



MINUTES

County Council Regular Meeting

Lac Ste. Anne County held a County Council Regular Meeting on August 14, 2025 commencing at 9:39 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  
Kevin Lovich, Councillor  
Ross Bohnet, Councillor  
Lorne Olsvik, Councillor

Councillors Absent:

Staff Present: Trista Court, Interim County Manager/GM of Community Engagement  
Brian Hartman, GM of Infrastructure  
Greg Edwards, GM of Operations  
Aren Skogstad, Agricultural Services Manager  
Rob Smyth, Assessment & Taxation Manager  
Tanya Vanderwell, Acting Manager of Planning & Development  
Donna Kerr, Community Services Manager  
Jennifer Lowry, Administrative Support Clerk  
Jodi Sandercock, Finance Analyst  
Brad Parker, Public Works Manager  
Julie Lalonde, Public Works Clerk  
Cindy Suter, Legislative & Support Services Supervisor  
Lori Vanberg, Administrative Support Clerk  
Twyla Lesko, Communications Coordinator  
Dustin Jendrick, CPO

Also Present: 11 members of the public were in attendance.  
2 members of the public were on-line.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Joe Blakeman called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Acceptance of the Agenda**

299-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that County Council approves the August 14, 2025, County Council meeting agenda as amended. Carried.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**July 17, 2025 County Council Meeting Minutes**

300-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych that County Council approve the July 17, 2025, County Council meeting minutes as presented.

Carried.

**Public Works Employee - 5 year Service Award**

County Council presented Julie Lalonde with a 5-year service award.

**FINANCE**

**Financial Auditing Firm for 2025, 2026 and 2027**

301-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council appoint the Metrix Group LLP as the County's financial auditing firm for the years of 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Carried.

**June 30, 2025 Financial Report**

302-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lloyd Giebelhaus that County Council accept the June 30, 2025 Financial Report as information.

Carried.

**DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**10:00 a.m. Appointment - Ratepayer John Lobo**

303-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych that County Council accepts the presentation regarding property tax and assessment concerns, made by Lac Ste. Anne County resident John Lobo for information.

Carried.

**Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. for Bylaw 22-2017-04-2025 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 - Redistricting NW 33-53-03 W5M (5303333001), NE 33-53-03 W5M (5303334001), SW 34-53-03 W5M (5303342001) from Agricultural '1' (AG1) District to Aggregate Resource Extraction & Processing (AR) District**

304-2025 MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 22-2017-04-2025 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 - Redistricting NW 33-53-03 W5M (5303333001), NE 33-53-03 W5M (5303334001), SW 34-53-03 W5M (5303342001) from Agricultural '1' (AG1) District to Aggregate Resource Extraction & Processing (AR) District, be opened at 10:30 a.m.

Carried.

Tanya Vanderwell, Acting Planning & Development Manager, introduced the subject of the Public Hearing.

Reeve Joe Blakeman called for anyone present to speak for or against the subject of the Public Hearing.

Lesley Foy of Aspen Land Group Ltd. provided a verbal presentation on behalf of the developer.

Tanya Vanderwell, Acting Planning & Development Manager, provided additional information from the comments received from stakeholders and the public.

Dave Franczak's letter was read into the record.

Curtis Rackewich, Parkland County resident, spoke against the subject of the Public Hearing.

Tanya Vanderwell, Acting Planning & Development Manager, responded.

Amy Whalen, Lac Ste. Anne County resident spoke against the subject of the Public Hearing.

Peter Wall, the developer, spoke in favour of the subject of the Public Hearing.

Tanya Vanderwell, Acting Planning & Development Manager, provided clarification in response to the comments/questions provided by the public members regarding the subject of the Public Hearing.

305-2025            MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that the presentations in the Public Hearing for Bylaw 22-2017-04-2025 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 - Redistricting NW 33-53-03 W5M (5303333001), NE 33-53-03 W5M (5303334001), SW 34-53-03 W5M (5303342001) from Agricultural '1' (AG1) District to Aggregate Resource Extraction & Processing (AR) District be accepted for information. Carried.

