



# Smoky Lake County

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MONS LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
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Via E-Mail

Re: **EROSION ON SOUTH SHORE OF MONS LAKE**

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Dear sir,

Thank you for your recent submission to Smoky Lake County Council, dated April 18, 2021, regarding the ongoing erosion/beach disturbance issues on the south shore of Mons Lake. As per your request, your presentation was considered by Council at its April 27, 2021 meeting, at which, the following motion was passed:

**Motion 717-21:** *“That Smoky Lake County pursue a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Environment and Parks through our local MLA, Mr. Glenn van Dijken, Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock Constituency, for the purpose of escalating attention to the situation in regard to the eroding shore at Mons Lake, Sandy Lane Park – Playground / Beach / Boat Launch; and notify the Mons Lake Community Association of the County’s intentions in response to the letter received from Brian Cheston, Representative, Mons Lake Community Association, dated April 19, 2021.”*

As per the Motion, Smoky Lake County intends to secure a meeting with the Deputy Minister for Alberta Environment and Parks as soon as possible so that these issues can be raised with the Deputy directly in hopes of achieving a more speedy resolution.

As I have indicated several times in our previous correspondence, Smoky Lake County is not permitted to conduct the proposed work in the bed & shore of Mons Lake without *Water Act* approval from Environment and Parks, nor is the County permitted to create a beach area further south of the bed & shore as those lands are contained within a government road allowance and such works require approval from Environment and Parks under the *Public Lands Act*. It is our sincere hope that we are able to obtain approval to undertake the work can be conducted quickly thereafter.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned at 780-656-3730 or 780-650-5207.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordan Ruegg', enclosed within a large, loopy oval flourish.

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