conducted by the Public Works Manager or designate, 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. | PW                          | In Progress             | Awaiting confirmation of Project Completion for Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Serben - Resolution No: 20260625-444  | That Smoky Lake County Council deny the request received from the Canadian Youth Friendship Society of Edmonton dated October 21, 2025, regarding repairs to the 8–9 acre burnt debris area; and Council approve to donate and delivery three (3) belly dump loads of ¾-inch crushed gravel to be stockpiled on-site without landscaping located on lands legal described as NW-9-60-12-W4, 12347 – Twp 602.                                                                                               | PW/Fire Dept                | Fire: Completed June 25 | Fire: County policy was followed and the request was denied<br>PW will deliver Gravel in 2027                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260625-445 | That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to research liability and safety risks associated in respect to the proposed chainsaw course training session to be provided by the Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Department to the Scout Camp Group located near Garner Lake, Alberta; and report back to a regular County Council meeting if there is no liability to the County.                                                                                                                 | Fire Department             | Completed               | RMA insurance was contacted and certified instructors are required. The Polish Scout Camp was contacted on August 6, 2026 and provided the company of Woodland Training Association who completes the chain saw training courses for Smoky Lake County as an option for the Scout Camp to pursue. |
| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260625-458 | That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to publish the reasons for not having an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with the County of Two Hills and with Lamont County on Smoky Lake County's website.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Director of County Services | Completed               | The reasons for not having an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with the County of Two Hills and Lamont County have been posted to the County's website pursuant to Section 708.28(1.4)(c) of the Municipal Government Act.                                                                  |
| Barker - Resolution No: 20260625-461  | That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw 1509-26 First Reading and to schedule a Public Hearing on said Bylaw, to be held on Thursday, July 23, 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.                                                                                                                                                                                             | Director of County Services | In Progress             | A Public Hearing on Bylaw #1509-26 was held on July 23, 2026. Bylaw #1509-26 will be brought to the September 17th County Council meeting for consideration of Second and Third Readings.                                                                                                         |

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| Barker - Resolution No: 20260625-471  | That Smoky Lake County Council approve Policy No. 08-18-13, Council Remuneration and Expenses, and direct that the policy be brought forward to the County Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for July 13, 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Legislative Services / Communications | Completed   | Policy was signed and Posted to the Website July 17, 2026    |
| Serben - Resolution No: 20260625-473  | That Smoky Lake County Council agree to provide the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society with a letter of support and a loan guarantee in support of their application to the Large Stream Community Facility Enhancement Program Grant (CFEP) for the proposed renovations, including the extension of dressing rooms; and further, that Council approve the donation and delivery of two (2) belly dumps of gravel to the Nutrien Ag Centre; and that Administration be directed to forward Council's direction to the Town of Smoky Lake. | CAO/Legislative Services              | Completed   | Letters were sent Wednesday, July 22, 2026                   |
| Serben - Resolution No: 20260625-474  | That Smoky Lake County Council approve a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Groups and Organizations budget in support of the 2026 Flemming Hockey Camp, to be held August 17–21 at the Nutrien Ag Centre, to assist with providing hot dogs and hamburgers, and that the Town of Smoky Lake be respectfully requested to match or exceed the donation.                                                                                                                                                                        | Finance                               | Completed   | The donation will be processed on the next County cheque run |
| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260625-475 | That Smoky Lake County Council direct the Public Works Shop Foreman to work with Indy Aujla, Client Strategy Manager at Enterprise Fleet Management, to compile cost information related to the proposed 22 County fleet vehicles, including repair and maintenance requirements, and report back to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                           | Shop Foreman                          | In progress | Will be brought to the next COW Meeting in October           |
| Barker - Resolution No: 20260625-480  | That Smoky Lake County Council direct the Public Works Department to contact Mr. Leroy Kunyk to collaboratively determine the scope of work and anticipated timeline for the road access project associated with the Vilna Bulk Water Station and bring the information forward to a future Council meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Public Works                          | In Progress | Delayed due to Weather                                       |
| Lukinuk - Resolution No: 20260625-483 | That Smoky Lake County Council approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Victoria Homeguard Historical Society for the Roadside Exhibit Project located at the Lobstick River Lot Settlement and direct that the funds be allocated from the Groups and Organizations account.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Finance                               | Completed   | The donation was sent July 29, 2026.                         |

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| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260625-487 | That Smoky Lake County Council defer the Parks and Recreation 5 Year Projection report submitted by Dave Franchuk, Environment and Parks Manager, to the next Smoky Lake County Departmental meeting scheduled for September 10, 2026.                                                                                    | Environment and Parks Manager | In Progress | Will be added as an addition to Environment and Parks workplan , update will be brought to the next departmental meeting                           |
| <b>13-Jul-26</b>                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                               |             |                                                                                                                                                    |
| Kully- Resolution No: 20260713-495    | That Smoky Lake County Council approve the donation of six (6) tandem loads of reject sand to Waskatenau Minor Sports and Baseball for repairs to the baseball diamond in preparation for the Annual Ball Tournament being held in August 2026, with delivery coordinated through Public Works as operationally feasible. | PW                            | In progress | Delayed due to Weather<br>Organization will call back when ready                                                                                   |
| Serben- Resolution No: 20260713-496   | That Smoky Lake County Council approve the reallocation of \$550, 800.00 from the 2026 Gravel Crushing Budget, reducing the budget from \$984,700.00 to \$433,900.00, and transfer the funds to the 2026 Contract Gravel Hauling Budget to accelerate road maintenance and gravel hauling operations.                     | PW                            | Completed   | Gravel Haulers have finished as of September 4, 2026                                                                                               |
| <b>23-Jul-26</b>                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                               |             |                                                                                                                                                    |
| Halisky - Resolution No:20260723-515  | That Smoky Lake County Council Direct Administration to work with Scott Hanrahan, Benefits Consultant with Integrated Benefits, to review potential changes to the County's benefits plan and provide further information and recommendations for Council's consideration at a future Council meeting.                    | CAO/HR                        | In Progress | Awaiting comprehensive update<br>Last email sent August 17, 2026<br>Rep did send information and will be presented nbbby HR and Finance in October |

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| Serben -<br>Resolution<br>No:20260723-517  | <p>That Smoky Lake County Council approve Policy 15-10: Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Clarify accountability and human oversight responsibilities.</li> <li>•Identify the CAO as the approval authority for high-risk AI use.</li> <li>•Use the defined term “User” consistently throughout the policy.</li> <li>•Add “or designate” where appropriate.</li> <li>•Clarify that AI is intended to support, not replace, employees.</li> <li>•Prohibit the use of AI for sensitive or confidential County information.</li> <li>•Clarify approval responsibilities for high-risk AI applications.</li> <li>•Remove “where appropriate” from the transparency section.</li> <li>•Change “Administration” to “the County” for training responsibilities.</li> <li>•Update the review requirement to annually.</li> <li>•Identify the IT department/personnel as the CAO’s designate for AI tool approvals.</li> </ul> <p>And; that Policy 15-10: Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) be brought back to the next Committee of The Whole Meeting scheduled on <u>August 11, 2026, for review of amendments.</u></p> | Legislative Services | In Progress | The Policy is on the September 17 Regular Council for approval                                       |
| Serben -<br>Resolution<br>No:20260723-518  | That Smoky Lake County Council rescind Policy No. 02-16, Infectious Disease Management Plan, and direct Administration to incorporate the relevant information, procedures, and operational planning components of the policy into the County’s Emergency Response Plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | CAO/Safety           | Completed   | Has been incorporated into plan. Policy 02-16 removed from the website of August 4, 2026             |
| Halisky -<br>Resolution<br>No:20260723-519 | That Smoky Lake County Council amend Policy 03-13 - Haul Rate Adjustment for Fuel Price, by updating the Schedule “A”; Fuel Index which reflects diesel fuel pricing ranging from \$0.70 per litre to \$2.50 per litre and simplifying the fuel index into \$0.05 per litre increments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | PW/Leg. Services     | Completed   | Policy was updated and shared with staff and gravel haulers. Posted to the website September 9, 2026 |
| Halisky -<br>Resolution<br>No:20260723-522 | That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to proceed and prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the reclamation of the pit located at NE 09-58-15-W4, with funding to be allocated from the General Reserve.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | PW                   | In Progress | RFP is on the APC website Closes on Sept 15, 2026. Will be brought to council on Sept 17, 2026       |

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| Halisky - Resolution No:20260723-523 | That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to work with qualified suppliers for future aggregate resources.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | PW                            | In Progress | Meeting with contractors and getting quotes<br>This will be considered during budget deliberations                                                          |
| Serben - Resolution No:20260723-524  | That Smoky Lake County Council approve Policy 03-56 – Equipment Storage, Availability and Compensation Policy as presented.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Leg. Services/ Communications | Completed   | Policy posted to website on September 9, 2026                                                                                                               |
| Barker - Resolution No:20260723-526  | That Smoky Lake County Council approve a donation in the amount of \$1,500 to the Vilna Agricultural Society in support of the annual Boomtown Fair Days event scheduled for August 14–15, 2026, in response to the letter received from Mary Flondra, Vilna Ag Society, dated June 14, 2026.                                                                                                                                                                               | Finance                       | Completed   | Paid on July 2, 2026                                                                                                                                        |
| Halisky - Resolution No:20260723-530 | That Smoky Lake County Council give Third and Final Reading to Bylaw No. 1510-26 being the Smoky Lake County Procedural Bylaw.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Legislative Services          | Completed   | Posted to the website on August 6, 2026                                                                                                                     |
| Serben - Resolution No:20260723-534  | That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to send a letter to Michael Botros, Regional Director, North Central Region, Government of Alberta, and Landon Reppert, Construction Manager, North Central Region, Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, requesting a timely update on the status of the intersections at Range Roads 160, 164, 180, and 190, including those not currently identified for planned improvements.                             | CAO/Leg. Services             | Completed   | Letter sent via email to both Mr. Botros and Mr. Reppert                                                                                                    |
| Halisky - Resolution No:20260723-535 | That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to prepare and send a letter to Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) District 5, with a copy forwarded to MLA Glenn van Dijken, requesting that RMA advocate to the Government of Alberta for sustainable funding, resources, and policies that support the long-term viability of rural healthcare facilities and ensure quality living conditions for residents accessing healthcare services in rural communities. | CAO/Leg. Services             | Completed   | Letter sent via email to both Mr. Botros and Mr. Reppert                                                                                                    |
| Halisky - Resolution No:20260723-540 | That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Oaks Tree Proclamation Request Letter received from Kristin Pichoskie Founder, Oak's Tree of Love and forward the requested proclamation to an interagency meeting; and that Smoky Lake County Council proclaim October 15, 2026, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and October 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.                                                                       | Communications                | In Progress | Proclamations have been added to the monthly proclamation list for October. The proclamations will be prepared and posted on the County website in October. |

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| Serben - Resolution No:20260723-541  | That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to prepare and submit a request for a meeting with Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs, at the RMA Fall Convention in November 2026, and prepare a briefing package, including supporting research and data related to rural fire service funding; and that Administration bring the briefing package to a Council meeting for review prior to the August 10, 2026, submission date.            | CAO/Leg. Services    | Completed   | Email sent to Municipal Affaris with 3 topics as per Council on August 10, 2026                                    |
| Barker - Resolution No:20260723-542  | That Smoky Lake County Council approve the donation of one (1) tonne load of gravel delivered only within the boundaries of Smoky Lake County to be used as a silent auction item for the Vilna/Bellis Citizens on Patrol (COPS) Organization BBQ fundraiser during Vilna Boomtown Days, scheduled for August 14 to 16, 2026.                                                                                                                                           | PW/Leg. Services     | Completed   | Certificate was created/printed and email was sent to the Secretary of COPs on August 6                            |
| Halisky - Resolution No:20260723-544 | That Smoky Lake County Council approve a donation in the amount of \$5,000 to the Smoky Lake Fire Department in support of the 2026 Heritage Days Drone Show, scheduled for Sunday, August 2, 2026, with funding to be allocated from the Administration Budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Finance              | Completed   | The donation will be will be issued to the Town of Smoky Lake as they are managing municipality for the drone show |
| Resolution No:20260723-546           | That Smoky Lake County Council forward the correspondence, entitled "Call to action to the Government of Alberta" 2026, as received from the National Police Federation of Alberta, to the Rural Municipalities of Alberta District 5 meeting scheduled for September 25, 2026, in Vegreville, Alberta.                                                                                                                                                                 | Legislative Services | Completed   | Meeting topics have been sent on September 4, 2026 VIA Email.                                                      |
| Barker - Resolution No:20260723-547  | That Smoky Lake County Council approve a donation in the amount of \$500 as an Activity Sponsor for the 2026 Ukrainian Day Celebration, scheduled for August 16, 2026, and funding to be allocated from the Administration Budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Finance              | Completed   | Check signed on August 10, 2026                                                                                    |
| Halisky - Resolution No:20260723-548 | That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to coordinate a meeting with Associated Engineering and the County's Director of Infrastructure to discuss alternate bridge concepts, funding opportunities, and strategies to improve future grant funding applications, in respect to the letter received from Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, dated July 15, 2026; and provide proposed meeting dates to Council. | CAO/Leg. Services/PW | In progress | AE has confirmed their attendance for the September 17 Council Meeting                                             |

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| Resolution<br>No:20260723-549            | That Smoky Lake County Council include for discussion the topic of "Updates to the Code of Practice for Pits" as outlined in the newsletter received from Rural Municipalities of Alberta, dated July 2026, on the agenda for the next Rural Municipalities of Alberta District 5 Meeting scheduled for September 25, 2026, in Vegreville, Alberta.                     | Legislative Services | Complete    | Meeting topics have been sent on September 4, 2026 VIA Email.                                                                    |
| Barker - Resolution<br>No:20260723-554   | That Smoky Lake County Council approve a donation of promotional items, to a maximum value in the amount of \$100.00, to support the Bellis Board of Trade Scavenger Hunt Event, as per letter received from Gloria Dombosky, dated July 22, 2026.                                                                                                                      | Finance              | Completed   | Promo bag put together and notified the treasurer on August 6th that it is ready for pickup.                                     |
| Serben - Resolution<br>No:20260723-555   | That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the letter received from Mark Schoppgens, dated July 18, 2026, in regard to the Bellis Board of Trade Community Sign Sponsorship Request; and direct Administration to bring the matter forward during the fourth quarter of Year 2026 for Council's consideration, and that the letter be filed for information. | Legislative Services | In progress | Will be on October meeting agenda                                                                                                |
| <b>4-Aug-26</b>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                      |             |                                                                                                                                  |
| Halisky - Resolution No:<br>20260804-600 | That Smoky Lake County Council approve an unbudgeted capital expenditure from the 2026 Natural Gas Budget, in the amount of \$120,000, for the repair of the natural gas pipeline located on NW-13-60-17-W4 and SE-14-61-17-W4, and direct Administration to research any grant funding related to the incident that could provide assistance.                          | Gas Dept.            | In progress | Engineers have applied to the Alberta Energy Regulator for the pipeline license. Construction to start once license is approved. |
| <b>11-Aug-26</b>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                      |             |                                                                                                                                  |

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| Barker- Resolution No: 20260811-603   | That Smoky Lake County Council declare an agricultural disaster within Smoky Lake County, effective August 11, 2026; and further, that Administration prepares a letter for the signatures of the Reeve and the Agricultural Service Board Chair to the Honourable Tara Sawyer, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, advising of the declaration and providing relevant supporting information. Furthermore, that Administration utilizes the County's social media platforms to request that residents submit photographs and other evidence of agricultural impacts to support the County's submission to the Minister. | Ag. Services                | Completed   | Declaration to be signed and sent to Ministers and information has been posted to Social Media                                       |
| Kully - Resolution No: 20260811-604   | That Smoky Lake County Council direct the Agricultural Service Board to prepare and send a letter to Honourable, Tara Sawyer, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, regarding the agricultural disaster within Smoky Lake County, and to reach out to the surrounding municipalities that have declared an agricultural disaster to encourage and spearhead a regional collaborative approach to advocating for provincial recognition and assistance.                                                                                                                                                                     | Ag. Services                | Complete    | Sturgeon County sent a letter with the similar purpose on August 21. Included in the September 17 meeting. Draft Letter under review |
| Halisky - Resolution No: 20260811-605 | That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to forward correspondence regarding the agricultural disaster, including the letter from the Reeve and the Agricultural Service Board Chair, to Honorable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta; Shannon Stubbs, Member of Parliament; Gene Hrabec, Rural Municipalities of Alberta District 5 Director; and Kara Westerlund, President of Rural Municipalities of Alberta, for information and to support advocacy efforts related to the agricultural disaster.                                                                                                          | Ag. Services                | In progress | Declaration to be signed and sent                                                                                                    |
| Serben - Resolution No: 20260811-606  | That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Agricultural Service Board draft resolutions, amended to include rural municipalities and municipal contractors for problem wildlife control, the use of drones and watercraft in the course of their duties, and bridges and culverts, temporary structures, accelerated STIP funding without reducing other budget lines, and an 85% provincial contribution without reducing eligible expenditures, and submit them for consideration at the RMA District 5 Conference by September 4, 2026.                                                                                    | Ag. Services/ Leg. Services | In Progress | Meeting topics have been added to a list and will be sent out to Jamie Taylor on September 4                                         |

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| Lukinku -<br>Resolution No:<br>20260811-607 | That Smoky Lake County Council deny the request for reimbursement in the amount of \$3,140.75 for vehicle damages resulting from a roadway sinkhole located on Range Road 153, south of Township Road 584, and request that the resident pursue a claim through their own vehicle insurance provider. Further, that the resident's insurance company be directed to contact the County's insurance provider regarding the matter. | HR/Safety                        | In Progress | Following the August 11 council meeting I spoke with the resident and explained the motion, he then requested to speak to his councillor (Dave Kully). This item is being brought back to the September 17th meeting. |
| Serben -<br>Resolution No:<br>20260811-608  | That Smoky Lake County Council approves the attendance of any two Council members to attend the in-person Artificial Intelligence (AI) Information Hub featuring Honourable, Nate Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation of Alberta scheduled for August 20, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. located within Sturgeon County (location to be determined).                                                                | Legislative Services             | Completed   | The event was added to Councils calendars. Pending Councils attendance for updates                                                                                                                                    |
| Serben -<br>Resolution No:<br>20260811-609  | That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration, specifically the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of County Services, to attend the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Information Hub virtual session featuring the Honourable Nate Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation, on August 27, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and further authorize attendance for any interested members of Council.        | CAO/ Director of County Services | Completed   | The Director of County Services attended the webinar on August 27, 2026.                                                                                                                                              |



## Councillor Report

**Division: 3**

**Councillor\Reeves Report**

**Reporting Period: September 17, 2026**

### 1. Committee of the Whole (All Council)

- 7 Requests for Discussion was on this Agenda the first being (MLUST) Municipal land Use Suitability Tool this tool helps support informed consistent and evidence-based land use planning and development decision-making. This tool recognizes that Smoky Lake County's Landscape contains significant agricultural, environmental, recreational, cultural and economic assets that collectively contribute to the County's long-term prosperity and quality of life. This tool supports transparent, objective and defensible land use decision-making with consistent evaluation criteria. Provides council and administration with readily accessible spatial data when evaluating development proposal amongst many other benefits.
- #2 topic was Land use Bylaw Amendments Reclassifying Certain Uses from Discretionary classification to Permitted Classification the difference between these two is Permitted Uses is automatically allowed in specific District and Discretionary Uses may be allowed in specific District but only if the development Authority specifically approves it and this is MPC (Municipal Planning Commission) Several suggestions were made by the Director of County Services which were discussed with some suggested changes by council
- #3 Bylaw # 1508-26 Speed limit Bylaw this bylaw has been prepared to consolidate all existing speed limit regulations into a single comprehensive bylaw. The maximum speed limit of 80km on all highway's roads under the direct control of Smoky Lake County and identifies roads where reduced speed limits of 70km down to 20km are warranted. This will improve public safety. This bylaw will also provide a stronger legislative foundation for enforcement
- #4 Rescission of Policy -2-16 Infectious Disease management Plan a review was determined that most of the document is operational and would be better if it was incorporated into the regional Emergency Response Plan. The new updated regional Emergency response Plan now includes an infectious Disease/Pandemic Response section that addresses the municipality's preparedness
- #5 Policy 03-56 Equipment Storage, Availability and Compensation the purpose of this policy is to establish a clear expectation regarding the storage, security, maintenance, operational availability, and compensation associated with County-owned equipment



- #6 Procedural Bylaw this specific bylaw deals with the number of delegations be permitted per Regular County Council Meeting. Submission deadline be revised from 14 days to 10 business days. Public Question and answer period will remain but will be called just Public Question Period this will help manage public expectations regarding responses from council.
- #7 Policy 08-18 Council Remuneration and Expenses this will give Transparency and Accountability Enhancements which will be posted quarterly on the county website.

## 2. Joint Municipalities July 13<sup>th</sup> (All Council)

- Representatives from the **Aspen View Public School Division Board of Trustees** provided an update on several educational initiatives and developments. Topics discussed included the proposed modular classroom addition to the school, ongoing collaborations with **Portage College**, and opportunities to potentially host local diploma examination preparation programs.
- Michelle **Wright**, representing **Travel Lakeland**, delivered a presentation on several regional economic development and tourism initiatives. Her update included information regarding the Rural Renewal Stream, Chamber Strategy development, and current Travel Lakeland activities and priorities.
- Sergeant **Anita Doktor** of the **Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment** presented an overview of local policing matters, including recent crime statistics, ongoing officer training initiatives, and community engagement activities such as the "Coffee with a Cop" program.
- Rachelle **Amyotte**, Director of **Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)**, provided an overview of what a regionalized FCSS model could look like across participating municipalities. The presentation outlined potential governance structures, service delivery considerations, and opportunities for enhanced regional collaboration.
- Mark **Baxter** provided an update on the Regional ACP Grant. He reviewed the current status of the grant, discussed available funding opportunities, and outlined potential next steps and various options for utilizing the funds to support regional priorities.

## 3. Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) July 13<sup>th</sup> (Craig)



- A discussion was had about Signing Authority to remove the previous people and replace them with the new assigned signing authority.
- Quarterly Meeting Structure Review members were to determine how they would like to have quarterly meetings and potential host locations.
- Marianne Janke presented the Executive Director Report covering marketing and promotion, partnership development, administration, and trail-related opportunities. The board also discussed the value of Alberta's Iron Horse Trail as a major community and tourism infrastructure asset. For marketing and promotion Travel Alberta funding was confirmed at \$60,000 the breakdown for this year's funding is Lisa Roper Outdoors – Ambassadorship \$5000, Lisa Roper Outdoors – TV Commercial \$10,000, Junction Consulting Digital Marketing \$3,000, The Group Social Media management \$27,750, Commercial Designs \$2500, Paid Online Marketing \$2500
- Project Manager Report stated that early investment strategy figures suggest between \$200 Million and \$220 million in potential investment across Travel Lakeland this includes accommodations, experiences, museum support and other Lakeland tourism assets
- Operations Coordinator Report included highlighted Lakeland Open Farm Days, 3 hosts for this event cancelled due to flooding but 28 hosts remained confirmed. This more than doubling the previous year's participation. Travel Lakeland continues to build relationships and partnerships with Travel Alberta, Indigenous Tourism Alberta, Explore Edmonton, and regional tourism operators. Travel Lakland is considering holding a fall tourism session.

#### **4. Smoky Lake Legion Branch #227 July 17<sup>th</sup> (Craig, Dave)**

- Attended to celebrate Smoky Lake Legions Centennial Birthday I brought greetings on behalf of Smoky Lake County Council and its residents.

#### **5. Municipally Controlled Corporation (MCC) July 20<sup>th</sup> (All Council)**

- This meeting was to determine what the Town and County should do regarding MCC. A new business plan is needed to move forward with a project the board made a motion



to have the CAO's, and Lydia get together to compare the strategic plan to come up with a common thread to move forward with a strategic Business Plan.

#### **6. Meeting with Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs July 20<sup>th</sup> (All Council)**

- All the Region had a chance individually to discuss certain topics with Minister Williams. Smoky Lake County topics were strengthening Rural Alberta the purpose of this discussion was the key challenges facing Smoky Lake County and to seek the province's continued partnership in addressing infrastructure, Health Care, Emergency Services, Housing, and Economic Development.

#### **7. Smoky Lake regional heritage Board July 22<sup>nd</sup> (Craig)**

- Discussion on the preservation of the Photo Archive Project we currently have 3 Hard Drive Backup of all the photos. Looking into Documenting Oral Histories which will be done by Artificial Intelligence then reviewed for accuracy.
- Talked about Lovers Lane Nature Trail Interpretive Signage these signs will show the Landscape giving the history of White Earth valley and how it was formed over thousands of years by the processes of water and wind erosion. Ecosystem shows Smoky Lake County lies at the southern boundary of the Boreal Natural Region where it transitions to the Parkland Natural Region with the North Saskatchewan River forming the border. Vegetation the strata of habitats at this site present a wide distribution of plants from white spruce, aspen to sandbar to Bebb's willow these trees and shrubs provide cover and food for wildlife the next is Wildlife this shows a wide variety of animals inhabit the site many mammals or their tracks can be seen from rabbits and weasel to moose and bears also the diverse vegetation supports a variety of birds. The last interpretive sign will have Sandstone which shows the pile of sandstone tucked into the trees which was excavated and collected During construction of the Towns horizontal water tower in 1972 The coarse-grained, reddish brown to gray sandstone is sedimentary rock.
- Heritage awareness wants interpretive panels, plaques and self guided tours to show our enriched history of the Smoky Lake Region this will bring Educational Awareness

#### **8. Smoky Lake Regular Council Meeting July 23<sup>rd</sup> (all Council)**



- Council discussed this and would like you to refer to our council package agenda for information and topics for this meeting.
- There was a public hearing at 1:00pm regarding a new proposed development by Austin Zaharko several ratepayers showed up for this public hearing to express their concerns about this development.

