

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU
Regular Council Meeting
January 23, 2025

Call to Order Mayor Richard Warren called the meeting To Order with Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec, Councillor Tyson Berlinguette, CAO Bernice Macyk and Public Works Foreman Don Rosa in attendance at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
Resident – Jared Newman – entered at 6:25 p.m.

Foreman’s Report

Foreman’s Report Don Rosa provided a written Foreman’s report to Council.
(copy attached).
Res.1-2025 Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Foreman’s report.
Carried.

Delegations

Rachelle Amyotte Rachelle Amyotte of the Town of Smoky Lake FCSS could not attend the meeting as a delegation to present regional FCSS information.

Sgt. Anita Doktor Sgt. Anita Doktor provided an update to Council regarding staffing at the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment and requested Council input for 2025-2026 community priorities: crime reduction, public engagement; police visibility.

Res.2-2025 Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves to accept the verbal report from Sgt. Anita Doktor from the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment for information purposes. Carried.

Agenda Mayor Richard Warren moves to adopt the Agenda with addition of
Res.3-2025 Employee Job Descriptions. Carried.

Regular Meeting Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves to adopt the Minutes of the
Res.4-2025 December 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Annexation Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau and
Res.5-2025 Smoky Lake County will meet to discuss the proposed Annexation on February 12, 2025 with Municipal Planning Services. Carried.

2024 MSI Operating Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves to amend the Village of
Grant - Amend Waskatenau June 25, 2025 Motion #133-2024 to approve the 2024
Res.6-2025 MSI Operating grant in the amount of \$52,414.00 to be utilized as follows:
Planning & Development - \$31,750.00
Garbage Operations - \$20,664.00
Carried.

Public Engagement Mayor Richard Warren moves that Village of Waskatenau hosts a
New Holy Family Public Engagement with the residents of Waskatenau to showcase the
School new Holy Family School jointly with the Lakeland Catholic School
Res.7-2025 Division on February 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ATB Financial Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves to send a letter to the Vice-
Agency Closure President Central North Market Places at ATB Financial to request
Res.8-2025 that ATB Financial maintain bank services in the Village of Waskatenau and to keep the Waskatenau ATB Financial Agency open and operational in our community. Carried.

Regional GIS Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves that the Village of Waskatenau
Agreement approve to re-enter the Regional GIS Agreement with the Smoky Lake
Res.9-2025 County, Town of Smoky Lake and Village of Vilna for the purpose of outlining roles and responsibilities relating to the Regional Geographic Information System (GIS) facilitated through Catalis Technologies Canada Ltd. software products and services contracts to coincide with

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the new Five-Year Term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2029. Carried.

Fire & Rescue
Water Usage
Res.10-2025
Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves to include the Fire Hall building utilities in the rental agreement and to create a separate water rate for the Fire Department water usage for fighting and invoice the Smoky Lake Region Fire & Rescue. Carried.

Bylaw #709-2025
Res.11-2025
Smoky Lake Region
Fire Rescue Agreement
First Reading.
Res.12-2025
Mayor Richard Warren moves that Assent be given for the introduction of Bylaw #709-2025 to establish the provision of a Smoky Lake Region Fire Rescue Service through the execution of an agreement. Carried unanimously.
Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves that Bylaw #709-2025 receive First Reading. Carried unanimously.

Volunteer Firefighters
Compensation Policy
Res.13-2025
Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves to acknowledge the Smoky Lake Region Fire Rescue Volunteer Firefighters Compensation Policy and make a request to the Smoky Lake Region Fire Rescue committee to further review Section 3.3.8 Honorarium for Station Fire Chiefs. Carried.

Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Ukrainian Twinning
Memorandum of
Understanding
Res.14-2025
Mayor Richard Warren moves to table the items Ukrainian Twinning Committee Memorandum of Understanding and Bylaw until the February Council meeting.
Carried.

Smoky Lake Regional
Heritage Board
Res.15-2025
Mayor Richard Warren moves to provide feedback to the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board based on their recommendations to each municipality at the January 13, 2025 Joint Municipality Meeting as follows:
Recommendation 1: There is already a committee set up for the Heritage Board. Does the committee want a Municipal representative from each municipality to be a Committee Board Member.
Recommendation 2: The Village of Waskatenau does not wish to hire one seasonal employee for the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board.
Recommendation 3: The Village of Waskatenau will consider having a regional tourism booth; and also address consideration for a portable booth so the location of the tourism booth can benefit all the municipalities. Carried.

Go East Guide
Res.16-2025
Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau agrees to participate in the Smoky Lake Regional advertisement for 2025 in the Go East Guide. Carried.

Returning Officer
2025 Election
Res.17-2025
Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau appoints Bernice Macyk as the Returning Officer for the 2025 Municipal Election. Carried.

Budget Meeting Date
Res.18-2025
Mayor Richard Warren moves to set the 2025 Budget Meeting Date on February 20, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Carried.

Employee Job
Descriptions
Res.19-2025
Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves to review the Employee Job Descriptions at the next regular Council meeting.
Carried.

Correspondence
Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment – weekly Mountie Minute and Media Release.

Holy Family School – joint public engagement for new school.
AUMA – president's summit and municipal leaders caucus.

Correspondence
Res.20-2025
Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves the correspondence presented at this meeting be adopted as read and filed for information purposes.
Carried.

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Financial Statement Res.21-2025 Mayor Richard Warren moves the December 31, 2024 Financial Statement be adopted for information purposes. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intermunicipal Collaboration Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec and Bernice Macyk attended the Intermunicipal Collaboration meeting on December 17, 2024 for regional fire services.

- Reviewed Schedule attachments for the new Smoky Lake Region Fire Rescue Services Agreement.
- Each municipality will need a new Regional Fire Services Agreement Bylaw.
- Each municipality will need to amend their Fire Protection Bylaw with approved Fixed Fees Services.
- Rental Agreement for each municipality.
- Water Usage – how to handle invoicing.
- Policy for the collection of unpaid fire services fees.

Smoky Lake Foundation Mayor Richard Warren attended the December 20, 2024 Smoky Lake Foundation meeting and did not attend the January 17 2025 meeting.

- A maintenance worker was hired for the Vilna lodge.
- The Foundation has a new benefits provider.
- Pine Creek Manor and Waskatenau Manor – 100% occupancy.
- The skid steer is going to be assessed and then consigned.
- There will be a strategic planning session in February.

Joint Municipality Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec and Councillor Tyson Berlinguette attended the Joint Municipality meeting on January 13, 2025.

- Sgt. Anita Doktor provided a verbal update for information.
- MLA Glenn van Dijken provided a verbal update for information.
- Ukraine Chamber of Commerce, President Vitaliy Milentyev presented the benefits of the Ukrainian Twinning Committees and future plans for the Memorandum of Understanding for the Smoky Lake region.
- Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board presentation.
- Public School Trustee update.
- Go East Guide – regional advertisement.

Regional Recreation Study Bernice Macyk attended the Regional Recreation Study meeting on January 15, 2025 and provided an update to Council regarding the communication to the residents and community groups about the study.

Community Policing Study Council and Administration will attend a group interview with MNP in regards to the community policing study for the Smoky Lake County and partners on January 22, 2025.

Res.22-2025 Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Committee reports as presented. Carried.

Executive Session

No Executive Session

Accounts Attached Addendum for Accounts Payable for period December 13, 2024 to January 23, 2025
Res.23-2025 Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves the attached accounts be approved for payment in the amount \$92,310.78. Carried.

Meeting Date Res.24-2025 Mayor Richard Warren moves the next Regular Council Meeting will be on February 20, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment Res.25-2025 Mayor Richard Warren moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Carried.

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VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU

Per: Richard Warren.
MAYOR

Per: Brianne Haggerty
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER