



Reeve's Report

Division: Three

Councillor: Craig Lukinuk

Reporting Period: (December 8, 2025 – January 19th, 2026)

Council Meeting Date: January 27th, 2026

Meetings, Events & Engagements Attended.

1) December 8th, 2025 - Interagency Meeting (Smoky Lake Region) (Craig, Lorne)

- Meeting held at the Smoky Lake Curling Club.
- A presentation was provided by the Eastern Alberta Regional Victim Services Society, focusing on community education and emphasizing that collaborative approaches strengthen support for individuals and families across the region.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2026, at the Vilna School, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- The next Annual Community Engagement Event is anticipated to take place in April 2026 (date to be determined).

2) December 11th, 2025 - Virtual Public Budget Participation (All Council)

- A PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposed 2026 budget was presented to the public.

3) December 15th, 2025 (Craig, Lorne)

- Assisted in serving lunch for the students at H.A. Kostash School before their Christmas break.

4) December 17th, 2025 - Physicians & Health Care Professional Committee

(Craig)

- An organizational meeting was held, during which Marianne Prockiw-Zarusky was elected Chair, and Craig Lukinuk was elected Vice Chair.
- Anita Fagnan provided an update on the rollout of the new health care system and discussed current challenges being experienced across the region.



- Information was shared regarding an upcoming webinar scheduled for January 22, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., which was circulated to all Council members for optional registration.
- Council acknowledged the birth of Dr. Adriana Esterhuizen baby girl, and a motion was passed to send a congratulatory gift basket to her and her family.
- Pat Palichuk provided an update on her new role with the Health Advisory Board and discussed changes associated with the Province's revised health care system.
- Christmas baskets were delivered by Marianne Prockiw-Zarusky and Craig Lukinuk to health care professionals across the region, totaling 11 businesses.
- Chrystal provided a verbal update on the committee's current financial position.

5) December 18th, 2025 - Regular County Council Meeting (All Council)

- Representatives from Travel Lakeland presented potential participation opportunities for Smoky Lake County at the 2026 Edmonton Boat and Sportsman Show.
- Council granted Third and Final Reading to Bylaw No. 1495-25, designating the Wynnyk House (SW-27-58-13-W4M) as a Municipal Historic Resource.
- Council granted Third and Final Reading to Bylaw No. 1494-25, designating the St. Elias (Pakan) Church (Plan 5011CE, Block A) as a Municipal Historic Resource.
- Council granted Third and Final Reading to Bylaw No. 1490-25, the Procedural Bylaw.
- Council granted Third and Final Reading to Bylaw No. 1493-25, the Records Retention & Disposition Bylaw.
- Council approved Policies 01-05 (Council Orientation), 01-51 (Public Participation), 01-11 (Municipal Office), 07-02 (Playground and Parks Safety), Peace Officer Patrol Vehicle Policy CPO-37-02, and Policy 01-55 (Agricultural Society Council Appointment), with minor amendments.
- Council directed Administration to amend Policy 62-31-01 regarding the handling of mangy coyotes and to return the revised policy to a January Regular Council Meeting for review.



- **Council Rescinded the Following Policies:**
 - Policy 01-01 – Procedures for Transacting County Business (superseded by the Procedural Bylaw)
 - Policy 01-16 – Procedures for Business of Council
 - Policy 01-26 – Agenda Format Policy
 - Policy 01-27 – Request for Decision Policy
 - Policy 01-49 – Delegations to Council
 - Policy 01-33 – County Operations Policy
 - Policy 01-06 – Public Hearing Procedures
 - Policy 01-40 – Governance Policies
 - Policy 01-12 – Reduction in Municipal Staff
 - Policy 01-02 – Election of Reeve and Deputy Reeve
 - Policy 10-03 – Waste Bin Rental Agreement
- Council approved payment of Invoice No. 021860 to 1848812 AB Ltd. in the amount of \$367.50 for reclamation work completed in Bellis, Alberta.
- Council appointed Reeve Craig Lukinuk and Deputy Reeve Lorne Halisky as representatives to the Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth & Opportunities (NAAGO).
- Council approved 2026 FCSS Grant allocations of \$2,500 to Smoky Lake Minor Hockey (Respect in Sports Program) and \$2,100 to the Smoky Lake Holubka Dancers (Volunteer Appreciation).
- Council directed Administration to include \$14,000 in the 2026 budget for community hall funding and to return with a draft policy for review.
- Council approved withdrawal from the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association contract in accordance with Motion No. 212-25.
- Council approved the addition of an Assistant Agricultural Services Fieldman position and directed Administration to proceed with recruitment.
- Council approved the 2026 Interim Municipal Budget with revenues of \$22,142,201 and expenditures of \$24,140,633, including \$1,998,432 in amortization.
- Council hosted a Public Hearing regarding proposed Bylaw No. 1489-25 and directed Administration to submit the bylaw to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors for approval prior to Second and Third Readings.
- Council added “Fire Level of Service – 2025 Engagement” and “Electoral Boundaries” as discussion items for the upcoming meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs.