306-2025            MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 22-2017-04-2025 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 - Redistricting NW 33-53-03 W5M (5303333001), NE 33-53-03 W5M (5303334001), SW 34-53-03 W5M (5303342001) from Agricultural '1' (AG1) District to Aggregate Resource Extraction & Processing (AR) District, be closed at 11:00 a.m. Carried.

**WILD Water Distribution Line - Darwell**

307-2025            MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that County Council approve contributing to the WILD water distribution line into the Hamlet of Darwell in the amount of \$360,000, which WILD Water will upfront over three (3) years at 3% interest with annual payments to be funded from the Community Aggregate Fund. Carried.

**Federal Livestock Tax Deferral Provision Request**

308-2025            MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that County Council approve the draft letter to the Honourable Heath MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, requesting the inclusion of Lac Ste. Anne County in the 2025 Federal Livestock Tax Deferral Program, and authorize the Reeve and Chair of the Agricultural Service Board to endorse same. Carried.

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICES**

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

**OPERATIONS**

**PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Community Services Department - Update**

309-2025            MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council accept the Community Services Department's update for information. Carried.

**Sangudo Summerfest 2026**

310-2025            MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council approve the request of the

Sangudo & District Community Development Council (SDCDC) for free use of the Sangudo Riverside Campground to host their 6th annual Sangudo Summerfest event July 3-5, 2026, as well as the free use of the County's generator for that event, and further direct Administration to negotiate the logistics of the access/use with the SDCDC as was done for the 2024 & 2025 events, including the requirement of a \$500.00 damage deposit.

Carried.

**Call for Resolutions for the 2025 FCSSAA AGM**

311-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that Council receive the Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta's (FCSSAA's) call for resolutions for the 2025 Annual General Meeting for information.

Carried.

**Public Hearing at 11:30 a.m. for Bylaw 22-2017-05-2025 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 - Redistricting Lots 22 and 23, Block 1, Plan 1774 BW, Hamlet of Cherhill within SE 09-56-05 W5M from Institutional (INT) District to Urban Residential (UR) District**

312-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 22-2017-05-2025 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 - Redistricting Lots 22 and 23, Block 1, Plan 1774 BW, Hamlet of Cherhill within SE 09-56-05 W5M from Institutional (INT) District to Urban Residential (UR) District, be opened at 11:26 a.m.

Carried.

Recess due to technical issues from 11:29 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Tanya Vanderwell, Acting Planning & Development Manager, introduced the subject of the Public Hearing.

Reeve Joe Blakeman called for anyone present to speak for or against the subject of the Public Hearing. There were none.

313-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that the presentations in the Public Hearing for Bylaw 22-2017-05-2025 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 - Redistricting Lots 22 and 23, Block 1, Plan 1774 BW, Hamlet of Cherhill within SE 09-56-05 W5M from Institutional (INT) District to Urban Residential (UR) District be accepted for information.

Carried.

314-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 22-2017-05-2025 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 - Redistricting Lots 22 and 23, Block 1, Plan 1774 BW, Hamlet of Cherhill within SE 09-56-05 W5M from Institutional (INT) District to Urban Residential (UR) District, be closed at 11:37 a.m.

Carried.

**BYLAWS & POLICIES**

**Policy 03-050-017 - Unbudgeted Expenditures**

315-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that County Council approve Policy 03-050-017 Unbudgeted Expenditures as presented.

Carried.

**Bylaw 22-2017-04-2025 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 - Redistricting NW 33-53-03 W5M (5303333001), NE 33-53-03 W5M (5303334001), SW 34-53-03 W5M (5303342001) from Agricultural '1' (AG1) District to Aggregate Resource Extraction & Processing (AR) District**

316-2025 MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that Bylaw 22-2017-04-2025 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 - Redistricting NW 33-53-03 W5M (5303333001), NE 33-53-03

W5M (5303334001), SW 34-53-03 W5M (5303342001) from Agricultural '1' (AG1) District to Aggregate Resource Extraction & Processing (AR) District, be given second reading.

Carried.

317-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych that County Council directs Administration to advise the applicant/landowners that prior to third reading of the proposed Bylaw 22-2017-04-2025, the relevant and updated studies and reports that are required at the development permit stage for aggregate resource extraction and processing shall be submitted to weigh the potential risks and benefits.

Carried.

**Bylaw 22-2017-05-2025 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 - Redistricting Lots 22 and 23, Block 1, Plan 1774 BW, Hamlet of Cherhill within SE 09-56-05 W5M from Institutional (INT) District to Urban Residential (UR) District**

318-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lloyd Giebelhaus that Bylaw 22-2017-05-2025 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 - Redistricting Lots 22 and 23, Block 1, Plan 1774 BW, Hamlet of Cherhill within SE 09-56-05 W5M from Institutional (INT) District to Urban Residential (UR) District, be given second reading.

Carried.

319-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych that Bylaw 22-2017-05-2025 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 - Redistricting Lots 22 and 23, Block 1, Plan 1774 BW, Hamlet of Cherhill within SE 09-56-05 W5M from Institutional (INT) District to Urban Residential (UR) District, be given third and final reading.

Carried.

**Bylaw 17-2025 - for Road Closure – Mako - partial Range Road 73 and Township Road 562 adjacent to NW 09-56-07 W5M and to amalgamate with said parcel**

320-2025 MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that Bylaw 17-2025 - for Road Closure – Mako - partial Range Road 73 and Township Road 562 adjacent to N.W. 09-56-07 W5M and to amalgamate with said parcel, be given first reading.

Carried.

321-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that a Public Hearing for Bylaw 17-2025 - for Road Closure – Mako - partial Range Road 73 and Township Road 562 adjacent to N.W. 09-56-07 W5M and to amalgamate with said parcel, will be scheduled for September 11, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Carried.

Reeve Joe Blakeman recused himself from discussions regarding Bylaw 18-2025.

Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych assumed the position of Chair.

**Bylaw 18-2025 - for partial removal of the designation 'municipal reserve' from Lot P4, Plan 5001KS, Highland Park within NW 07-55-03 W5M to provide access to land locked adjacent parcel SW 07-55-03 W5M**

322-2025 MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that Bylaw 18-2025 - for partial removal of the designation 'municipal reserve' from Lot P4, Plan 5001KS, Highland Park, within NW 07-55-03 W5M to provide access to landlocked adjacent parcel SW 07-55-03 W5M, be given first reading.

Carried.

323-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that a Public Hearing for Bylaw 18-2025 - for partial removal of the designation 'municipal reserve' from Lot P4, Plan 5001KS, Highland Park, within NW 07-55-03 W5M to provide access to landlocked adjacent

parcel SW 07-55-03 W5M, will be scheduled for September 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.  
Carried.

Reeve Joe Blakeman returned to the meeting and assumed the chair.

**COUNTY MANAGER**

**Q1 2025/26 Community Policing Report - Mayerthorpe**

324-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Lloyd Giebelhaus that County Council acknowledges receipt of the Q1 2025/26 Mayerthorpe Provincial Community Report, Q1 2025-26 Community Letter, and Q1 2025-26 Mayerthorpe Provincial Community Report to Lac Ste. Anne County from Acting Detachment Commander, Corporal Jamie Robertson of the Mayerthorpe Detachment, for information.  
Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Closed Session**

325-2025      MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych that County Council enters a Closed Session, pursuant to Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* at 11:56 a.m. to discuss the following:

- Advice from Officials
- Business interests of a third party

subject to Section 19 and 29 of the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA).  
Carried.

326-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that County Council adjourns the Closed Session at 12:42 p.m.  
Carried.

**Listing Properties for Sale**

327-2025      MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych that County Council directs Administration to proceed with the necessary steps to list property at the Tax Roll 5403073037 for sale, including the requirements to survey out the one related parcel.  
Carried.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Reeve Joe Blakeman adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

  
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Interim County Manager