#### **9. Smoky Lake Municipal Planning Commission July 23<sup>rd</sup> (All Council)**

- Please refer to the Chairs Report David Kully Division 2 Councillor

#### **10. Smoky Lake Stampede Aug 1<sup>st</sup> (All Council)**

- All council attended the parade to represent the county and throw candy for the parents and kids alike. The County won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in our category.

#### **11. Special Council Meeting Aug 4<sup>th</sup> (All Council)**

- Council attended this meeting because of the emergent situation we had to make a motion to replace a piece of gas line that was struck by lightening the motion read that Smoky Lake County Council approve an unbudgeted capital expenditure for the repair of the natural gas pipeline from the Natural Gas 2026 Budget in the amount of \$120,000

#### **12. Water Commission Associated Engineering Aug 7<sup>th</sup> (Craig, Lorne)**

Please refer to the chair Lorne Halisky Deputy Reeve Division 4 Councillors Report

#### **12. Waskatenau Fair Days Aug 9<sup>th</sup> (All Council)**

All council attended the parade to represent the county and throw candy for the parents and kids alike. The County won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in our category

#### **Special Council Meeting Aug 11<sup>th</sup> (All Council)**



- Council declared an Agricultural Disaster on this day due to the unforeseen amount of rain that has fallen in our region this year this was done to bring awareness for our farming community to the Provincial and Federal Government. Council also sent this to our regional 5 RMA conference for discussion
- Council discussed reimbursement of Vehicle Damages Resulting from a large sinkhole on our roadway
- Council went into camera under section 20 of the ATIA Act this was to discuss the CAO Evaluation. Chyenne Shaw has successfully completed her probationary period and was awarded the full-time position

#### **Committee of the Whole Aug 11<sup>th</sup> (All Council)**

- Council discussed an outstanding Natural Gas Service Installation Invoice and made a motion to approve transferring the outstanding balance of \$130,622 to Tax No 17581550 contingents upon payment not being received within 30 days of the meeting
- Administration drafted an AI Policy this will help direct Administration and Council on the use of responsible AI usage
- Policy 15-12 was brought to discuss the use of personal and company cell phones
- Request for drainage was made by a landowner to lower the culvert this type of request requires prior approval under the Water Act Wetlands which was explained to the ratepayer
- Policy 08-18 Council Remuneration and Expenses was brought back with some amendments

#### **HWY 28,63 Regional Water Commission Board Meeting Aug 13<sup>th</sup> (Lorne, Craig)**

- Please refer to the chair Lorne Halisky Deputy Reeve Division 4 Councillors Report

#### **Vilna Boomtown Days Aug 15<sup>th</sup> (All Council)**

- All council attended the parade to represent the county and throw candy for the parents and kids alike.

#### **Smoky Lake region ICC Meeting Aug 18<sup>th</sup> (Craig)**



- Regional approach of FCSS was the topic at this meeting the committee is looking at different type of funding formulas as well as what this look like for our community in the future we discussed a three-year path to sustainable core looks like and what the total requirement mean for each municipality

#### **Travel Lakeland DMO Aug 20<sup>th</sup> (Craig)**

- A discussion on quarterly meetings was brought up once again no decision was made where to hold our next meeting so it will be held in St. Paul in September
- Discussed Farm days and their success
- Round table discussion on upcoming events

#### **Smoky Lake Foundation Aug 20<sup>th</sup> (Jered, Craig)**

- Please refer to the chair Division 5 Councillor Jered Serben Report

#### **Town Hall AI Data Center Redwater Aug 20<sup>th</sup> (Craig, Lorne, David)**

- Three of us councillors attended this very important town hall in Redwater. There were a lot of people there to hear what an AI Data Center means and a lot of opposition with regards to having it located in the Heartland Area. One thing that was clear is that the Provincial Government has been discussing this for the past 2 years and now has just brought this to public awareness which was part of the problem. In our council meeting there was a motion for only 2 councillors be able to attend this town hall so we all carpooled to Redwater which would keep the cost down and Lorne and David attended according to the motion that was made and I attended as Smoky Lake County's ex-officio

#### **Northern Lights Library Aug 28<sup>th</sup> (Craig)**



- Terry Hampton has Resigned from NLLS
  - NLLS is currently doing some restructuring in the administration office
  - Buffalo Lake has signed an agreement to join the Northern Lights Library System which has now been sent to the Minister all Metis Settlements are now part of NLLS
  - Looking into a new accounting service for our local library's
  - Stronger Together Conference is coming October 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> which will take place in Edmonton at the Double Tree
  - 1.5% Levy increase this coming year from 5.5% to 5.65%
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- Plan of service was held at Metis Crossing this retreat was very successful building on stakeholders' engagement the committee has now developed a solid first draft of our next five-year plan of service

**HWY 28/63 Regional Water Commission Meeting September 3<sup>rd</sup> (Lorne, Craig)**

- Please refer to the chair Lorne Halisky Deputy Reeve Division 4 Councillors Report

**Upcoming meetings:**

September 10, 2026 Regular council meeting for the purpose of departmental meeting – 9:00 a.m.

September 25, 2026, Rural Municipalities of Alberta District 5 meeting – 9:30 a.m.

October 22, 2026, County Organizational meeting – 9:00 a.m.





## Councillor Report

**Division: 4**

**Councillor: Lorne Halisky**

**Reporting Period: July 15 to Sept. 8, 2026**

**Regular Council Meeting Date: September 17, 2026**

### 1. Meetings, Events & Engagements Attended

#### **July 16, 2026 – Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission Meeting**

(attended in-person)

A motion was made to purchase a fuel vault not exceeding \$13,000 and to amend the Employee Fuel Policy.

Sonnevera (contractor to carry out ACP Grant on ERWMS Current State of Waste Management Study) final report will be issued in Q3/26 with a presentation at the August 20 Commission Meeting.

Treasurer Report was delivered with all in good standing.

Ambipar Marketing Services Agreement for processed soil used for cell cover is worked on by the Commission sub-committee and in its final stages with the final draft to be sent out to the commission members.

The Commission Manager reported that they are looking into methane emission control such as flaring, more leachate storage above & underground and disposal techniques such as evaporation/misters/heat pad. Confirmed leachate disposal and trucking contract(s). Looking into additional rental or purchasing leachate above ground storage tanks. Working on a new cell design/construction. Omni McCann conducted regular bailing/testing on all member landfill test wells and visited Evergreen Landfill to look at new MSW Cell 7 design. Track Loader undercarriage repair is scheduled for the next month.

Will purchase four Loader tires for \$3750 each or eight tires if cheaper as these tires fit other mobile equipment on site once Kal Tire has the tires.

ATCO Energy quote for three phase power was discussed, is costly etc. and was filed for information at this time.

Alberta Care Conference in Fort McMurray September 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Beaver River Commission sent an email regarding tenders for tipping fees, information will be provided to submit a tender in the coming weeks.

A motion was made to have a cost-of-living increase of 1.5% added to the wage grid retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

New Evergreen Waste Commission Manager Kristin Anderson will start August 4, 2026.



**July 20, 2026 – Joint Meeting with Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County for the purpose of MCC Business Plan** (attended in-person)

As per Reeves Report.

**July 20, 2026 – Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs Dan Williams** (attended in-person)

As per Reeves Report.

**July 20, 2026 – Committee of the Whole Meeting** (attended in-person)

As per Reeves Report.

**July 23, 2026 – Municipal Planning Commission Meeting** (attended in-person)

As per Reeves Report.

**July 23, 2026 – Regular County Council Meeting** (attended in-person)

As per Reeves Report.

**August 01, 2026 – Smoky Lake Heritage Days** (attended in-person)

Represented the County on the Parade Float.

**August 04, 2026 – Special Council Meeting** (attended in-person)

As per Reeves Report.

**August 07, 2026 – Metis Crossing Water Supply Meeting** (Craig and Lorne attended in-person)

Discussed/reviewed project understanding, project management, project methodology, relevant experience, engineering fees and disbursements, schedule and to get all interested parties involved including the Otipemisiwak Government.

**August 09, 2026 – Waskatenau Fair Days** (attended in-person)

Represented the County on the Parade Float.

**August 11, 2026 – Special Council Meeting** (attended in-person)



As per Reeves Report.

**August 11, 2026 – Committee of the Whole Meeting** (attended in-person)

As per Reeves Report.

**August 11, 2026 – Whitefish Lake Development Dinner Meeting** (attended in-person)

As per Reeves Report.

**August 13, 2026 – Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission Meeting** (Craig and Lorne attended in-person)

Commission Manager reported that since the May 2026 meeting, Administration has continued to advance a number of governance, operational, and administrative initiatives to support the long-term sustainability of the Commission. The bylaw modernization project was completed, and the Governance Bylaw, Operations Bylaw, and Terms of Service Bylaw were finalized. Administration continued to work on matters relating to Whitefish Lake First Nation, including ongoing relationship-building efforts and monitoring of Whitefish Lake project matters and grant reporting requirements. Previous discussions regarding membership agreements, governance updates, and future collaboration continue to support the Commission's long-term partnership objectives. Requests to access the water line were received and included on the agenda for the CAO meeting between the Town and County. Ryan and Andrew from Associated Engineering are currently researching the best options for this access request. This work is being conducted and funded by the County and does not fall under Hwy 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission expenses. The Commission was advised that its application under the Water for Life Program was successful. Administration also coordinated discussions related to Commission infrastructure protection, including review of a proposed utility crossing involving Commission infrastructure. Preliminary information has been received regarding a proposed fibre crossing and a crossing agreement will be required as the project advances. Additional administrative work included coordinating Commission insurance matters, updating governance records, facilitating Board governance requirements, reviewing meeting attendance and expense documentation, and providing ongoing support to Commission members and municipal partners.

Next Steps: Continue implementation and administration of the recently adopted Commission bylaws and policies. Prepare the Water for Life Program Memorandum of Agreement for execution. Continue processing and review of water service applications received by the Commission. Continue engagement with Whitefish Lake First Nation and monitor ongoing project matters.



Financial Report/Budget Report was presented with all in good standing with the Chair asking why the revenue was low in comparison to the budgeted revenue. Commission Manager will get back to the board on this.

Commission Operations Reported that Whitefish Lake is all in good working order. Warspite Generator, the only work left is the gas line installation. Upon discussion with the Smoky Lake County gas manager due to the moisture in the fields this project has been postponed to August. SCADA System Upgrade, the system is physically complete, but there are a few nuisance call issues to tend to, and we will be at 100% by next commission meeting report. General Repairs and Replacement, with all the rain we have been pumping out the CAV vaults quite often. Troubleshooting a fill control valve at Bellis and we are going to try repair and clean as it is sticking, if that does not work, we will have to replace it. The fill control valve for Smoky Lake has been replaced. Line Locates, 68 line locates tended to during this reporting period.

Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 010-2026 was reviewed and approved.

Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors Water for Life Grant awarded to the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission for the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Pipe Condition and Renewal Study. The project has been approved for grant funding up to \$134,837.00, representing 100% of the eligible project costs. The agreement must be executed and returned to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors by August 14, 2026, to allow the grant to proceed.

Request for New Water Service Connection – George Mudryk, was discussed and details will be brought to the next Commission Meeting.

The Financial Auditor RFP for the 2026, 2027 & 2028 Annual Audits closed on July 8, 2026. Results will be presented at the next Commission Meeting.

**August 15, 2026 – Vilna Boomtown Days** (attended in-person)

Represented the County on the Parade Float.

**August 18, 2026 – Kortec Dust Suppression Road Injection TWP584 Demonstration/Project**  
(attended in-person)

Observed the dust suppression road injection process and worked involved etc.



**August 20, 2026 – ERWMSC – Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission Meeting** (attended in-person)

The new Commission Manager Kristin Anderson was introduced and welcomed by all board members.

A fuel vault was purchased from Co-op and the Employee Fuel Policy was approved.

Sonnevera (contractor to carry out ACP Grant on ERWMSC Current State of Waste Management Study) final report was issued and a presentation was delivered. Study information and suggestions for considerations etc. will be brought forward.

Ambipar Marketing Services Agreement for processed soil used for cell cover, final Agreement was reviewed and executed.

The Commission Manager reported that they are continuing to look into methane emission control such as flaring, more leachate storage above & underground and disposal techniques such as evaporation/misters/heat pad including looking into additional rental or purchasing leachate above ground storage tanks. Continue working on a new cell design/construction including working with Omni McCann on the new MSW Cell 7 design. Track Loader undercarriage repair is taking place. Investigating Compactor steering issue. Visited five commission sites including Smoky Lake County. Starting to prepare the landfill site for winter season. Looking at purchasing a new laptop computer not to exceed \$2000 for the Commission Manager.

Harassment/Violence in the Workplace Policy was tabled to a future meeting. Grant Funding opportunities are continuing to be investigated for cell construction.

Still waiting to purchase four Loader tires for \$3750 each or eight tires if cheaper as these tires fit other mobile equipment on site once Kal Tire has the tires.

Treasurer Report was delivered all in good standing with Leachate budget over budget due to extensive moisture. Signing authority was removed from previous Commission Manager and assigned to the new Commission Manager.

Beaver River Commission tipping fee tender was reviewed/approved and will be hand delivered. Evergreen Landfill Site - Lafond Tour and BBQ.

**August 20, 2026 – Alberta AI Data Center Town Hall - Redwater** (attended in-person)

As per Reeves Report.

**August 31, 2026 – Smoky Lake Chamber of Commerce** (Ryan and Lorne attended in-person)

Discussed continuing to support Rural Renewal Stream and hand it off to another entity etc.

NRED Grant for Chamber Study was completed meeting the March 2026 deadline.

Business Mixer was discussed for possibly Q1/Q2, 2027.



ACP Grant for Economic Development – Town of SL Managing Partner, RFP for a consultant went out with a closure by Mid September.

Chamber to write an EMS Service Advocacy Letter for the region. SL County sent them an example letter that was issued already.

Iron Horse Trail tree planting has started in the area, and SL County was thanked for their support etc.

Street Fair was a success and will be considered next year.

Joint Region Christmas Party was discussed and will be explored further.

Christmas Light Up was discussed with the SL Senior Center possibly being the main location.

Sponsored \$250 towards the Fireworks/Drone Show.

Inviting CLC – Community Learning Council as a guest speaker to the next Chamber Meeting.

Discussed further/future economic development initiatives such as having business shakers and movers more involved.

**September 03, 2026 – Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission Meeting** (Craig and Lorne attended in-person)

The Financial Auditor RFP results for the 2026, 2027 & 2028 Annual Audits were presented and based on the RFP process including a Scoring System JDP Wasserman was the leading respondent for the engagement, reference checks etc. and was awarded the contract at \$27,240 for the three years.

Request for New Water Service Connection – George Mudryk, was discussed and a motion was made to proceed in principal and to amend the applicable bylaw(s) and/or policy(s) to reflect such with using a members distribution line not transmission line which is against the commissions mandate etc.

Budget versus Actual Revenue Water Sales discrepancy was discussed finding that the Customer Sales numbers were not included in the total budgeted revenue. With both the Member and Customer Water Sales the budgeted revenue should be close to or if not on budget.

Commission Manager will look into making amendments to a bylaw and/or policy so Commission Members can post/share Board Meeting Dates, Agendas and Minutes etc. bringing it back to the next board meeting.

Commission Manager will look into different electronic meeting virtual links for a more user-friendly electronic process for Members etc. use, bringing it back to the next board meeting.

Please contact myself if you would like to discuss any of these items in further detail.

Thank you,

Lorne



## Councillor Report

**Division: 1**

**Councillor:** Ryan Barker

**Reporting Period:** July 17-Sept 8, 2026.

## Meetings, Events & Engagements Attended

### (AC- All Council) Attended

1. (July 17) Royal Canadian Legion Celebrates 100 years, Smoky Lake Branch No.227
2. (July 20) MCC Business Plan County and Town (AC)
3. (July 20) Minister Williams Summer Tour (AC)
4. (July 20) Committee of the Whole (AC)
5. (July 23) Regular County Council Meeting (AC)
6. (July 1) Smoky Lake Parade (AC)
7. (Aug 4) Special Council Meeting (AC)
8. (Aug 9) Waskatenau Parade (AC)
9. (Aug 11) ASB Meeting (Dave, Ryan)
10. (Aug 11) Special Council Meeting (AC)
11. (Aug 11) Committee of the Whole (AC)
12. (Aug 12) N.E. Muni-Corr ATV Ride (Dave, Ryan)
13. (Aug 13) Hwy 28 Commission Board meeting (Lorne, Craig, Ryan Virtual)
14. (Aug 15) Vilna Boomtown Days Parade (AC)
15. (Aug 31) Smoky Lake Regional Chamber Meeting (Lorne, Ryan)
16. (Sept 3) Highway 28/63 Water Commission Meeting (Lorne, Craig, Ryan Virtual)

## Key Highlights

1. (July 17) Royal Canadian Legion Celebrates 100 years, Smoky Lake Branch No.227  
Stopped into to support this great achievement had some good conversations and looked at some history that was shared.
2. (Aug 11) ASB Meeting (Dave, Ryan)  
  
Strychnine was not supplied this year there was shortages which delayed the county receiving. Summer tour was held around Strathmore area this year and was enjoyed by those that attended. ASB recommended they County declare an agricultural disaster within Smoky Lake County, please refer to the meeting minutes for more information.
3. (Aug 12) N.E. Muni-Corr ATV Ride (Dave, Ryan)  
  
Dave and I joined a rather large Muni-Corr group ride, we started in Waskatenau rode the Iron horse trail all the way to St. Paul. Was an all-day adventure and was nice to learn



some of the history along the way, seen the tree planting that was taking place around Warspite, along the trail campsites and the secret Blueberry patch, the steam boiler in Abilene Junction to name a few. We had lunch in Vilna at the pool hall followed by dinner at the Twisted Fork. Highly recommend you check out the trail if you haven't yet.

#### 4.(Aug 31) Smoky Lake Regional Chamber Meeting (Lorne, Ryan)

##### i. **Healthcare & EMS**

- a. Significant concerns were raised regarding Smoky Lake ER closures and ambulance availability in the region.
- b. The group discussed coordinated advocacy involving the Town, County, Chamber, and community organizations, including a potential site visit with provincial representatives.

##### ii. **Regional Economic Development**

- a. The regional economic development initiative is moving forward, with the Town leading an RFP process for development of a regional framework.
- b. Emphasis was placed on practical implementation, business engagement, agriculture, healthcare, housing, and attracting investment rather than further planning without action.

##### iii. **Housing & Growth**

- a. A shortage of rental and multifamily housing was identified as a barrier to attracting and retaining workers and families.
- b. Housing was recognized as an important component of regional economic development and future growth.

##### iv. **Transportation, Roads & Trails**

- a. School transportation, contractor availability, road safety, and increasing transportation pressures were discussed.
- b. The County's ongoing maintenance of the Iron Horse Trail was positively recognized, while continued attention to grading, vegetation, signage, and facilities was encouraged.

##### v. **Community Communication & Engagement**

- a. Participants identified a need for better coordination and broader communication between municipalities, schools, the Chamber, and community organizations.
- b. Suggestions included linking websites, using newsletters and print communications, and improving newcomer information and community event promotion.



vi. **Community Events & Regional Collaboration**

- a. The Chamber reviewed recent events and identified opportunities to improve future event logistics, facilities, and promotion.
- b. Continued coordination between the Town, County, Village, Chamber, schools, and community groups was encouraged to strengthen regional participation and avoid duplication of events.

**5. Parades, Smoky Lake, Waskatenau, Vilna (All Council + CAO)**

Participated in all three parades, just wanted to say thank you to the parade float builders this year, we won first place in Smoky Lake parade and it looked amazing. Also, a big thank you to all that came out waved and collected the Candy we through everywhere.



## **Councillor Report**

**Division: 2**

**Councillor: Dave Kully**

**Reporting Period: July 17, 2026 – September 8, 2026**

**Council meeting Date: September 17, 2026**

July 17, 2026 – Attended Royal Canadian Legion 100 Year Centenary Celebration – Smoky Lake

Craig and Dave

History of the Royal Canadian Legion which was started in 1926 was presented.

Greetings and congratulations from Smoky Lake County Reeve and Town of Smoky

Lake Mayor and Blessings from Father Mark

Lifetime Legion member awards were presented to 4 members

Hector Dalpe, Cliff Carpenter, Peter Goruk, and Bernadette Dalpe

Associate members presented to 4 members

Irene Moldowan, Sergio Boltos, Peggy Tansem, and Patricia Macloed

July 20, 2026 – MCC Meeting – Smoky Lake. All council (See Reeves report)

July 20, 2026 – Meeting with Minister Williams – Smoky Lake. All council, delegates from Town of Smoky Lake, Village of Waskatenau, and Village of Vilna. Discussions of concerns within County Boundaries

July 20, 2026 – Committee of the Whole – Smoky Lake. All Council

Continuation and completion July 13, 2026, meeting

July 23, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting – Smoky Lake. All Council. (See Reeves report and meeting Minutes)

July 23, 2026 – Municipal Planning Commission Meeting – Smoky Lake. All Council

Motion was made to permit Development Permit for solar panel installation.

August 1, 2026 – Attended Smoky Lake Parade – Smoky Lake. All Council

August 4, 2026 – Special Council Meeting – Smoky Lake. All Council. (See Reeves Report.



August 5, 2026 – Road Tour – Smoky Lake. Kyle, Chyenney, and Dave.

Toured 3 locations of where emergency generators have connections.

Also viewed some issues in Division 2

August 9, 2026 – Attended Waskatenau Parade – Waskatenau. All council and Chyenney

August 11, 2026 – Agricultural Service Board Meeting -Smoky Lake. Ryan and Dave

- Summer tour report
- Report on Agricultural Service Board Field Tour
- Strychnine Update. Our County did not receive any for 2026
- Discussion on Smoky Lake creek flooding issues
- Recommendation for Council to Declare Agricultural Disaster In Smoky Lake County
- Recommendation to present 3 draft resolutions to Council
- Motion for anyone who is able to attend NE ASB conference on October 22, 2026.
- Update on current moisture reports in province

August 11, 2026 – Special Council Meeting – Smoky Lake. All Council. (See Reeves report)

August 11, 2026 – Committee of the Whole – Smoky Lake. All Council. (See Reeves report)

August 12, 2026 – Northeast Muni-Corr trail ride – St. Paul. Ryan and Dave

Started in Waskatenau and rode trail back to St. Paul.

8 side by sides, 5 quads with a total of 18 people

Proposed new staging area in Waskatenau

Stopped at numerous sites. Tree planting in Warspite, Smoky

Lake staging area, Old rail siding at Edwanda, Bellis staging area, Smoky

Lake County campsite, Lunch at Vilna Historical Poolhall, New site proposed at



Spedden, Brushing project and dugout East of Spedden, Plugged culvert West of Ashmont, Ashmont tree planting, covered trestle East of Ashmont, Abilene Junction, culvert collapse issue near Olwseye, completion of ride at St. Paul Staging area

August 15, 2026 – Attend Vilna Parade – Vilna. All council and Cheynne

August 19, 2026 – Attend MG injection demonstration project at Twp Rd 584 east of Hwy 855  
Craig and Dave

August 20, 2026 – Attend AI Data Center townhall meeting – Redwater. Craig, Lorne, and Dave  
Numerous concerns brought forward to Ministers Glubish and Nally. Most people had issues with power and water usage of the center, as well as noise issues.

August 27, 2026 – Attended virtual Townhall meeting regarding AI Data Center.  
Premier Danielle Smith and ministers Glubish, Williams.  
Mostly the same issues as previous live townhall meeting were discussed but a totally different atmosphere.

September 3, 2026 – Attended 40 year celebrations of Lac La Biche Community Futures in Lac La Biche. Joined by St. Paul – Smoky Lake Community Futures board Chairman Dale Hendrick, Coordinator Penny Fox as well as Travel Lakeland DMO Marianne Jenke and Michelle Wright.  
History of Lac La Biche Community Futures, past and present board members, Speeches from representatives as well as business owners who have benefited from Community Futures.





## Councillor Report

**Division: Five**

**Councillor: Jered Serben**

**Reporting Period: July 20<sup>th</sup> – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Council Meeting Date September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

### **Meetings, Events & Engagements Attended**

#### **July 20**

- Municipally Controlled Corporation meeting with Town Council
- Meeting with Minister [Williams/Williamson] (Affairs)
- Committee of the Whole continued from July 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Regular Council meeting

#### **August**

- **August 1<sup>st</sup>** : Attended Smoky Lake Heritage and Stampede Parade, float.
- **August 4<sup>th</sup>** : Special Council meeting regarding Natural Gas line lightning strike.
- **August 8<sup>th</sup>** : Volunteered for the pig scramble at the Victoria Trail Agricultural Society Fair.
- **August 9<sup>th</sup>** : Attended the VTAS Fair, float.
- **August 11<sup>th</sup>** : Special Council meeting regarding Agricultural disaster.
- **August 15<sup>th</sup>**: Attended Vilna Boomtown Days, participated on float.
- **August 20<sup>th</sup>**: Chaired The Smoky Lake Foundation meeting
- **August 24<sup>th</sup>**: Smoky Lake Agricultural Society.
- **September 9<sup>th</sup>**: Regrets missing the meeting with the RCMP commander and BBQ.

#### **July 2026**

- July 20:



- Previous MCC Business Plan presented and discussed to Town/County Council.
  - Hosted an official meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Minister Williams).
  - Attended the reconvened Committee of the Whole meeting (continued from July 13th).
- July 23: Attended the Regular Council Meeting.

