

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU
Regular Council Meeting
November 16, 2023

- Call to Order Mayor Richard Warren called the meeting To Order with Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette, Councillor Roy Krahulec, CAO Bernice Macyk and Public Works Foreman Don Rosa in attendance at 4:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
In Attendance: Todd Punter, Ross Tylor, Austin Whitton, Brian Starchuk, Kelly Starchuk, Deanna Elgert, Jordan Peaker, Anthony Amero, Sharon Phillips, Niki Bell, Karlee Fister, Terry Meyers.
- Foreman's Report **Foreman's Report**
Don Rosa provided a written Foreman's report to Council.
(copy attached).
- Res.234-2023 Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to adopt the Foreman's report.
Carried.
- Sgt. Anita Doktor **Delegations**
Sgt. Anita Doctor from the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment attended the Council meeting for general discussion.
- New Corporal will be coming to the Smoky Lake Detachment.
 - The Smoky Lake Detachment in conjunction with Rural Crime Watch is hosting a Town Hall meeting for crime prevention in the Town of Smoky Lake in January 2024. Everyone is welcome to attend.
 - A future Town Hall meeting could be in Waskatenau.
 - The RCMP urges the Public to report a crime.
 - RCMP is attending the Schools and is having lunch with the students in various grades.
- Res.235-2023 Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to accept the report by Sgt. Anita Doctor of the Smoky Lake RCMP for information purposes.
Carried.
- Clayton Didier Clayton Didier of the Pine Creek Retreat located near Waskatenau attended the Council meeting:
- Update on his soft launch of the Pine Creek Retreat location on Victoria Trail.
 - Boutique style of retreat with cabins and future glamping with tents.
 - Former Bear Reserve recognized near his Retreat.
 - Will be looking at offering electric scooters along Victoria Trail.
 - Tourism Minister of Canada visited his site.
 - Explore Edmonton expressed interest.
 - An economic and tourism grant opportunity will be available in the near future.
 - Waskatenau is the gateway to the Iron Horse Trail.
 - Stimulate economic growth for the area with possible theme.
 - Victoria District – Smoky Lake County is easy to work with for permits and zoning.
- Res.236-2023 Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to accept the report by Clayton Didier for information purposes and to invite Clayton Didier to the January 2024 Council meeting. Carried.
- Terry Meyers Resident Terry Meyers addressed Council regarding Policing in the community.
- Tired of crime and break-in attempts in the community.
 - RCMP doing daytime patrols and the community needs late night patrols as the activity is happening at night.
 - Concern about possessions.
 - Dispatch, prevention and patrolling by the RCMP are letting the residents down.
 - The Police do not come when they are needed. Delay in response time.
 - Every day last week several break-in attempts.
 - Citizens need to write letters to the MLA

- Suggestion from public in attendance to hire private security to patrol at night.
- Council discussed Citizens on Patrol and the Village police requisition paid to the Province.

Engine Retarder Brakes on Hwy

Resident Terry Meyers addressed Council regarding the use of engine retarder brakes on the Highway near the entrance of the Village.

- Can Council address the issue of eliminating the use of engine retarder brakes on the highway by the Truck Drivers.

Res.237-2023

Mayor Richard Warren moves to accept the report by Terry Meyers for information purposes. Carried.

Smoky Lake RCMP Res.238-2023

Mayor Richard Warren moves that Village of Waskatenau sends a formal request to the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment to request a Town Hall meeting to be held in Waskatenau to address crime prevention and community patrolling. Carried.

Engine Retarder Brakes

Councillor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau sends a letter to Alberta Transportation asking for the procedures on how to get signage on the highway that will refrain Truckers from the use of engine retarder brakes. Carried.

Agenda Res.239-2023

Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Agenda. Carried.

Organizational Meeting Res.240-2023

Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to adopt the Minutes of the October 19, 2023 Organizational Meeting. Carried.

Regular Meeting Res.241-2023

Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Minutes of the October 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hwy #28 – Twp Road 592 Access

The Smoky Lake County provided notification to the Village of Waskatenau that Alberta Transportation will leave Highway #28 – Twp Road 592 access as is for now.

Res.242-2023

Mayor Richard Warren moves to accept the notification from the Smoky Lake County for information purposes in regards to the Highway #28 – Twp Road 592 access. Carried.

Development Permit Process Res.243-2023

Councillor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau accepts the assistance from the Smoky Lake County Development Officers with the Development Permit process for the new Holy Family Catholic Replacement School at the charge of \$50.00/hour rate for services. Carried.

50th Avenue Bridge Project Invoice Res.244-2023

Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to approve the 50th Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project invoice from Formula Alberta Ltd. in the amount of \$351,880.20 as recommended by Associated Engineering. Carried.

Level I Bridge Inspection Res.245-2023

Mayor Richard Warren moves to contact Associated Engineering to inquire if they would complete a Level I Bridge inspection at no cost to the Village of Waskatenau as part of the Bridge Rehabilitation Project. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Village Policy Titled: Fees and Charges Res.246-2023

Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the updated Village of Waskatenau Policy Titled: Fees and Charges as presented at the Council meeting. Carried.

Library Partnership Res.247-2023

Mayor Richard Warren moves to table the item: New Holy Family Replacement School – Library Partnership until after the meeting with Lakeland Catholic Superintendent Joe Arruda on November 21, 2023. Carried.

