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### **Councillor Terry Makowichuk Resigns from Town Council**

**Smoky Lake, Alberta** – Terry Makowichuk, a two-term Councillor representing the Town of Smoky Lake, has officially resigned from his position on Council through a formal written resignation submitted to the CAO, effective January 31, 2025. The CAO reported Makowichuk's resignation at the first council meeting on February 13, 2025. Makowichuk is resigning after moving out of town, thus becoming ineligible to continue holding office.

"It has been an honour to represent the residents of Smoky Lake on Town Council," wrote Makowichuk, "I am grateful for the trust placed in me and proud of what we have accomplished together. While this decision was not easy, I remain invested in the long-term success of the community."

Makowichuk was first elected in 2017 and was re-elected for a second term in 2021. Throughout his tenure as Councillor, Makowichuk supported and influenced the Town's efforts to create more housing options and demonstrated leadership during the challenging COVID-19 period.

"Terry was a valued member of our Council, acting on behalf of our residents. He was passionate about serving our seniors and was a driving force behind transformative changes at the Smoky Lake Foundation," said Mayor Cherniwchan. "On behalf of Council, staff and residents, I would like to thank Terry for his dedicated service. I am confident he will continue to influence positive, forward-thinking change in our community as a resident in Smoky Lake County."

A by-election will not be required in accordance with s.162 (a) of the Municipal Governance Act (<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/m26>). When there is a vacancy after January 1 in the year of a general election, it is not required to be filled. Council will continue to operate with one mayor and three councillors until the general election on Monday, October 20, 2025.

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