#### August 2026

- August 1: Attended the Smoky Lake Heritage Days and Stampede Parade. Participated on float.
- August 4: Participated in the Special Council Meeting regarding emergency response to the local natural gas line lightning strike.
- August 8: Volunteered for the pig scramble event at the Victoria Trail Agricultural Society Fair Days.
- August 9: Attended the VTAS Fair Days and rode on the official County Float.
- August 11:
  - Participated in the Special Council Meeting called to officially Declare an Agricultural Disaster.
  - Attended the subsequent Committee of the Whole session regarding a Whitefish Lake potential development.
- August 15: Attended the Vilna Boomtown Days and Fair and represented the County on the parade float.
- August 20: Chaired the Smoky Lake Foundation Meeting.
- August 24: Attended the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society Meeting.

#### September 2026 (Upcoming & Recent)

- September 9: Formal regrets were transmitted to the County CAO regarding the scheduled meeting and BBQ with the RCMP due to local harvesting conflicts.
- September 10: Attended the County Departmental Meeting.
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- October 8: Scheduled attendance at the ASCHA Zone Meeting hosted at the Edmonton Hotel and Convention Centre. Expected attendees include Jered, alongside potential attendance by Tammy-Lynn and Marianne.

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## Smoky Lake Foundation (Jered and Craig)

### Financial & Grant Management

- WCB Premium Savings: Achieved a 10% reduction resulting in a \$70,000 premium (\$7,000 in immediate savings).
- PIR (Partners in Injury Reduction): Realized a 20% savings yielding an additional \$14,000 (with a cap potential up to \$20K). Expecting an overall 25–30% reduction moving forward. A score minimum of 80 is required to qualify for continued reimbursement. Homeland Housing Administration manages this for the Smoky lake Foundation at no extra cost.
- Revenue streams include the Lodge Assistance Program (LAP) grant keeping occupancy full, alongside \$50K from Alberta Health Services (AHS) and \$26K from the Government of Alberta (GoA).
- Intercompany Loan Repayment: The County Requisition of \$589,908.00 was officially paid on August 14, 2026. Originally due, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Following this payment, the \$55K intercompany loan to self-contained Continuing Care will be reimbursed. Homeland Housing had been carrying these operational bills for a number of months.
- Capital Depreciation sits at approximately Year 7 out of 10. The Board has budgeted appropriately to replace units, equipment, and vehicles as lifecycle demands require.
- Vacation Liability Risk: Vacation Payable currently sits at \$167,090. The CEO is actively enforcing mandatory vacation leaves to mitigate organizational risk in the event that multiple key employees retire or resign simultaneously.
- Operating Income Strength: Despite tracking \$88,000 over budget on maintenance, the net operating income shows a robust overall surplus of \$153,000.
- Self-Contained Units: Logged a healthy \$30,000 surplus within this sector.



- LAP Grant Adjustments: The LAP grant was reduced by \$40,000. A specific underutilized space(The Guest Suite) was noted as being used only 7 out of 31 days. Converting this into a guest suite would result in an additional \$8,577 LAP funding loss, though provincial monthly reporting handles vacancy statistics detached from emotional metrics. Unanimous vote in favour to continue offering guest suite and re visit during budget, 2027.
- Continuing Care Fee Increases: Implemented a 1.8% rate increase for Continuing Care Categories A, B, and C. **It was noted that in 2023, the foundation operator at the time failed to apply for a provincial \$2.15/resident/day subsidy, which caused a \$43,000 loss in potential new revenue that was further compounded by the \$40K drop in LAP grant funding.**

#### Facility Maintenance & Capital Upgrades

- Maintenance Staffing Success: Hired a qualified maintenance person dedicated to Bar V Nook. This targeted hire successfully drove down outstanding work orders sequentially from 105 to 68, down to 54 between December 2025 and August 2026.
- Bar V Nook Operational Costs: The facility is 10 years old, high-end, and structurally overbuilt. This engineering complexity drives higher ongoing maintenance expenses. Standard budgeting typically allocates \$2,000 per unit per year for facilities of this profile.
- Annual Safety Compliance: Globaltech successfully conducted the annual fire sprinkler system inspection across facilities.
- Operational Efficiency: Gained 6 hours per week in cleaning capacity at Bar V Nook by outsourcing a contractor to clean the Waskatenau Manor.(Old news but still good news)
- Crawl Space Dehumidification: Installed heavy-duty dehumidifiers across 4 separate crawl spaces at Waskatenau Manor and Smoky Lake facilities for a total cost of \$8,000.
- Odor Remediation: Increased airflow systems in Waskatenau Manor to actively mitigate lingering cigarette and cannabis odors. Air quality testing indicates the environment smells 75% better than its baseline.
- Capital Improvements:
  - Replaced interior handrails at Pumpkin Manor at a total capital cost of \$50,000.
  - Concrete grinding to systematically eliminate pedestrian tripping hazards. Work is slated for completion by the end of August, with sections spray-painted for high visibility.



## Occupancy, Surveys & Personnel

- **Occupancy Projections:** Bar V Nook occupancy temporarily dipped to 92% due to ongoing room restorations but is fully projected to return to 100% capacity by September. General occupancy across the wider portfolio remains stable.
  - **Community House Renovation:** Received a \$50,000 renovation request for Community House in Smoky Lake, which currently operates at 100% occupancy.
  - **Staffing Levels:** Fully staffed across operations after successfully hiring 5 casual workers over the last 2 months. Total staffing rests at 94 employees (70 FTE, 24 Casual/PT).
  - **Advocacy & Public Relations:** Utilizing waitlist data for Continuing Care B to build a data-driven provincial advocacy campaign. Additionally, a community showcase info table is scheduled for August 27 to actively recruit recreation support volunteers.
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## 2. Provincial & Legislative Updates

### Ministerial Housing Roundtable

Our CEO was selected as 1 of only 13 operators in Alberta (out of 92 distinct housing bodies) to attend an exclusive provincial roundtable alongside Nathan Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities, at Government House. Key takeaways included:

- **High-level strategic discussions** addressing systemic workforce shortages (specifically trades required for residential housing infrastructure).
- **Reviewing strategic opportunities** for modular or expedited building projects to bypass traditional construction delays.
- **The province confirmed a potential second roundtable session** to be hosted in Spring 2027.
- **Funding Caveat:** The Minister strictly emphasized that only 100% shovel-ready projects will be vetted for upcoming provincial grant programs.
- **Jurisdictional Rights:** Confirmed that municipalities retain the absolute right to build housing independently and subsequently hire an external housing body to manage ongoing operations.

### Bill 28 Legislative Impacts

Significant upcoming legislative changes under Bill 28 will alter local housing governance:



- **Mandated Reserve Funds:** Housing bodies will be legally mandated to maintain independent, restricted reserve funds split across three strict streams: 1) Capital, 2) Maintenance, and 3) Operating.
  - **Requisition Powers:** Introduces the distinct possibility of mandatory, increased municipal requisitions.
  - **Lodge Rent Standardization:** The province will implement a standardized minimum lodge rent baseline structure, with full implementation legislated for January 2027.
  - **Increased Provincial Oversight:** The bill establishes overriding provincial authorities that can supersede local municipal decisions. It will impose standardized operational processes and mandate rigorous new reporting and transparency rules, including public salary disclosures and binding development permit timelines.
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## **Smoky Lake Agricultural Society (in person)**

### Main Topics Discussed

#### Treasurer's Report and Raffle Results

- The raffle was reported as a strong fundraiser:
  - Net proceeds were stated as **\$42,000..**

#### GIC Maturity and Investment Planning

- The board discussed a **GIC coming due in August** and previously having motioned to cash it in.
- Since major upcoming expenses were not immediate, the board considered placing the money into something earning interest rather than leaving it idle in the general account.
- Current general funds, approximately **\$350,000** and **\$144,000** across accounts.
- The board expected to need the money later for:
  - The remaining cost of the dehumidifier
  - Foundation work, likely in the **spring**



- Possible grant-related project costs, with shovels potentially in the ground by fall if funding is secured
- It was suggested the money could be parked in a cashable or similar short term investment for about **6 months**.
- Bingo Operations and Possible Schedule Changes

The group reviewed whether to keep bingo on its current schedule or reduce it.

- Concerns raised included:
  - Not making float on some nights
  - Low turnout, sometimes fewer than the **22–23 people** needed
  - The cost and workload of running bingo when attendance is low
  - The concession sometimes not opening consistently, creating more work for the organizers
- Several scheduling options were discussed:
  - Twice monthly
  - Once monthly
  - The first and third Wednesdays of each month
- The final direction was to move toward **bingo on the first and third Wednesdays of the month**.
- A special bingo was proposed for **December 2nd**.
- Discussed a Christmas themed special event, including larger prizes, door prizes, and possible raffle-style formats.
- There was significant discussion about whether to use a more elaborate “special bingo” model similar to other communities, including pre-selling, prize structure, and whether the event could be simplified to attract more participants.

Special Bingo and Christmas Event Ideas



- The special bingo was initially discussed for **December 2nd**, though the group also debated moving it to a **Friday** rather than a Wednesday to improve turnout and make it more appealing as a social event.
- Ideas included:
  - TVs and turkeys as prizes
  - Door prizes such as practical items
  - A **12 Days of Christmas raffle** concept
  - Possible use of a more premium “fancy bingo” structure with better prizes and potentially more sponsorship
- They considered that the event would likely need sponsorship from local businesses, so they discussed avoiding too many simultaneous asks in the same month.
- Was careful to note that any special bingo format would need revised rules and likely lower entry/prize amounts than the more expensive model used in other communities.
- There was also discussion of pre-selling tickets and using a debit/credit card machine for easier sales and less manual tracking.

#### Pumpkins / Pumpkin Fair Rental and Utility Charges

- The pumpkin growers event and related rentals were a substantial discussion point.
- Last year’s charges were reviewed and compared with the current year’s expectations.
- Past rental figures mentioned included:
  - Arena rental: **\$2,300 for 2 days**
  - Hall rental: **\$1,200**
  - Additional **\$150** if the upstairs was used
- The board debated raising the total to **\$4,000** for the weekend **without water and power**.
- If water and power are used, the group agreed they must be told in advance so an extra charge can be added.
- The group emphasized that the society needs to cover utilities, toilet paper, garbage bags, infrastructure, and related costs.
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- They also noted that the event benefits the whole community and local businesses, but the organization should not be subsidizing it excessively.
- A motion was made and seconded to charge **\$4,000 total for the weekend, without water and power**, with the understanding that utility use must be disclosed and addressed in advance.
- It was agreed the matter should be revisited next year, and the pumpkin growers should be told now that changes may be needed going forward.
- There was also a discussion about the possibility of allowing the organization to sell **50/50 tickets** at the event and set up a table at the arena entrance to generate additional revenue.

#### Insurance and Liability for Special Events

- The board reviewed insurance requirements for the pumpkin fair and related special events.
- It was confirmed that last year the organizers had to obtain **PAL insurance** and sign the appropriate forms.
- The Pumpkin Growers group had reportedly handled the insurance and contractor arrangement previously.

#### Festival City Support for Pumpkin Fair

- The board discussed a new outside group, **Festival City**, based in Edmonton, that is helping with the pumpkin fair.
- Festival City was described as an experienced festival organization group that may provide volunteer support and volunteer management.
- The understanding was that they were not charging this year, but may do so in future if the arrangement works well.

#### Minor Hockey, Figure Skating, and Ice Time

- The board discussed major scheduling and rate issues related to minor hockey, figure skating, and public skating.



- Minor hockey currently pays:
  - **\$140/hour** for regular ice use
  - **\$100/hour** for tournaments under some conditions
  - **\$300** was also referenced in the discussion for tournament-related use
  - **\$75** for upstairs use if needed
- The organization was concerned about whether these discounted rates should continue, especially since costs are rising and the building is volunteer-run rather than municipally subsidized.
- A major issue was the increasing number of hockey teams and tournaments, especially with a **second U13 team** and more total teams to schedule.
- Hockey representatives explained that:
  - The season is becoming more complex
  - Sunday ice is heavily used by figure skating and games
  - Tournament weekends are difficult to fit in
  - They may need to use other communities such as Goodfish or Andrew if scheduling becomes impossible
- The board discussed the possibility of moving public skating or other nonessential ice time to make room for tournaments.
- There was agreement that tournament schedules and figure skating assumptions need to be communicated clearly.
- A recurring concern was that if rates are raised, it should be done with notice, likely for the following year rather than immediately.

#### Rate Philosophy: Discounts vs Full Cost Recovery

- The group returned repeatedly to the question of whether user groups should be receiving discounted rates at all.
- Some members argued for charging proper rates across the board to avoid the appearance of favoritism and to better reflect the true cost of operating the facility.



- Others argued strongly for maintaining some level of discount because user groups and local families benefit from the facility, and the discounts help keep events in town.
- The discussion highlighted a tension between:
  - Keeping the facility affordable and accessible
  - Covering rising costs and volunteer labor
- No final broad policy change was made during the meeting, but the group clearly planned to revisit rates in **January**.

#### Facility Manager Compensation

- The board discussed the wage of the manager, who handles many operational tasks and is effectively on call much of the time.
- The conversation emphasized that the facility manager:
  - Works long hours
  - Handles emergencies and special projects
  - Reduces the need to hire other people for repairs and operational work
  - Often solves problems without needing direction
- There was some confusion in the conversation about past wage amounts, but the board generally agreed he deserves consideration for a raise, especially if additional teams and workload are increasing.
- The group seemed to expect that the facility manager would ask for a raise soon and that his compensation would be revisited alongside facility rate decisions.

#### Building Repairs and Maintenance Issues

- Several maintenance topics were reviewed, including:
  - Line painting for parking stalls and emergency markings
  - Roof concerns, including the need to check for leaks and snow stopper issues
  - A leaking vent



- ATCO's transformer replacement, which went well despite a planned **7.5-hour** outage
  - Compressor and dehumidifier issues, including earlier oil and ammonia leaks and warranty-related repair work
  - A need to talk to Nestor about the ice cover install and take-down, which is part of the contract
  - The annual replacement of flags, which were still at half-mast and overdue for replacement
- The board also discussed a damaged dance floor and the need to find a parquet repair specialist.
  - A broken window from a past event was also mentioned, with the responsible individual having paid for the damage.

#### Grants and New Equipment Possibilities

- The board discussed grants from **Rocky Mountain Equipment** and **UFA**.
- One grant was applied for a **storage shed**, while another was for a **fire alarm system**.
- There was also discussion about whether a **forklift** could be obtained through grant funding or an agreement between the town and county to purchase one in a three way partnership, to move ice cover mats in and out safely, setting up stages, boards, and serve other community purposes.
- Members noted that the current use of a skid steer is difficult and unsafe for the task because of visibility and the slope into the building.

#### Action Items

- **Invest the maturing GIC** into a short-term interest-bearing option, likely cashable, until funds are needed for foundation work and other projects.
- **Decide bingo schedule** moving forward as **first and third Wednesdays** of the month.
- **Prepare special bingo rules** and prize structure, including whether pre selling will be required and whether a debit machine is needed.



- **Communicate with the pumpkin growers** that the **\$4,000 rental** is for the weekend **without water and power**, and that utility use must be disclosed in advance for additional billing.
- **Confirm PAL insurance requirements** again for the pumpkin fair and any contracted out event operations.
- **Talk to Nestor** about the ice cover install, take-down, line painting, and flag replacement responsibilities under the contract.
- **Follow up on roof repairs**, including snow stoppers and vent leaks.
- **Find a parquet/dance floor repair contractor** and obtain a quote.
- **Check on Facility manager's compensation** and prepare for a wage discussion, especially if the organization takes on more teams and ice scheduling pressure.
- **Revisit minor hockey and user-group rate structures in January.**

#### Follow Up Points and Future Meetings

- The group planned to bring back a more concrete special bingo proposal at the **next meeting**.
- A separate review of rates for user groups, including hockey and Ukrainian dance, was expected in **January**.
- The pumpkin growers were told to expect next year's pricing discussion to begin early and continue into the next cycle, rather than waiting until summer.
- The GIC and foundation/funding timeline will need monitoring over the next **6 months**.
- The board also anticipated follow-up on building maintenance items, especially the roof, flags, dance floor, and line painting.

Hi Ryan,

Enclosed is a draft bylaw regarding the operation of golf carts within Bonnie Lake Resorts. We respectfully request that Smoky Lake County review the proposed bylaw and bring it forward for discussion and consideration by Council, with the goal of implementing appropriate regulations that would permit the safe use of golf carts on designated roads within Bonnie Lake Resorts.

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the proposal further and receive the County's comments and recommendations.

## **PROPOSED BONNIE LAKE RESORTS GOLF CART BYLAW**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this bylaw is to permit and regulate the safe operation of golf carts on designated public roads within Bonnie Lake Resorts, Stages 1 through 4, including the designated portion of Township Road 595.

The intent is to provide residents and visitors with a safe recreational and local transportation option while protecting pedestrians, children, cyclists, motorists and property owners.

### **1. Designated Roads**

Golf carts may be operated on:

- All County roads located within Bonnie Lake Resorts, Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- Township Road 595 within the limits specifically identified and approved by Smoky Lake County.
- Any additional roads subsequently designated by Smoky Lake County.

The approved golf-cart routes shall be identified on a map forming part of the bylaw.

Golf carts shall not be operated on any road having a posted speed limit greater than 40 km/h except at an approved crossing specifically identified in the bylaw.

### **2. Minimum Operator Age**

No person under the age of **14 years** shall operate a golf cart on a designated public road. An operator must be capable of safely controlling the golf cart and understanding and obeying all applicable traffic regulations.

### **3. Golf Cart Permit and Identification Plate**

Every golf cart operated on a designated road shall be registered with Smoky Lake County and shall display a County-issued identification plate or permanent numbered decal.

Each golf cart shall be assigned a unique identification number, for example:

**BL-001, BL-002, BL-003, etc.**

The identification number shall be clearly visible from the rear of the golf cart.

The registration should include:

- Golf cart owner's name

- Bonnie Lake Resorts lot or property number
- Mailing address
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Make and model of golf cart
- Serial number, where available
- County-issued golf cart identification number

The permit shall be a **one-time permit** and remain valid for the golf cart while owned by the registered owner.

A new permit shall be required when ownership of the golf cart changes.

The County may charge a reasonable one-time administration and plate fee.

#### **4. Maximum Golf Cart Speed**

The maximum permitted speed for a golf cart on any designated road within Bonnie Lake Resorts shall be:

**20 km/h**

Operators shall travel at a lower speed when required because of pedestrians, children, road conditions, congestion, visibility or other safety considerations.

#### **5. Hours of Operation**

Golf carts may only be operated during **daylight hours**, in accordance with Alberta's Pilot Project (Golf Carts) Regulation.

Golf carts shall not be operated at night on designated public roads, **even if equipped with headlights, tail lights or other lighting equipment**, unless provincial legislation is amended or specific provincial authorization is obtained allowing nighttime operation.

#### **6. Rules of the Road**

Golf-cart operators shall:

- Travel on the roadway and keep as far to the right as reasonably practical.
- Obey all stop signs, yield signs and other traffic-control devices.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Give bicycles and pedestrians adequate space.
- Obey directions from peace officers, police officers and County enforcement personnel.
- Operate the golf cart in a safe and reasonable manner.
- Exercise particular caution near the playground, recreational areas and locations where children may be present.

Golf carts shall not be operated on sidewalks, pedestrian pathways, playground areas, landscaped areas or private property without the property owner's permission.

#### **7. Passengers**

The number of occupants shall not exceed the number of seats provided by the golf-cart manufacturer.

All passengers must be seated while the golf cart is moving.

No person shall:

- Stand on a moving golf cart.
- Ride on a rear platform intended for equipment or golf bags.
- Ride on the roof, fenders, running boards or exterior of the golf cart.
- Be carried in any location not intended by the manufacturer for passengers.

### **8. Equipment and Condition**

A golf cart operated under this bylaw shall:

- Be commercially manufactured as a golf cart.
- Be maintained in good working condition.
- Have properly functioning brakes and steering.
- Have tires in safe operating condition.
- Be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- Not be home-built or improperly modified.

### **9. Towing**

A golf cart shall not be used to tow:

- A trailer
- Wagon
- Bicycle
- Another golf cart or vehicle
- Person on a skateboard, bicycle, roller blades or similar device
- Any other equipment or object

### **10. Alcohol, Drugs and Dangerous Operation**

No person shall operate a golf cart while impaired by alcohol, cannabis, drugs or any substance that affects the person's ability to safely operate the golf cart.

Dangerous, careless or reckless operation is prohibited.

Racing, stunt driving, intentional skidding or similar activities are prohibited on public roads.

### **11. Municipal Authorization**

An operator shall carry or otherwise be able to provide proof that the golf cart has been authorized by Smoky Lake County and shall produce that proof when requested by a peace officer, police officer or bylaw enforcement officer.

### **12. Collisions**

The operator or registered owner shall report any golf-cart collision involving:

- Personal injury

- Death
- Damage to another vehicle
- Damage to public property
- Damage to private property

to Smoky Lake County in the manner established by the County.

### **13. Responsibility of Registered Owner**

The registered owner is responsible for ensuring that persons permitted to operate their golf cart are aware of the requirements of this bylaw.

The registered owner shall not knowingly allow a person under 14 years of age to operate the golf cart on a designated public road.

### **14. Suspension or Cancellation of Permit**

Smoky Lake County may suspend or cancel a golf-cart permit for:

- Repeated violations of this bylaw.
- Dangerous or reckless operation.
- Allowing an underage operator to use the golf cart.
- Providing false information when registering the golf cart.
- Altering or transferring a County identification plate without authorization.

### **15. Signage**

Smoky Lake County shall install appropriate signs at entrances and other locations identifying the designated golf-cart area.

Suggested entrance signage:

**BONNIE LAKE RESORTS**

**GOLF CARTS PERMITTED ON DESIGNATED ROADS**

**GOLF CART MAXIMUM 20 KM/H**

**OPERATORS MUST BE 14 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER**

**DAYLIGHT OPERATION ONLY**

### **16. Provincial Requirements**

All golf-cart operation shall comply with Alberta's Pilot Project (Golf Carts) Regulation and any other applicable provincial legislation.

Where provincial legislation establishes a more restrictive requirement than this bylaw, the provincial requirement shall apply.

### **17. Effective Date**

This bylaw shall come into force following approval of Smoky Lake County's participation in Alberta's Golf Cart Pilot Project and on the effective date established by Smoky Lake County.

The bylaw shall remain in effect for the period authorized under the provincial Golf Cart Pilot Project unless amended, repealed or extended in accordance with provincial legislation.

Thanks

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*President, Bascor Developments Ltd.*

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August 10, 2026

Dear Municipality,

**September 7** is officially recognized as **Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day in Alberta**, offering an opportunity to honour the lasting impact and valuable contributions of Ukrainian Canadians across the province. *This year is especially meaningful as we **celebrate 135 years of Ukrainian immigration to Canada***. Today's vibrant community of Ukrainians in Alberta accounts for nearly nine percent of the province's population, and Ukrainian heritage is deeply embedded in our province's history and the nation's cultural mosaic.

The journey of Ukrainians in Canada began on September 7, 1891, when two Ukrainians, Ivan Pylypiw and Vasyl Eleniak, arrived in Quebec City. Not long after, the Edna-Star colony in Alberta became one of the earliest and most significant Ukrainian block settlements in Canada. Since then, Ukrainians have been devoted to building and enriching communities across our province through various aspects of public life, including agricultural settlement & development, civic engagement, manufacturing, mercantile, education, dedicated military service, and years of volunteerism. Today, Alberta welcomes many talented and hardworking Ukrainian newcomers who continue to contribute to the province's prosperity and growth.

To recognize Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day and honour the 135th anniversary of Ukrainian immigration to Canada, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council respectfully asks your municipality to participate in this province-wide initiative on September 7. **We invite you to consider one (or more) of the following options to recognize Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day.**

- Hold a flag-raising ceremony at your municipal centre and share a photograph with us and your social messaging.
- Share a Ukrainian Canadian heritage poster and commemorative message on your social media - create your own, or UCC-APC would be pleased to provide a ready to-use social media poster and message of recognition
- Light up a municipal building in the colours of the Ukrainian flag: blue and yellow and share a photograph with us and your social messaging.
- Create your own unique initiative within your municipality.



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КОНГРЕС УКРАЇНЦІВ КАНАДИ  
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Please choose the option that is most suitable for your municipality.

**We would greatly appreciate it if you could document your participation and send us a photo or video of your recognition,** as we hope to share highlights of the province-wide Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day in Alberta across our social media.

We thank you for your commitment in recognizing and commemorating this day and honouring the generations of Ukrainians who have been part of the community and history of your municipality.

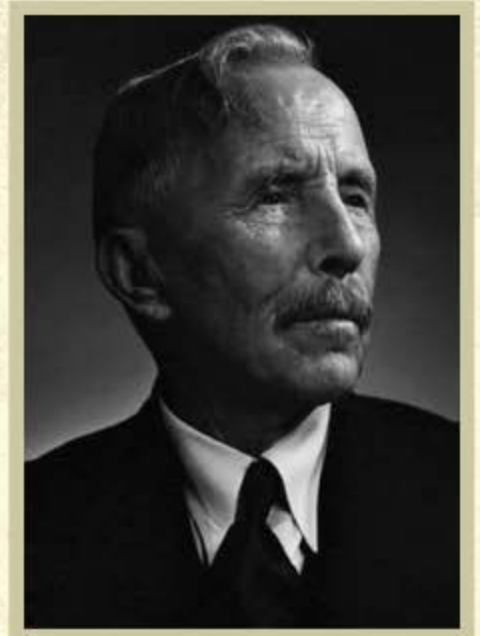
Thank you,

Lydia Migus,

President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress-Alberta Provincial Council

# UKRAINIAN CANADIAN HERITAGE DAY

September 7 2026



Recognizing the generations of  
Ukrainians who helped shape  
Albertan communities

# Message of Recognition

On **September 7** our municipality recognizes Alberta **Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day** and the enduring commitment and contributions of generations of Ukrainians that make Alberta home. This year also marks the **135th Anniversary of Ukrainian immigration to Canada**.

