

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY  
REGIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the **Regional Community Development Committee** Meeting  
held virtually on **Tuesday, February 8, 2022** at 2:00 p.m.

via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84560455958?pwd=QkFtSjNFZ2c2cDJQT3RuOHNSQVBsZz09>

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to Order at **2:08 p.m.** by the Chairperson Lorne Halisky, in the presence of the following persons:

Division	Name	Voting Member	Attendance
Smoky Lake County	Lorne Halisky - Councillor	Yes	Present in Chambers
Smoky Lake County	Jered Serben - Councillor	Yes	Virtually Present
Smoky Lake County	Ed Dyck	Yes	Absent
Smoky Lake County	Noel Simpson – Public-at-Large	Yes	Virtually Present
Town of Smoky Lake	Evelynne Kobes - Councillor	Yes	Virtually Present
Town of Smoky Lake	Marianne Prockiw-Zarusky - Councillor	Yes	Virtually Present
Town of Smoky Lake	Michelle Kotylak- Public-at-Large	Yes	Virtually Present
Village of Vilna	Paul Miranda - Councillor	Yes	Virtually Present
Smoky Lake County	Linda Fenerty - Councillor	Alternate	Absent
Town of Smoky Lake	Terry Makowichuk – Councillor	Alternate	Virtually Present
Village of Vilna	Leroy Kunyk	Alternate	Virtually Present
Smoky Lake County	Gene Sobolewski – CAO	No	Virtually Present
Smoky Lake County	Lydia Cielin - Asst. CAO	No	Virtually Present
Smoky Lake County	Patti Priest – Legislative Services	No	Virtually Present
Village of Vilna	Earla Wagar – CAO	No	Virtually Present
Town of Smoky Lake	Adam Kozakiewicz – CAO	No	Virtually Present
Smoky Lake County	Jordan Ruegg – Planning & Dev. Manager	No	Absent
Smoky Lake County	Kyle Schole – Planning & Dev. Assistant	No	Absent
Smoky Lake Region	Michelle Wright – CEDO	No	Virtually Present

19-22: Marianne Prockiw-Zarusky

That the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) acknowledge receipt of the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Contact List for internal operations, as amended February 2022 with the addition of Ed Dyck, Smoky Lake County Public Member-at-Large, the addition of address for Evelynne Kobes, Town of Smoky Lake Councillor and the correction of the address and phone number for Marianne Prockiw-Zarusky, Town of Smoky Lake Councillor.

Carried.

**2. AGENDA**

20-22: Evelynne Kobes

That the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Meeting Agenda for February 8, 2022 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

### 3. MINUTES

#### Minutes: December 6, 2021

21-22: Evelynne Kobes That the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Meeting Minutes for **December 6, 2021** be adopted as presented.

Insert

Carried.

#### Action List:

22-22: Evelynne Kobes That the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Action List for **December 6, 2021** be adopted as presented.

insert

Carried,

### 4. REPORTS

#### CEDO Report

23-22: Jered Serben That the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) accept the Community Economic Development Officer (CEDO) Report for November 28, 2021 to January 29, 2022.

Insert

Carried.

#### Letter of Support: Metis Crossing Women Entrepreneur Program

25-22: Paul Miranda That the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) approve action taken by the Community Economic Development Officer (CEDO) for preparing and providing a support letter for Metis Crossing for a Women's Entrepreneur program grant application.  
Carried.

Noel Simpson, Smoky Lake County Public Member-at-Large joined the meeting virtually at 10:40 a.m.

#### Resource Request from Smoky Lake Ukrainian Twinning Committee

26-22: Noel Simpson That the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) approve the Community Economic Development Officer (CEDO) as a Resource to provide support to the Smoky Lake-Kosiv Ukrainian Twinning Initiative of not more than 130 hours in 2022, and the costs be included in the RCDC 2022 Budget.

Carried. ✓

### RCDC

#### 2022 RCDC Planning – Issue for Discussion

27-22: Evelynne Kobes That the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) discussion on the 2022 Economic Development Planning and Environmental Scan approve to proceed to plan a workshop with Joint Councils and community development stakeholders to develop a Regional Economic Development Strategy.

Carried. ✓

## 5. PROGRAM FINANCIAL

28-22: Jered Serben That the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) accept the 2022 DRAFT Economic Development Budget for information as follows:

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Carried.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### Roundtable: Regional Updates

#### Town of Smoky Lake

- Note the Thorhild Chamber of Commerce has dissolved
- Old Fashioned Bread Bakery is 50 years old, celebrating April 2, 2022
- Smoky Lake Stampede will proceed in 2022
- Town of Smoky Lake is 60 years old in 2022

#### Village of Vilna

- Vilna School was 100 in 2021, Village will be 100 in 2023 – celebration planned for August 20, 2022 in conjunction with Boomtown days

#### Smoky Lake County

- Waskatenau Nuisance grounds project completed, and request sent for setback reduction or removal
- Crime continues to be a concern
- County is recruiting for a bylaw officer
- Iron Horse Trail is very busy and Fish and Wildlife and RCMP are patrolling regularly
- Heritage Rivers designation process continues
- Metis Crossing lodge has opened
- Regional Fire and Rescue study nearing completion
- Natural Resource extraction and oil and gas – 3 rigs drilling in Region
- Lake subdivision signage project in progress; installation in Q2 2022
- RV and campground bylaws being reviewed
- North Saskatchewan River boat launch approval still waiting on Alberta Environment and Protection (AEP)
- Smoky Lake Agricultural Society is 50 years old in 2022.

#### Public Members

Noel Simpson

- Chamber of Commerce AGM is March 21, 2022

Michelle Kotylak

- ATB continues to support rural needs, especially due to COVID19

Thank-you letter and certificate, sent to Leon Boychuk-Hunter for his services as an RCDC Public Member-at-Large.

29-22: Noel Simpson That the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) accept verbal Roundtable Reports as presented for information.

Carried.

**Stakeholder  
Engagement**

That the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) acknowledge that no public was in attendance for the "Stakeholder" Engagement from 10:30-11:00 a.m. at the **February 8, 2022** RCDC meeting.

Carried.

**7. DELEGATIONS**

**None.**

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**None.**

**NEXT MEETING**

30-22: Marianne  
Prockiwi-Zarusky

That the next Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Meeting will be held on **at the call of the Chair to discuss the CEDO contract and 2022 RCDC Budget.**

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

31-22: Evelynne Kobes

That the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Meeting adjourned, time **4:35 p.m.**

Carried.

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CHAIRPERSON