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6) December 19th, 2025 - Smoky Lake Foundation Regular Board Meeting

(Jered, Craig)

- Please refer to Division 5 Councillor Jered Serben Report for information with regards to the Foundation.

7) January 8th, 2026 - Regular County Council Meeting (All Council)

- Council gave First Reading to Bylaw No. 1496-26, a bylaw to close all portions of the Government Road Allowance within Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 262, for consolidation with SE ¼ 14-59-16-W4M.
- Council scheduled a Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1496-26 on February 26, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., and directed that the hearing be advertised in accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act.
- Council directed Administration to provide “GO EAST” with information on camping, historical sites, and cultural interests, and approved a \$3,500 commitment for a two-page advertisement in the GO EAST Magazine.
- Council directed Administration to research and prepare an Employee Recruitment and Job Posting Policy, outlining how positions are advertised when hiring employees, and to bring the draft policy to a future Council meeting.
- Council acknowledged its concurrence with the terms proposed by the Village of Waskatenau for the annexation of County lands, including:
- Compensation to the County for lost tax revenue on annexed parcels, based on a declining formula: 100% in the year of annexation, then 80%, 60%, 40%, 20%, and 0% in subsequent years.
- The Village assuming costs for the public engagement program and offering to cover County costs up to \$500.
- The Village assuming electricity costs for the three streetlights on Range Road 193A (Site IDs 001465047210, 0010467850617, and 0010467861915).
- Written confirmation that any future costs related to removal, alteration, or relocation of existing natural gas infrastructure on NW-16-59-19-W4 will be borne by the Village and/or the developer.
- Council rejected the Village’s offer to pay \$50,000 over 10 years for costs related to the reclamation of the former nuisance grounds (Plan 5225CL; OT), and issued a counteroffer of \$100,000, to be paid over 10 years with annual payments due on January 1.



- Council directed Administration to request all studies completed on the annexation from the Village of Waskatenau and to provide a response by January 31, 2026.

8) January 12th, 2026 - Smoky Lake Foundation Board Orientation (Jered, Craig)

- Please refer to Councillor Jered Serben Division 5 Report.

9) January 15th, 2026 - Sonnevera Workshop (Lorne, Craig)

- Evergreen Regional Waste Management Service Commission and its Regional Partners.
- Please refer to Deputy Reeve Lorne Halisky Report.

10) January 16th, 2026 - RMA District 5 Meeting (All Council)

- Lamont Recreation Centre, Lamont County
- RCMP Funding the new roll out for all municipalities begins April 1st, 2026.
- Memberships for 2026 have been waved.
- Guest Speaker MLA Jackie Armstrong, DDC Lawyer Monell Sturko, Alberta Industrial Heartland Mark Plamondon, RCMP Acting District Operations Officer, S/Sgt James Morton, Consulting Engineers of Alberta, Ryan Betker & Amie McGowan
- Financial Statement was presented.
- Resolution on Bridge Size Culverts for replacement of Bridges was brought forward by the M.D of Bonnyville and was passed.
- Mike Wildeboer the Reeve of M.D of Wainwright was elected as the chair for District No.5
- Clint Murray from Vermilion River was elected as Vice Chair
- Robert Park was elected as our FCM Representative

11) January 26th, 2026 - Bar-V-Nook Smoky Lake Foundation

- Please refer to Councillor Jered Serben Division 5 Report.

12) January 19th, 2026 - Joint Municipalities Meeting Village of Vilna (All Council)



- Crown Prosecutor Patricia Hankinson from Fort Saskatchewan provided the board a verbal report on our justice system.
- Sgt. Anita Doctor presented an annual breakdown Report of the calls for the Smoky Lake Region.
- Community Futures Jody Foulds Senior Business Officer provided a history of the organization, how they assist local businesses and an overview of the loan activities with in the past year.
- V3 Consulting's Elisa Stamatakis delivered a presentation on the Highway 28 Corridor Regional Economic Development Concept Plan.
- Discussion took place regarding the availability of Physicians and Health Care Professionals, including locum challenges, which will be brought forward to the Ministers for consideration.
- Discussion was held regarding Smoky Lake County's potential participation in the Travel Lakeland Boat and Sportsman Show in Edmonton, scheduled for March 19–22, 2026.

Upcoming Meetings

- Physicians & Health Care Committee – February 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., Town of Smoky Lake
- RMA District 5 Meeting – September 1, 2026, County of Minburn
- NLLS – February 27, 2026, Virtual, 10:00 a.m.
- NLLS – May 29, 2026, in person, Elk Point, 10:00 a.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – February 26, 2026, Council Chambers
- Joint Municipalities Meeting – April 2026, hosted by Smoky Lake County