Over the decades, Ukrainian Canadians contributed to the building of this province - clearing lands, developing farms, establishing churches, schools, hospitals, businesses, cultural organizations, and helped shape many communities across the province that continue to exist today.

Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day is an opportunity for our municipality to recognize the resilience, dedication, and effort of the Ukrainians and Ukrainian Canadians who developed and continue to support and grow our community.



August 21, 2026

County of Wetaskiwin

Sent via e-mail to [REDACTED]

**Attention:** Scott MacDougall, Chief Administrative Officer

Westlock County

Sent via e-mail to [REDACTED]

**Attention:** Tony Kulbisky, Chief Administrative Officer

County of St. Paul

Sent via e-mail to [REDACTED]

**Attention:** Jason Wallsmith, Chief Administrative Officer

Thorhild County

Sent via e-mail to [REDACTED]

**Attention:** Ryan Maier, Chief Administrative Officer

Smoky Lake County

Sent via e-mail to [REDACTED]

Attention: Chyenne Shaw, Chief Administrative Officer

Municipal District Bonnyville No. 87

Sent via e-mail [REDACTED]

Attention : Ben Berlinguette, Chief Administrative Officer

Beaver County

Sent via e-mail to [REDACTED]

Attention: Dan Blackie, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

## **Re: Collaboration on Agricultural Disaster Advocacy**

Dear Chief Administrative Officers:

As you are aware, municipalities across Alberta are facing significant and continuing impacts from excessive moisture, localized flooding, and prolonged wet conditions during the 2026 growing season. These conditions are affecting producers' ability to access land, complete seasonal operations, harvest forage, and sustain crop and livestock production.

Sturgeon County Council declared an agricultural disaster on August 6, 2026, to formally recognize the seriousness of these impacts and support coordinated advocacy for affected producers. We understand that many municipalities are facing similar circumstances, and that the full extent of the season's impacts will continue to emerge as harvest progresses.

In response, Sturgeon County is preparing a resolution for consideration at the upcoming Rural Municipalities of Alberta convention. The resolution will seek to advance discussion with the provincial and federal governments on the agricultural disaster declaration and response framework, including whether current supports adequately address the needs of producers affected by widespread and prolonged moisture conditions.

Given the shared nature of these challenges, we are interested in working with other affected municipalities to identify common priorities and coordinate advocacy where it will be most effective. A unified municipal voice can help ensure that the experiences of producers and rural communities are clearly understood by other orders of government.

If your Council is interested in reviewing the proposed resolution, discussing areas of common interest, or participating in coordinated advocacy, please have a member of your administration contact Jill Szaroz, Executive Assistant to the CAO, Sturgeon County, at [jszaroz@sturgeoncounty.ca](mailto:jszaroz@sturgeoncounty.ca) to arrange a follow-up discussion.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to work together in support of Alberta's agricultural producers and rural communities.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Travis Peter.

Travis Peter, Chief Administrative Officer, Sturgeon County  
c: Sturgeon County Mayor and Council

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by September 15, 2026.**

**Lakeland**  
COLLEGE

July 28, 2026

Chyen Shaw, CAO  
Smoky Lake County  
PO Box 310, Smoky Lake, AB  
T0A 3C0  
cshaw@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

**RE: Smoky Lake County  
Acknowledgment of Application for Hazard Assistance and Resilience Program  
(HARP)**

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Dear Chyen Shaw,

Thank you for your application received on July 20, 2026, requesting disaster financial assistance following the flood occurring in your jurisdiction between June 19, 2026 to July 3, 2026.

We will review your application against the conditions set out in Section 1.6 of the Disaster Assistance Directives to confirm it meets the program qualification requirements. If it meets the requirements, it will be advanced through the funding review process. We will advise you as soon as possible once a decision has been made.

Please note that approved applications are subject to a 90:10 cost-sharing arrangement whereby 90% of eligible disaster costs are covered by the province and 10% are covered by the applicant. The 10% is deducted from the total eligible assistance awarded, which means no payments are required from the applicant.

The Government of Alberta is committed to supporting the recovery of communities impacted by disasters. Individuals and communities are also encouraged to take measures to reduce their disaster risk.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your Recovery Coordinator Kevin Fald [REDACTED] or kevin.fald@gov.ab.ca. More information on the HARP can be found at [www.alberta.ca/harp](http://www.alberta.ca/harp).

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Dane Wade  
A/Director, Community Recovery Services

cc: Mark Courtney, Manager, Community Recovery Services, Northeast Region  
Kevin Fald, Recovery Coordinator, Community Recovery Services, Northeast Region  
Anne Chambers, Matthew Wattie, Field Officers, Northeast Region

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## NOVEMBER 16, 2026

11:30 am | Economic Budget Forum  
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As Alberta looks ahead to Budget 2027–28, the Tourism Industry Association of Alberta invites you to join industry leaders, tourism operators, municipalities, and government representatives for the 2026 Alberta Tourism Economic Budget Forum.

This year's forum will explore the economic, political, and industry trends shaping Alberta's visitor economy through engaging keynote presentations and thought-provoking panel discussions. Attendees will gain valuable insights into Alberta's evolving political landscape, tourism strategy,

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We have an exceptional lineup of respected political analysts, industry executives, and tourism leaders to explore the issues shaping Alberta's visitor economy.

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11:30 AM Economic Budget Forum

5:30 PM MLA Reception

6:30 PM Dinner & GRIT Awards

## QUESTIONS?

Contact the TIAA office by email to [info@tiaalberta.ca](mailto:info@tiaalberta.ca)

on Alberta's political and economic outlook, tourism strategy, market access, transportation and connectivity, trade, and the opportunities that lie ahead for the industry. The program will feature thought-provoking panel discussions and presentations from leaders representing government, tourism, aviation, business, and public policy, providing valuable insights and diverse perspectives on the future of tourism in Alberta.

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The Honourable Devin Dreeshen, M.L.A.  
 Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors  
 127 Alberta Legislature Building  
 10800 – 97 Avenue  
 Edmonton, Alberta  
 T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Dreeshen,

Highway 36 is officially designated as part of the province's High Load Corridor. It allows high and wide loads to bypass major traffic routes as the overhead utilities and bridges on Highway 36 are built to accommodate these over dimensional loads. It serves as the main connector between the United States and the northern industrial hub of Fort McMurray; however, it is primarily an undivided, two-lane highway. Unfortunately, the lack of investment into road infrastructure like passing lanes and turnouts on this highway continue to create serious and persisting safety hazards. As representatives of residents and communities alongside Highway 36, we urge you to prioritize construction of passing lanes on Highway 36.

As our provincial economy grows, so does demand on our road infrastructure. Roads become busier with over dimensional loads, often sharing the highway with the traveling public, visitors, and local industry. Although Highway 36 has portions of the designated route for over dimensional loads as existing corridor with more portions proposed, these loads often create safety hazards for the traveling public due to lack of adequate passing lanes and turnouts. In our analysis, we identified various turning lanes throughout, only 5 turnouts, 7 rest areas, and a mere 1.3 kms of north bound passing lane and 1.3 kms of south bound passing lane over 663 kms of Highway 36 from Warner to Lac La Biche – a dedicated provincial High Load Corridor. In comparison, on a similar route in Saskatchewan (Highway 7 from Alsask to Kindersley) there are approximately 18.2 kms of alternating passing lanes over just 64 kms. This section of Highway 7 in Saskatchewan can more safely accommodate this high and wide load traffic due to the more appropriate design.

Residents throughout the region continue to express serious concerns around how unsafe it can be to travel on Highway 36. Their concerns are rooted in the lack of passing lanes and turnouts, combined with the frequency of over dimensional loads. Our communities understand that Highway 36 is a critical industrial transportation corridor for the province, but the long lines of traffic combined with impatient drivers and limited space create significant safety hazards. Long passing wait times from the over dimensional loads are made worse due to the lack of passing lanes, and loads which are transported in less-than-ideal weather conditions create serious safety issues. The people who live and work in our communities are the ones who are being forced to navigate these hazards, day in and day out. Passing lanes help alleviate these hazards by giving



drivers legal, predictable spaces to go around over dimensional loads, slower equipment and agricultural traffic, commercial vehicles, and trailers.

By constructing passing lanes on Highway 36, the Province would be making our residents and communities safer, while helping this designated High Load Corridor be more effective for industrial and commercial traffic. Our communities and ratepayers recognize the Province has many competing priorities and projects to consider when developing capital plans. However, the persistent safety hazards resulting from inadequate road infrastructure on Highway 36 needs to be addressed with urgency.

The undersigned municipalities, representing communities along Highway 36, urge you to work with your department to prioritize the construction of alternating passing lanes on the entirety of Highway 36. This investment will make a positive and meaningful impact to the lives of our residents, the traveling public, and industrial users from the US Border to Fort MacMurry.

Sincerely,

Shaune Kovitch, Chair  
Special Areas Board

Gene Hrabec, Reeve  
Beaver County

Murray Hampshire, Reeve  
Flagstaff County

Paul Reutov, Mayor  
Lac La Biche County

Roger Konieczny, Reeve  
County of Minburn

Arno Doerksen, Reeve  
County of Newell

Stan Shulmeister,  
County of Paintearth No. 18

Craig Lukinuk, Reeve  
Smoky Lake County

Glen Ockerman, Reeve  
County of St. Paul

Tamara Miyanaga, Reeve  
Municipal District of Taber

Murray Phillips, Reeve  
County of Two Hills

Randy Taylor, Reeve  
County of Warner



**Travel Lakeland**  
**Request for Decision**  
**Date: August 7, 2026**

**To:** Smoky Lake County Council

**From:** Travel Lakeland Destination Management Organization (DMO)

**Subject:** Travel Lakeland Destination Development Collaboration

### **1. Purpose**

Travel Lakeland works to strengthen the visitor economy while supporting communities as places to visit, live, work, and invest.

We are requesting Council's consideration of a partnership with Travel Lakeland through per capita based Membership and Special Assessment (2027 and 2028) and enhanced municipal engagement in Travel Lakeland initiatives to support implementation of the Travel Lakeland 20-Year Destination Development Plan.

### **2. Background**

Travel Lakeland is sharing its Destination Development Plan (DDP) project to our municipal partners over the next few months. The actual plan is nearing completion and will be ready for our partners in August 2026. This regional collaboration project will include destination marketing, industry development, advocacy, and strategic planning. The DDP is an economic development strategy attracting nearly \$200 million of investment to Travel Lakeland. An initial overview of the strategy was presented to your Council at the Joint Municipalities Meeting July 13, 2026.

In support of the Destination Development Plan creation and implementation, Travel Lakeland was awarded both a Northern Regional Economic Development (NRED) grant (\$183,000) and a Community Initiatives Project (CIP) grant (\$40,000) in 2025. Travel Alberta supported some marketing initiatives (\$60,000 in 2026).

We intend to seek a Provincial Destination Management Organization designation in October, to provide the organization with the potential to access Destination Management Fund programs and to increase our profile within the Province as an industry leader.

We will also be seeking 2027 Travel Alberta Funding of \$150,000 under the Rural Development Fund, for marketing plans and DDP implementation. And MP Laila Goodridge's team is monitoring and forwarding Federal grant opportunities as they arise.

Our next grant applications include the CIP Collaboration funding, anticipating a \$100,000 ask, and are looking to collaborate with our 30 municipal partners to provide \$100,000 for grant matching dollars. We are also sharing this project with PrairiesCan to determine if they would consider it in their funding

programs. The new grant timing, if we are successful, would not provide any funds until April 2027 at the earliest.

Annual municipal membership at \$0.30 per capita provides municipalities with a range of benefits that support local economic development and tourism growth. Membership includes enhanced exposure through the Travel Lakeland website, events calendar, newsletters, social media, visitor guides, and regional campaigns, while also providing opportunities for networking, collaboration, and partnerships with tourism operators, neighbouring municipalities, and provincial organizations. Members benefit from advocacy and representation at both provincial and regional levels, access to tourism resources and industry support, and participation in strategic initiatives that strengthen the Lakeland as a destination. Together, these services help communities attract more visitors, increase economic activity, and contribute to building a destination where people choose to visit, live, work, and invest.

In addition to annual membership, Travel Lakeland is proposing a Special Assessment of \$0.70 per capita for 2027 and 2028 (2 years). This assessment is separate from membership and is dedicated exclusively to implementing projects identified in the Travel Lakeland 20-Year Destination Development Plan, potentially matched by the Province if our CIP Collaboration application is successful. The Collaboration funding will be used for continuing stakeholder engagements and DDP action implementation (marketing, resources, corporate structures, investment attraction, fundraising capacity).

