

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130,  
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN FALHER, ALBERTA,  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 1, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Chairman: Robert Brochu  
Committee Members: Alain Blanchette  
Andre Trudeau  
Gilles Roy  
Raoul Johnson  
Paula Guindon  
Chief Administrative Officer: Rita Therriault  
Director of Corporate Services: Kelsie Fournier  
Recording Secretary: Ashley Garnham

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chairman Brochu at 9:01 a.m.

Chairman Brochu reminded Council to turn off their cell phones, or to put them on silent.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

**MOVED** by Member Trudeau that the agenda be approved as amended:

- Northern Alberta Elected Leaders - NAV Canada Notice of Proposal
- Upcoming Committee of the Whole Meetings

**CARRIED**

STRATEGIC PLAN

Committee Members discussed working on a Strategic Plan to address:

- Infrastructure deficits
- Future maintenance and replacement of assets
- Level of Service

2023 INTERIM BUDGET

Committee members discussed the 2023 interim budget; further preparing for the adoption of the final budget in May.

DELEGATION - SARDA

Vance Yaremko, Executive Director met with the Committee Members to discuss SARDA updates and funding.

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LUNCH

**MOVED** by Chairman Brochu that Committee Members recess for lunch at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

**CARRIED**

2023 INTERIM BUDGET – continued

Committee members discussed the 2023 interim budget; further preparing for the adoption of the final budget in May.

DELEGATION – MD STAFF

Ian Cosh, Larry Doucette, Shaun Strom (via Zoom) and Dave Gervais met with the Committee Members to discuss the divisional allocations, miscellaneous and gravel miles.

CLOSED SESSION

**MOVED** by Member Guindon that the meeting enter into a Closed Session, at 2:36 p.m. pursuant to 197(1) of the Municipal Government Act, 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter F-25 and amendments thereto, to discuss Privileged Information with regards to the Closed Session.

**CARRIED**

Business Interests – Oil & Gas Industry Taxes – FOIP Section 16

Personal Privacy – Succession Plan – FOIP Section 17(1)

**Chief Administrative Officer, Rita Therriault, Director of Operations, Ian Cosh, Operations Manager, Larry Doucette stayed in the meeting as support to the Committee Members.**

**Director of Corporate Services, Kelsie Fournier and Recording Secretary, Ashley Garnham left the meeting at 2:36 p.m.**

**Director of Operations, Ian Cosh and Operations Manager, Larry Doucette left the meeting at 3:29 p.m.**

**Chief Administrative Officer, Rita Therriault left the meeting at 3:40 p.m.**

OPEN SESSION

**MOVED** by Chairman Brochu that in compliance with Section 197(1) of the Municipal Government Act, this meeting come out of Closed Session at 3:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Committee Members allowed time for the public to re-enter the meeting.

Director of Corporate Services, Kelsie Fournier and Recording Secretary, Ashley Garnham entered the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

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OPEN SESSION - continued

**MOVED** by Member Johnson that the Committee Members recommend to Council to allow excavator exploration up to a max of \$40,000 to be funded by contingency reserve.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Member Roy that the Committee Members recommend to Council to cancel the taxes owing on roll #30001033 in the amount of \$1,657.47.

**CARRIED**

**Committee members received the succession plan as information.**

DEFERRAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

**MOVED** by Member Johnson that the Committee Members recommend to Council to defer the following agenda items to the March 8, 2023 Regular Council Meeting:

- 4) Bylaws & Policies
  - a. Policy No. 405 – Special Leaves
  - b. Policy No. 810 – Road Maintenance
  - c. Organizational Chart
  - d. Policy No. 801 – Approaches and Culverts
  - e. Policy Form No. 8-H2 – Work within Municipal Road Allowances
  - f. Policy Section 500 – Benefits
- 5) Strategic Plan
- 6) 2023 Interim Budget Discussion in Preparation for Final Budget in April/May
- 7) 2023 Grant Capital Projects
- 8) Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal - Presentation
- 9) Research – Engineering Costs
- 10) Retrofit MD Building Report
- 11) Light Truck Replacements

**CARRIED**

CLOSED SESSION

**MOVED** by Chairman Brochu that the meeting enter into a Closed Session, at 3:49 p.m. pursuant to 197(1) of the Municipal Government Act, 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter F-25 and amendments thereto, to discuss Privileged Information with regards to the Closed Session.

**CARRIED**

Confidential Evaluations – CAO Evaluation – FOIP Section 19

**Chief Administrative Officer, Rita Therriault stayed in the meeting.**

**Director of Corporate Services, Kelsie Fournier and Recording Secretary, Ashley Garnham left the meeting at 3:49 p.m.**

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CLOSED SESSION - continued

**Chief Administrative Officer, Rita Therriault left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.**

OPEN SESSION

**MOVED** by Chairman Brochu that in compliance with Section 197(1) of the Municipal Government Act, this meeting come out of Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Committee Members allowed time for the public to re-enter the meeting.

Chief Administrative Officer, Rita Therriault entered the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Member Guindon reports to the Committee Members that any decisions regarding the advertising proposal, should wait until she meets with the Mighty Peace Tourism Board.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED** by Chairman Brochu adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
Chairman

  
Chief Administrative Officer

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