



**MINUTES
County Council Regular Meeting**

Lac Ste. Anne County held a County Council Regular Meeting on March 13, 2025 commencing at 9:42 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the County Administration Building in Sangudo, Alberta.

Councillors Present: Joe Blakeman, Reeve
Nick Gelych, Deputy Reeve
George Vaughan, Councillor
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Councillor
Ross Bohnet, Councillor
Lorne Olsvik, Councillor
Kevin Lovich, Councillor

Councillors Absent:

Staff Present: Mike Primeau, County Manager
Trista Court, GM of Community Engagement
Alvin Kuzyk, GM of Corporate Services
Greg Edwards, GM of Operations
Brian Hartman, GM of Infrastructure
Lori Vanberg, Administrative Support Clerk
Twyla Lesko, Communications Coordinator
Aren Skogstad, Agricultural Services Manager
Carla Callihoo, Finance Manager
Sarah McGrath, Growth & Compliance Clerk
Randy Schroeder, County Fire Chief
Dallas Choma, Enforcement Services Manager
Donna Kerr, Community Services Manager

Also Present: Three members of the public were in attendance.
Three members of the public were on-line.

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Joe Blakeman called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Acceptance of the Agenda

89-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that County Council approves the March 13, 2025, County Council meeting agenda as presented. Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

February 27, 2025, County Council Meeting Minutes

90-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych that County Council approves the February 27, 2025, County Council meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

Youth Employment and Skills Strategy Grant-Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

91-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council ratifies the grant application submitted to the Youth Employment and Skills Program (YESP) offered through the Government of Canada and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in the amount of \$9,562.50, for the Seasonal Agronomics Inspector position. Carried.

Closed Session

92-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that County Council enters Closed Session at 9:37 a.m. subject to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act to discuss the following:

- Third-Party Business Interests

subject to Section 16 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). Carried.

93-2025 MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that County Council adjourns the Closed Session at 9:46 a.m. Carried.

OPERATIONS

PUBLIC WORKS

FLEET & SHOP

2025 Capital Purchase - V0593 Plow/Spreader Attachment

94-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych that County Council approve the purchase of a plow and spreader in the amount of \$38,900 in the 2025 Capital Budget to be attached to V0578 (2006 GMC), with funding to come from the Equipment/Fleet Fund. Carried.

2025 Cold Storage Fire Replacement Plan and Short Term Debt

95-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that County Council approves the addition to the 2025 Capital Budget the replacement of a building, vehicles and equipment that were lost during the fire that occurred at the Cold Storage Facility on January 17, 2025, in the amount of \$3,053,519, with funding to come from insurance proceeds of \$1,639,444, the solid waste fund of \$175,000, the Local Government Fiscal Framework Grant of \$539,075, and short term debt of \$700,000. Carried.

HEALTH & SAFETY

OPS - OTHER ITEMS

GROWTH & COMPLIANCE

ASSESSMENT & TAXATION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**ENFORCEMENT SERVICES****PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT****INFRASTRUCTURE****Rescind Motion #63-2025 - Solid Waste Replacement Truck**

96-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that County Council rescind Motion Number 63-2025 from the February 11, 2025 meeting the for the replacement of the Solid Waste Truck as this purchase will be included within the 2025 Capital Cold Storage Fire Replacement Project.

Carried.

UTILITIES**IT INFORMATION****COMMUNITY SERVICES****Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board - Meeting Minutes from November 29, 2024 Meeting**

97-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council accept the November 29, 2024 Meeting Minutes of the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board for information.

Carried.

Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board - Resignation of Darwell & Area Member

98-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lloyd Giebelhaus that County Council accept the February 20, 2025 resignation of Marilyn Fearnley as the Darwell & area representative of the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board.

Carried.

Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board - Appointment of Auditor

99-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lloyd Giebelhaus that County Council approve the recommendation of the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board, at their February 21, 2025 meeting, to reappoint Ms. Brenda DeBock as the financial auditor for the purpose of the 2024 auditing process for the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board.

Carried.

Playschool Fees

100-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council approve an increase to Playschool Fees, effective April 1, 2025, to \$100.00 per student per month for the two-day per week program, and \$50.00 per student per month for the one-day per week program.

Carried.

FIRE SERVICES**Update from Parkland County Fire Services**

101-2025 MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that County Council accepts the Parkland County Fire Services correspondence regarding the update on the Emergency

Communications Center (ECC) for information.

Carried.

Cenovus Energy Donation/Sponsorship-Acquisition of Alberta First Responder Radio Communication Systems (AFRRCS)

102-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych that County Council approve the project scope and funding application for the acquisition of 34 Alberta First Responder Radio Communication Systems (AFRRCS) radios, through the Cenovus Energy funding program in the amount of \$98,090.00 and further approve the accompanying Letter of Support.

Carried.

UTV Side by Side Trailer Purchase

103-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lloyd Giebelhaus that County Council approve increasing the capital purchase of the 2024 UTV Side by Side w/Pump and Trailer from \$45,000 to \$56,000 with additional funding of \$11,000 to come from the Extreme Events Fund.

Carried.

CPS - OTHER ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION

Joint Use & Planning Agreement with Northern Gateway Public Schools

104-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that County Council receive Ministerial Order MSD:004/25, extending the deadline to complete Joint Use & Planning Agreement (JUPA) between municipalities and school boards, as information.

Carried.

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Bylaw 04-2025 Solid Waste Utility Bylaw

105-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych that County Council gives second reading to Bylaw 04-2025 Solid Waste Utility Bylaw.

Carried.

106-2025 MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that County Council gives third reading to Bylaw 04-2025 Solid Waste Utility Bylaw.

Carried.

Bylaw #08-2025 Elections Procedure Bylaw

107-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that County Council gives second reading to Bylaw 08-2025 Elections Procedure Bylaw, as presented.

Carried.

108-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council gives third and final reading to Bylaw 08-2025 Elections Procedure Bylaw.

Carried.

Bylaw 10-2025 Cold Storage Fire Short Term Borrowing

109-2025 MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that County Council gives first reading to Short Term Borrowing Bylaw 10-2025 for the 2025 Cold Storage Fire Replacement Project for \$700,000.

Carried.



110-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lloyd Giebelhaus that County Council gives second reading to Short Term Borrowing Bylaw 10-2025 for the 2025 Cold Storage Fire Replacement Project for \$700,000.

Carried.

111-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that County Council gives unanimous consent to Short Term Borrowing Bylaw 10-2025 for the 2025 Cold Storage Fire Replacement Project for \$700,000.

Carried.

112-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych that County Council gives third and final reading to Short Term Borrowing Bylaw 10-2025 for the 2025 Cold Storage Fire Replacement Project for \$700,000.

Carried.

Bylaw 11-2025 Establishment of a Municipal Library Board

113-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council gives first reading to Bylaw 11-2025 Establishment of a Municipal Library Board, as presented.

Carried.

114-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that County Council gives second reading to Bylaw 11-2025 Establishment of a Municipal Library Board.

Carried.

115-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that County Council gives unanimous consent to Bylaw 11-2025 Establishment of a Municipal Library Board.

Carried.

116-2025 MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that County Council gives third reading to Bylaw 11-2025 Establishment of a Municipal Library Board.

Carried.

COUNTY MANAGER

Darwell Lagoon Commission Phase B Extension

117-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that County Council approve in principle, the Darwell Lagoon Commission Phase B Extension project, in the amount of \$17,277,915, with 90% funding from the Water for Life program.

Carried.

Recess from 11:15 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.

FINANCE

Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC)

118-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that County Council approves the cancellation of the 2019 to 2024 oil and gas industry property taxes in the amount of \$2,232,175 as a part of the requirement for the submission to the Province to receive a credit for the uncollectible Education Property Taxes for \$211,957.67 on oil and gas properties and the Designated Industrial Requisition for \$5,926.92.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

11:30 a.m. STARS Presentation

119-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych that County Council accepts the STARS presentation made by Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison, and



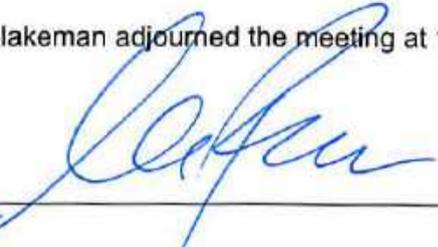
Shannon Paquette, Donor Relations and Development Officer for information.

Carried.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Joe Blakeman adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.



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Reeve