### **3. Travel Lakeland Ask**

Travel Lakeland, through your Administration, requests Council consideration of the following:

- That Council consider membership or continued membership with Travel Lakeland Destination Management Organization for 12 months at a rate of \$0.30 per capita, based on the most recent municipal population data for the entire municipality, and
  - That Council consider participation in the Special Assessment for 2027 and 2028 (2 years) at a rate of \$0.70 per capita, with funds dedicated exclusively to implementation of the Travel Lakeland 20-Year Destination Development Plan, and,
  - That Council provide a letter of support to Travel Lakeland for the Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Collaboration grant application, indicating in the letter if financial support (as requested in bullet 2) is budgeted, and,
  - That Council supports strengthening the municipality's partnership with Travel Lakeland by directing Administration to:
    - Include the Travel Lakeland logo and website link on the municipality's tourism webpage and applicable tourism marketing materials.
    - Include the Travel Lakeland Event Calendar on the municipality's tourism website and promote event registration within the municipality on the Travel Lakeland Event Calendar.
    - Identify Travel Lakeland as a regional committee, board, or organizational partnership on the municipality's website and other platforms, where appropriate.
    - Participate in Travel Lakeland tourism events and meetings as schedules permit.
- and,

- That Council directs Administration to provide updates on new tourism assets, experiences, attractions, and significant changes as they occur to Travel Lakeland's for inclusion in the comprehensive tourism asset inventory. Travel Lakeland will maintain the regional master inventory as the primary source of truth for tourism planning, marketing, and destination development, and
- That Council directs the Administration to utilize the Travel Lakeland tourism asset database for reporting and analysis of tourism assets within the municipality.

We appreciate your consideration of these requests, in support of Travel Lakeland as your municipality's Destination Management Organization (DMO).

Sincerely,

Michelle Wright, President, Travel Lakeland 2026



23 Aug 2026

**To: Smoky Lake County**

On behalf of the Bellis Board of Trade, I would like to thank you for your generous support towards our group with your prize donation for our Bellis Scavenger Hunt on Aug 23, 2026.

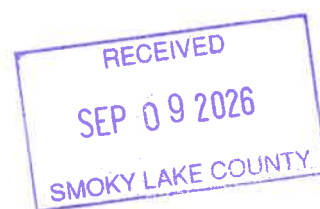
This was the first time we've hosted a Scavenger Hunt and based on the smiles and laughter, it was a huge success. We have a great group of volunteers, some of whom you probably met canvassing, and they donated their time towards setting up tents/tables (in case of the inevitable rain), drafting rules and riddles, along with hiding trinkets near each landmark in Bellis. There was great camaraderie by those who entered teams as some strove for speed, while others for accuracy, but they all got to learn a bit more about our beautiful hamlet. The donated prizes were an added bonus and reward for their efforts.

As our board members have a lot of love and pride for Bellis, but with limited businesses in the area and funds, we have been reaching out to community members like yourself for support in our fundraising efforts. If you've driven past on highway 28 lately, you've likely noticed the ongoing deterioration of our "Welcome to Bellis" highway entrance sign. The current sign was hand painted and put in place decades ago by previous Bellis Board of Trade volunteers and is due for a refresh or possibly replacement.

Once again, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you – your support means the world to us!

Mark Schoepgens, President

Bellis Board of Trade





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July 22, 2026

The Honourable Dan Williams  
 Minister of Municipal Affairs  
 Members of Executive Council  
 Executive Branch  
 320 Legislature Building  
 10800 - 97 Avenue  
 Edmonton, AB  
 T5K 2B6

Sent via Email: [municipal.affairs.minister@gov.ab.ca](mailto:municipal.affairs.minister@gov.ab.ca)

Dear Minister Williams,

### **Re: Thank You for Meeting with Smoky Lake County Council**

On behalf of Smoky Lake County Council, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for taking the time to meet with us to discuss the priorities and challenges facing our municipality and the broader Smoky Lake region.

Smoky Lake County Council recognizes the many demands on your time, and we are grateful for the opportunity to have an open and constructive conversation about the issues that matter most to our residents. Your willingness to listen to the perspectives of rural municipalities and engage in meaningful dialogue is greatly appreciated.

The County was pleased to discuss several key priorities, including rural health care and EMS services, municipal infrastructure funding, fire services, affordable housing, and opportunities to strengthen economic development throughout our region. These issues have a direct impact on the quality of life of our residents and on the long-term sustainability of rural Alberta.

Council appreciates the Province's continued investment in municipalities through programs such as the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) and the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP). These programs provide important support for local infrastructure; however, as discussed during our meeting, rural municipalities continue to face increasing financial pressures associated with aging infrastructure, rising construction costs, emergency service demands, and the extensive road and bridge networks that support Alberta's agricultural, forestry, energy, and transportation sectors.

Also, Council values the collaborative relationship between the Province and municipalities and looks forward to continuing to work together to identify practical solutions that will strengthen



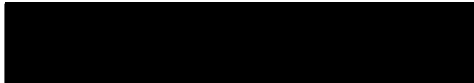
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rural communities and ensure they remain resilient, prosperous, and well-positioned for future growth.

Thank you again for your time, your thoughtful discussion, and your continued commitment to supporting Alberta's municipalities. We appreciate your willingness to hear our concerns and look forward to ongoing collaboration in the months ahead.

Sincerely,



**Craig Lukinuk**  
**Reeve**  
**Smoky Lake County**



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**July 27, 2026**

Mr. Glen van Dijken  
MLA for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock  
5106-50 Street  
Barrhead, AB T7N 1A3

**Sent Via Email to:** [Athabasca.Barrhead.Westlock@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:Athabasca.Barrhead.Westlock@assembly.ab.ca)

**Dear Mr. van Dijken,**  
**Re: Thank You for Meeting with Smoky Lake County Council**

On behalf of Smoky Lake County Council, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for taking the time to meet with us alongside Minister Dan Williams to discuss the priorities and challenges facing our municipality and the broader Smoky Lake region.

Council greatly appreciates your continued commitment to representing the interests of rural Alberta and your willingness to engage in meaningful discussions with municipalities. Your familiarity with the unique opportunities and challenges facing our region contributed to a productive and constructive conversation.

During our meeting, Council had the opportunity to discuss several key priorities, including rural health care and EMS services, municipal infrastructure funding, fire services, affordable housing, and opportunities to strengthen economic development throughout the region. We appreciate your willingness to listen to these concerns and your ongoing advocacy for practical solutions that support rural communities.

The County also value the collaborative relationship we have developed with your office and appreciate your accessibility and continued support of local municipalities. Strong partnerships between elected provincial representatives and municipal governments are essential to ensuring rural communities remain resilient, sustainable, and well-positioned for future growth.

Thank you again for your time, your thoughtful discussion, and your continued dedication to serving the residents of Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock. We look forward to continuing to work together and appreciate your ongoing support of Smoky Lake County and the region.

Sincerely,

**Craig Lukinuk**  
Reeve  
Smoky Lake County



August 5, 2026

Michael Botros  
Regional Director, North Central Region  
Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors  
Government of Alberta

Landon Reppert  
Construction Manager, North Central Region  
Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors  
Government of Alberta  
Sent Via Email: [Michael.Botros@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Michael.Botros@gov.ab.ca) [Landon.Reppert@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Landon.Reppert@gov.ab.ca)

Dear Mr. Botros and Mr. Reppert:

**Re: Status of Highway Intersection Improvements**

On behalf of Smoky Lake County Council, I am writing to request a timely update regarding the status of the highway intersections located at Range Roads 160, 164, 180, and 190.

Council respectfully requests information regarding the current condition and status of each intersection, including:

- Any assessments or reviews that have been completed or are underway;
- Any safety concerns or operational issues that have been identified;
- Whether improvements are currently planned and, if so, the anticipated scope and timeline for the work; and
- The status and future consideration of intersections that are not currently identified for planned improvements.
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These intersections are important to the safe and efficient movement of residents, agricultural producers, commercial traffic, and emergency services throughout Smoky Lake County. A clear understanding of the Province's plans for these locations will assist the County in responding to public concerns and coordinating its infrastructure planning.

Smoky Lake County Council would appreciate receiving an update at your earliest convenience. We also welcome the opportunity to meet with representatives from Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors to discuss these intersections and any potential next steps.



Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Craig Lukinuk  
Reeve  
Smoky Lake County



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August 13, 2026

Rural Municipalities of Alberta

District 5

2510 Sparrow Dr, Nisku, AB T9E SNS

Sent via email: [ghrabec@beaver.ab.ca](mailto:ghrabec@beaver.ab.ca)

Dear District 5 Representatives:

## **Re: Advocacy for Sustainable Rural Healthcare Facilities**

On behalf of Smoky Lake County Council, I am writing to request that Rural Municipalities of Alberta District 5 advocate to the Government of Alberta for sustainable funding, adequate resources, and supportive policies that ensure the long-term viability of healthcare facilities in rural communities.

Rural healthcare facilities are essential to the health, safety, and overall wellbeing of rural residents. These facilities often serve large geographic areas and provide critical services to residents who may otherwise be required to travel considerable distances to access appropriate care. This concern is further compounded by recurring emergency room closures and ongoing pressures on EMS services, which can leave rural residents without timely access to urgent or emergency care when they need it most.

In addition to maintaining reliable healthcare services, it is important that rural facilities provide safe, dignified, and appropriate living conditions for residents receiving short-term, continuing, or long-term care. Aging infrastructure, staffing shortages, limited resources, and increasing operational pressures can significantly affect both the availability of services and the quality of the care environment.

Smoky Lake County Council respectfully requests that RMA District 5 advocate for provincial action that includes:

- Stable, predictable, and sustainable funding for rural healthcare facilities;
- Adequate staffing, training, recruitment, and retention resources;
  - Reliable emergency room access and adequately resourced EMS services to ensure timely response and care for rural residents during urgent and emergency situations;
- Investment in the maintenance, modernization, and replacement of aging rural healthcare infrastructure;
- Policies that recognize the unique geographic, demographic, and operational challenges faced by rural communities;



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- Appropriate living conditions that support the safety, dignity, comfort, and wellbeing of residents accessing healthcare services; and
- Meaningful consultation with rural municipalities, healthcare providers, residents, and families when decisions affecting rural healthcare services and facilities are being considered.

The continued viability of rural healthcare facilities is fundamental to strong and sustainable rural communities. Council believes a coordinated advocacy effort is necessary to ensure rural residents receive equitable access to quality healthcare services in suitable and dignified environments.

Thank you for your consideration and continued advocacy on behalf of Alberta's rural municipalities. We would appreciate being advised of any action taken by RMA District 5 regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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Craig Lukinuk  
Reeve  
Smoky Lake County

cc: Glenn van Dijken, MLA, Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock  
Smoky Lake County Council  
Chyenne Shaw, Chief Administrative Officer



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September 4, 2026

The Honourable Tara Sawyer  
Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation  
Members of Executive Council Executive Branch  
131 Legislature Building  
10800 - 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB TSK 2B6  
[AGRIC.Minister@gov.ab.ca](mailto:AGRIC.Minister@gov.ab.ca)

Re: DECLARATION OF AGRICULTURAL DISASTER

Dear Minister Sawyer,

On Date August 11, 2026, at its Special Council Meeting, Smoky Lake County Council passed a motion, supported by a motion of the Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, to declare an Agricultural Disaster due to excessive moisture, and to authorize the Reeve to send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation notifying the Minister of Council's declaration".

Many areas of the County have received nearly 200 to 300% of average monthly precipitation during June and July 2026. The moisture was initially a relief following several years of drought however, this one in over 100-year rainfall has caused significant devastation to agricultural land, public infrastructure, and rural communities.

As a result of the influx of rainfall, agricultural producers across the county have experienced severe impacts. Partial to entire fields have been left unseeded, seeded crops have been partially flooded and the remaining threatened by disease. Good quality hay is now impossible to put up and, while livestock producers are now facing increased animal health concerns, including hoof rot as the pastures are severely flooded. Overall, continued wet and cool conditions will increase production costs for many producers. Reduced yields, higher input costs, limited feed supplies, and ongoing uncertainty are and will be putting significant financial and mental health pressure on farm families.

Smoky Lake County Council respectfully requests that the Provincial and Federal Government recognize the severity of this agricultural disaster and work collaboratively in providing timely and effective assistance to the affected areas. We ask that all available programs be implemented and that additional assistance be explored where existing programs do not adequately address these extraordinary losses.



Agriculture is the foundation of Smoky Lake County's economy and many Alberta rural communities. Providing timely support will help producers recover and strengthen the long-term resilience of Alberta's agricultural sector.

Smoky Lake County Council and Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board look forward to your correspondence on how we will address this calamity that our agricultural producers and our municipality is facing.

Sincerely,

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Craig Lukinuk, Reeve

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David Kully, ASB Chair

Cc: Honorable Danielle Smith, Premier  
Honorable Glenn Van Dijken, MLA Athabasca- Barrhead Westlock  
Honorable Shannon Stubbs, MP Lakeland  
Rob Siewert, ASB Provincial Committee Chair  
Kara Westerlund, President RMA  
Gene Hrabec, RMA Director District 5