

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting for the purpose of Planning of Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 9:12 A.M.** held in County Council Chambers and virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology.

The meeting was called to Order by the Reeve Mr. Jered Serben, in the presence of the following persons:

ATTENDANCE		
<u>Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024</u>		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	
1	Dan Gawalko	Absent
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
3	Dominique Cere	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
Interim CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present in Chambers
Executive Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Absent
Plan. & Dev. Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Ag. Fieldman	Carleigh Danyluk	Present in Chambers
Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Amanda Kihn	Present in Chambers
Plan. & Dev. Tech.	Kyle Schole	Virtually Present

No Members of the Media were present.
No Members of the Public were present.

2. Agenda:

316-24: Fenerty

That the Agenda for Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting for the purpose of Planning, for January 31, 2024, be adopted, as amended:

Additions to the Agenda:

1. Off-Highway Vehicle Restrictions for Fire Prevention.
2. Alberta Indigenous & Municipal Police Transition Grant Program – Application.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Delegation:

Nil.

5. Executive Session:

Land Issue: White Earth Creek Water Flow

317-24: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session, under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 21: Intergovernmental Relations and Section 24: Advice from Officials, to discuss a Land Issue in respect to White Earth Creek Water Flow, in the presence of all Council (except Councillor Gawalko), Interim Chief Administration Officer, Planning and Development Manager, and Agricultural Fieldman, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, time 9:15 a.m.

Carried.

318-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County go out of Executive Session, time 9:50 a.m.

Carried.

White Earth Creek Water Flow

319-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council **recommend** Administration contact relevant intergovernmental agencies: Provincial and Federal, to clarify what actions Smoky Lake County can or cannot undertake in respect to White Earth Creek’s water flow flooding surrounding lands.
Carried.

4. Discussion:

Strategic Plan Priority to Grow Employment - Property Tax Incentives / Exemptions

320-24: Cere That Smoky Lake County Council **recommend** Administration bring forward further research to consider at a future, Regular Council Meeting, in respect to options for implementing Property Tax Incentives / Exemptions, as part of the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan’s Priority: “Grow Employment Opportunities”, and include examples of successes experienced by other rural municipalities who have implemented such incentives.
Carried.

Additions to the Agenda:

Off-Highway Vehicle Restrictions for Fire Prevention

321-24: Cere That Smoky Lake County Council **recommend** Administration bring forward a draft bylaw to revise and repeal the Bylaw No. 1149-07: Off Highway Vehicles (OHV), to allow for the incorporation of OHV restriction regulations for the purpose of enforcing fire prevention.
Carried.

Alberta Indigenous & Municipal Policing Transition Grant Program

322-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council **recommend** Administration re-submit an application to the Alberta Indigenous & Municipal Policing Transition Grant Program, subject to the Village of Vilna and Village of Waskatenau providing letters of support for a joint project titled: Smoky Lake County Crime Strategy Study, for potential funding in the amount of \$90,000.00; in an effort to increase the original potential funding in the amount of \$30,000.00, in respect to the original application submitted on January 16, 2024.
Carried.

Strategic Plan 2023-2025 Priorities Progress Report

323-24: Cere That Smoky Lake County Council **recommend** the Smoky Lake County Strategic Plan 2023-2025 Priorities Progress Report, prepared as information for the January 31, 2024, Council Committee of the Whole Meeting, be updated and brought forward to a future Regular Council Meeting to acknowledge.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

324-24: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Planning Meeting of January 31, 2024, be adjourned, time 11:21 a.m.
Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER