



**MINUTES
County Council Regular Meeting**

Lac Ste. Anne County held a County Council Regular Meeting on November 13, 2025 commencing at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the County Administration Building in Sangudo, Alberta.

Councillors Present: Barry Voltner, Councillor
Mike Derksen, Councillor
Dale Johnson, Deputy Reeve
Ed Gifford, Councillor
Bo Knysh, Councillor
Jurgen Preugschas, Reeve
Jill Stoney, Councillor

Councillors Absent:

Staff Present: Trista Court, Interim County Manager/GM of Community Engagement
Brian Hartman, GM of Infrastructure
Carla Callihoo, GM of Corporate Services
Greg Edwards, GM of Operations
Cindy Suter, Legislative & Support Services Supervisor
Twyla Lesko, Communications Coordinator
Jennifer Lowry, Administrative Support Clerk
Rob Smyth, Assessment & Taxation Manager

Also Present: Seven members of the public were in attendance.
Twenty seven members of the public were on-line.

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Jurgen Preugschas called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

5.A.3. CN Crossing, Range Road 32 going south into Gunn
9.B.3. Human Resource Discussion

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

422-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ed Gifford that County Council accepts the November 13, 2025, County Council meeting as amended. Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

October 30, 2025, Lac Ste. Anne County Organizational Meeting Minutes

423-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Mike Derksen that County Council approves the October 30, 2025, Organizational meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

October 30, 2025, County Council Meeting Minutes

424-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Jill Stoney that County Council approves the October 30, 2025, County Council meeting minutes as presented.

Carried.

 
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OPERATIONS**PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS****2026 Grader Tender**

425-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council award the 2026 Grader Tender to Vendor A for the purchase of two (2) graders, for a total of \$1,259,200 (excluding GST) in the 2026 Capital Budget, with funding to come from the LGFF grant for \$796,200, the proceeds from the disposal of two (2) graders for \$420,800 (buyback or auction dependent on best value), and the balance to come from the equipment reserve for \$42,200.

Carried.

426-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Mike Derksen that County Council direct Administration to obtain the following information regarding the third grader and report back at the next meeting:

- the cost of extending the warranty; and
- any changes to the guaranteed buyback value associated with extending the usage.

Carried.

Public Input Question (Nov.06.2025) re: Dust Control in October

427-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Jill Stoney that County Council receive the discussion regarding the response to the Public Input Question posed at the November 6, 2025, Governance and Priorities Meeting regarding the application of dust control in October, for information.

Carried.

CN Crossing - Range Road 32, south of Highway 43 entering the Hamlet of Gunn

428-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council directs Administration to initiate a meeting with CN Rail to discuss the safety concerns at the railroad crossing at Range Road 32 south of Highway 43 entering the Hamlet of Gunn.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES**2025-2026 Alberta Community Partnership Municipal Internship**

429-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Mike Derksen that County Council ratify the actions of Administration in submitting a grant application to the Alberta Community Partnership Municipal Internship Program, in the amount of \$62,500.00, to support the recruitment, training, and development of an administration municipal intern understanding that administration will bring back to Council for budget approval if we are successful with our grant application.

Carried.

Recess at 10:26 a.m. to 10:38 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION**Closed Session**

430-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ed Gifford that County Council enters a Closed Session at 10:30 a.m. pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and subject to section 32(1) of the Access to Information Act (ATIA) to discuss: Lac Ste. Anne County Administration Building - Legal Briefing.

Carried.

431-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council adjourns the Closed Session at 12:34 p.m.

Carried.

Recess from 12:35 p.m. to 1:03 p.m.

ASSESSMENT & TAXATION

Request for Penalty Cancellation (Tax Roll 5503073048)

432-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Mike Derksen that County Council enters a Closed Session at 1:06 pm. pursuant to Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* and subject to Section 17 of the *Protection of Privacy Act (POPA)* to discuss:
- Request for Penalty Cancellation (Tax Roll 5503073048).

Carried.

433-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ed Gifford that County Council adjourn the Closed Session at 1:39 p.m.

Carried.

434-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council approve entering into a thirty-six (36) month tax arrears payment agreement for the property owner of tax roll 5503073048 with the following stipulations: the County will work with the property owner to determine a monthly payment amount agreeable to both parties no later than November 28, 2025; payments must be made by a monthly automatic withdrawal; no new penalties will be applied to the tax roll; upon successful completion of the agreement existing penalties in the amount of \$7,992.50 will be cancelled; should the land owner default on any payments during the term of the tax arrears payment agreement the agreement will be become void; penalties will be retroactively applied and the landowner will no longer be eligible to enter into any future tax payment agreements.

Carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Cyber Security Cooperation Program- Enhancing Municipal Cybersecurity Resilience

435-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council ratify the actions of Administration in submitting a grant application to the Government of Canada's Cyber Security Cooperation Program, in the amount of \$88,795.56, to support the enhancement of County resilience to cyber threats and reducing vulnerabilities within our County's digital infrastructure.

Carried.

INFRASTRUCTURE

STIP Funding Application - 2026 Bridge Projects

436-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council approve the application for the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program Grant (STIP) for bridge files BF72449, BF07483 and BF1301, and direct Administration to submit same.

Carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Heatherdown Cemetery - Transfer to Lac Ste. Anne County

437-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that Lac Ste. Anne County defers the decision, to transfer ownership of the Heatherdown Cemetery to the County and directs

Administration to seek additional information as discussed and bring back to a future meeting.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATION

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Moved by Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council defer proceeding with the first reading of Bylaw 20-2025, Procedures Bylaw, and further that County Council hold a Special Meeting to discuss proposed amendments to the Bylaw.

WITHDRAWN - Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson withdrew the motion prior to a vote.

Procedures Bylaw Review

438-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council the give first reading to Bylaw 20-2025, Procedure Bylaw, as presented.

Carried.

439-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Bo Knysh that County Council the give second reading to Bylaw 20-2025, Procedure Bylaw.

Carried.

440-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Mike Derksen that County Council gives unanimous consent to Bylaw 20-2025, Procedure Bylaw.

Carried.

441-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council gives third and final reading to Bylaw 20-2025, Procedure Bylaw.

Carried.

COUNTY MANAGER

Onoway Regional Medical Clinic - LSAC / MLA Correspondence

442-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council receive the update regarding the Onoway Regional Medical Clinic, following the October 8 & 9 correspondence exchange, as information.

Carried.

December 12, 2025, County Council Meeting

443-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council reschedules the regularly scheduled Lac Ste. Anne County Council meeting from Thursday, December 11, 2025, to Friday, December 12, 2025, and further that the Administration Office be closed at 2:00 pm on December 12, 2025, to host a staff function.

Carried.

Human Resource Discussion

444-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council accepts the Human Resource discussion for information.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Personnel - CAO Hiring Process (Section 22(1) ATIA)

445-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council enters a Closed Session at 2:22 p.m. pursuant to 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* and subject to section 22 of the *Access to Information Act* to discuss: Personnel - CAO Hiring Process.
Carried.

446-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Mike Derksen that County Council adjourns the Closed Session at 3:14 p.m.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Jurgen Preugschas adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.



Reeve



Interim County Manager