Town of Smoky Lake Motions Res.248-2023	Councillor Roy Krahulec moves the Motions presented to the Village of Waskatenau for consideration by the Town of Smoky Lake: Holding bi-annual Joint Municipalities Committee meetings and to disband the Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee should be discussed at the next Joint Municipalities Committee meeting. Carried.
Smoky Lake Courthouse Res.249-2023	Mayor Richard Warren moves that Village of Waskatenau accepts the letter received from the Minister of Justice, Honourable Mickey Amery on November 14, 2023 in regards to re-establishing a courthouse in the Town of Smoky Lake for information purposes. Carried.
Christmas Light-Up Event	The Village of Waskatenau Annual Christmas Light-Up event will be held on December 1, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will also be a Village Outdoor Lights and Decoration Contest.
Financial Statement Res.250-2023	Councillor Roy Krahulec moves the October 31, 2023 Financial Statement be adopted for information purposes. Carried.
Correspondence	Smoky Lake RCMP – quarterly community policing report. Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board – minutes and action tracking table. Municipal Affairs – 2022 financial and governance indicators for long term viability. Smoky Lake County – North Saskatchewan Heritage River Initiative. Smoky Lake County – development permit referral from Lamont County. Alberta Health Services – Smoky Lake Hospital emergency department closures – various dates. RMA Insurance – insurance renewal update. Capital Region Assessment Services – annual meeting agenda October 26, 2023 and Business Plan.
Correspondence Res.251-2023	Councillor Roy Krahulec moves the correspondence presented at this meeting be adopted as read and filed for information. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Waskatenau Creek Trail Connectivity Study	Representatives from 02, Smoky Lake County and Village of Waskatenau toured the Waskatenau Creek Nature Trail and continued with the site visit to the North Saskatchewan River on October 23, 2023.
Workshop	A workshop for the Waskatenau Creek Trail Connectivity Study was held on October 24, 2023 with 02, Village of Waskatenau and Smoky Lake County Council and staff. Village of Waskatenau attendees were Mayor Richard Warren, Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette and Bernice Macyk.
Physicians & Healthcare Prof.	Mayor Richard Warren attended the Physicians and Healthcare Professionals meeting on October 23, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee received a \$1,000.00 grant from RHPAP. • The School event was postponed until March. Student interest to work in rural health and health care professions. • Alberta Health Services is actively looking for international nurses to work in Smoky Lake. • The new Doctor in Smoky Lake has still not completed the practicum. • New business interest for veterinary services in the Smoky Lake region. Research for incentives to be done.
Annexation	Mayor Richard Warren, Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette and Bernice Macyk attended the joint Smoky Lake County and Village of Waskatenau meeting on October 24, 2023 with Municipal Planning Services in attendance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Planning Services provided an overview of the Proposed Annexation and the Annexation process.

- Village of Waskatenau currently has no room or opportunity for growth. Future growth opportunities – Commercial/Industrial development or Subdivision.
- Joint Intermunicipal Development Plan between the County and the Village already shows annexation overlap maps.
- Old Nuisance Grounds - Site remediation has been completed and materials removed. Discussion to remove setback.
- Next Steps to include: Tax comparison, Village Franchise Agreement with Apex Utilities/County infrastructure, water/sewer capacity, pre-consultation with Alberta Transportation.

Intermunicipal
Collaboration

Councillor Roy Krahulec and Bernice Macyk attended an Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC) meeting on November 15, 2023.

- Regional Fire Services: Implementation Chart with Action items.
- Terms of Reference – New Bylaw will be developed.
- Draft Services Agreement to be reviewed by each municipality.
- Budget and Funding Formula discussed.
- Levels of Service Schedule were reviewed and amended. The Schedule will be brought back to the next meeting.
- The Smoky Lake County will amend the budget and provide the Committee with a proposed budget to reflect a 10 week on-Call member (Lamont Model) based on equalized assessment and Transitional Solutions budget break-down costs.

Evergreen Waste

Mayor Richard Warren attended the Evergreen Waste meeting on November 16, 2023.

- Alberta Recycling Management Program for municipalities. Government mandate to register for the program by December 31, 2023. Evergreen Waste can register on behalf of the member municipalities. The program is for cardboard, paper and hazard waste products. The cost will be covered by the Producer.
- Tender Bids for Engineering Services were reviewed. The Commission will stay with Omni-McCann for services.
- There was a new unused cell located at the regional site. This cell was never opened and will now be used.

Joint Smoky Lake
County/Village of
Waskatenau

Joint meeting scheduled with the Smoky Lake County and Village of Waskatenau on November 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss a DayCare in the new Holy Family Catholic Replacement School. In attendance at the meeting will be Lakeland Catholic Superintendent Joe Arruda.

Res.252-2023

Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Committee reports as presented. Carried.

Executive Session
No Executive Session

Accounts

Attached Addendum for Accounts Payable for period October 20, 2023 to November 16, 2023

Res.253-2023

Councillor Roy Krahulec moves the attached accounts be approved for payment in the amount \$60,760.05. Carried.

Meeting Date
Res.254-2023

Mayor Richard Warren moves the next Regular Council Meeting will be on December 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment
Res.255-2023

Mayor Richard Warren moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Carried.

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU

Per: _____
MAYOR

Per: _____
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER