

1 – Call to Order/Introduction of Visitors and New Businesses - 705pm Noel calls the meeting to order. Thank you to Ernie and Renee for hosting! Thank you to Colin Piquette for attending.

2 – Approval of Agenda – Pat Palechuk

3- Minutes from the Previous meeting – Noel didn't print

4- Business arising from the minutes – No new Business

5 – Parade Summary – Parade went very well. Pat said we had amazing contributors. We should do a letter of Thanks to Joan Prusak for all her help and hard work on the morning of the Parade. Pat was the MC, but she said people didn't come to the CN station to collect their prizes. A special Thanks to Dave Paches for lining all of the floats up. Noel suggests a ribbon printed up to be given out at the Complex to all the winners, instead of later at the CN station. Then as the Parade goes through Town everyone can see the winning floats. Pat suggest to bring up the parade suggestions next year. Noel Thanks everyone for their help! Pat said we have to talk to the Businesses about the Town coupons, because some Businesses didn't accept them. A month ahead of time, drop off a letter to all the Businesses explaining how the coupons work. Renee went to the Town and picked up everything that was left over from the Parade. Noel suggests an Ad in the Signal Thanking all the Sponsors. John wants to see the Town councilors and Mayor on one of the floats next year. Pat and Betty had a ball judging, they will do it again next year.

6- Small Business week (October 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017) – Noel wants to bring out Tracy Acorn to speak at our next Chamber meeting which will be on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Rick and Cathy will also come and be speakers. The meeting will be held at the Curling Rink, mixer 6pm, 7pm Meeting. Small Chamber meeting, then all the speakers will give their speeches.

7 – Guest Speaker – Colin Piquette, MLA for Athabasca, Sturgeon and Redwater – Colin gave us an update on whats happening in Alberta and answered some questions. General update at the House of Commons on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Rural and economic development committees nothing he could tell us about yet. Nothing controversial, some fixing, private bill to make it easier to get insurance and registration. Too many people don't have insurance and they are driving on our roads, very unsafe for everyone. Alberta has the fastest growing economy in the Country. Infrastructure bills are pushing ahead while the interest rates were low. Lots of oil sand contracts were signed. Pembina is building a new plant. Petro Chemical investment, Japan is coming back into Alberta as well. Lethbridge is also building a new plant. Lots of economic development. We didn't crash and burn with the down turn in the economy. The challenge is letting the Government stop funding everything which will slow down Government spending. Trying to find in a budget year how to minimize spending. A big worry again this year is if the farmers will get all of their crops off. We are coming out of recession, right on track. Local priorities, MSI funding, small community grant half a million dollars replacing and repairing the water in Town, Hwy 28 and 855 improvements and funding for Bar V Nook. 855 is not on the capital list. Hwy 28 no passing lane Adam brings up. Colin and Hank comment there are passing lanes. Second round of improvements on 28. John suggests taking money from the carbon tax to fix the municipalities. Hwy 28 has more improvements, Waskatenau 4 way stop, round a bout, very good chance to push it through. 855 needs work as well, hopefully will get the work done and approved on the next budget. Colin is trying to get HAK replaced, the cost is over 2 million dollars, but hes fighting for it. Hank thanks the government for the work on hwy 45 and 85. Hwy 28 with the upgrades were needed, your contractors that were hired are doing an excellent job. Workers are helping the small businesses in Town. Pat said the work on hwy

855 was fantastic, contractor was amazing. Thank you for the funding on Bar V Nook. County and Town have to work together on Bar V Nook. FCSS culture change to our municipalities, preventative programming. Get the children and parents working together. Noel thanks Colin for coming out and attending our meeting!! Colin was very happy to speak and come out.

8 – Gavinchuk Book – Noel saw Nathan Taylor at a wedding and he was talking about the Gavinchuk book. Money in a bank account we have to deal with. John comments on the history of the book. They wanted to do a 2<sup>nd</sup> book. Noel will give the email from Nathan Taylor and get the Town to use the money towards benefitting and Town or beautifying our Town. Noel says use the money and restore our Town. They will have the councilors decide on how to use the money. Adam will look into it and see how the money can be released from the bank.

9 – Video presentation – (smokymedia.com) – Shaun Greene was given a budget for a new website for the Smoky Lake region. Ed Boothman was hired to do the job. He presents a video of Smoky Lake. He explains it's a fantastic way to market the community, 2 minutes video, he did one for the Town, County, Vilna and Waskatenau. Shaun says the money was funded through the Government via economic development. [www.smokylakeregion.ca](http://www.smokylakeregion.ca)  
Adam asks about the Scarecrow competition for the Pumpkin fair weekend. Who will do it this year? Organize the sites? Create a poster? Need judges. Joan and Eva did it last year. Noel says the bales have been ordered and delivered to their sites. The Town can take care of the entries and registrations. Noel will stop at the Town office and work with Adam and the girls to create a poster and get an ad in the paper.

10 – Candidate Forum – Ed Shaski, Moderator – Ed will be the moderator, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Curling Rink. The Town will pick up the bill. Ed will read the questions and the candidates will answer them. Ed will have to have a good handle on time with so many candidates running. He will also have to make the rules very clear ahead of time.

11 – Other – Christmas Light Up – We need a meeting to discuss if the light up is going to happen this year. We may have to take another look at it. Lots of work and no workers to do it.

12 – Bank statement - \$11278.92 , \$2000 to \$3000 dollars in Birthday Town fund. Renee got the bank statement from CIBC. Parade profit \$200 to \$300 dollars. Renee gave the \$500 dollar cheque back to the Town for the piping band in the parade, because the band was never booked. Noel donated the leftover water to the Fire department and they were very grateful.

Hank comments that the Royal Star has new owners. He tells us about the improvements and money they are putting into the hotel.

13 – Meeting adjourned at 830pm, by Pat Palechuk