



**MINUTES
County Council Regular Meeting**

Lac Ste. Anne County held a County Council Regular Meeting on December 12, 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
Bo Knysh, Councillor
Jurgen Preugschas, Reeve
Jill Stoney, Councillor

Councillors Absent: Ed Gifford, Councillor

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
Rob Smyth, Assessment & Taxation Manager
Twyla Lesko, Communications Coordinator
Jennifer Lowry, Administrative Support Clerk
Sarah McGrath, Assessment & Taxation Clerk
Donna Kerr, Community Services Manager
Tanya Vanderwell, Acting Manager of Planning & Development
Terry Lee Chen, Finance Manager

Also Present: Two members of the public were in attendance.
Twenty six 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

Public Input Session

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Acceptance of the Agenda

469-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council accepts the December 12, 2025, County Council meeting agenda as amended. Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

November 27, 2025 County Council Meeting Minutes

470-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council approves the November 27, 2025, County Council meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

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PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Nick Lysachok - Coyote Hall Renovation Updates and Funding Request

OPERATIONS**Speed Reduction Request by Ratepayer - Range Road 20**

471-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council direct Administration to post speed reduction signage south of highway 37 located near or adjacent to Tax Roll 5401303001 to 50km/hr. and post warning signs where appropriate.

Carried.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

25-D0220, Lot 17, Block 1, Plan 0623018, BELLE VISTA ESTATES within SE 09-56-01 W5M, 2026 Manufactured Home on wood blocks and gravel pad 20.0' x 64.0' (1280.0 sq. ft.)

472-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Jill Stoney that development permit application 25-D0220, Applicant: Teodor Nistor, Landowner: Teodor and Liliana Nistor, for 2026 Manufactured Home on wood blocks and gravel pad 20.0' x 64.0' (1280.0 sq. ft.) on Lot 17, Block 1, Plan 0623018, Belle Vista Estates within SE 09-56-01 W5M, Tax Roll #5601091018 (Div. 2), be approved subject to the following conditions

1. Failure to conform to the conditions of a development permit will render the permit null and void.
2. Prior to construction or commencement of any development, the Owner/Applicant or contractor is responsible to obtain building, electric, plumbing, sewage, and gas permits, if required. Permits must be obtained from Lac Ste. Anne County. The Applicant is required to consult with the permit issuer to ensure that there are no conflicts between homeowner/contractor permits and the person(s) responsible for performing the actual work.
3. The Applicant shall be responsible for obtaining and complying with any required permits from federal, provincial, or other regulatory bodies. The Applicant shall also be responsible for complying with the condition of any easement, covenant, building scheme, or development agreement affecting the site.
4. The Applicant shall be responsible for complying to any road bans and/or road closures with respect to all municipal roads, highways and bridges within Lac Ste. Anne County which are under the direction, control and management of the County.
5. The development that is the subject of the permit to be commenced within twelve months of the issue date of the development permit and be completed within twenty-four months.
6. All development shall be landscaped and graded in a manner that all surface runoff is either contained on-site, or public drainage system (i.e., a municipal ditch).
7. The Applicant shall remove all garbage and waste at his/her own expense and keep the site in a neat and orderly manner.
8. Any field work or construction undertaken prior to the effective date of the development permit is at the risk of the Owner(s)/Applicant(s).
9. The existing approach shall be in compliance with Approaches and Culverts Policy 04-040-002 within 2 years of the issuance date of this permit. *Note An inspection report will only be provided to the landowner by Planning and Development in the event the approach is deemed non-compliant. All deficiencies shall be corrected no later than 2 years from the date of issuance of this permit.
10. This permit is residential use only. Any changes, amendments, or additions to this development permit shall require a new development permit application, including but not limited to commercial use, an expansion or intensification or change of the use.
11. The Applicant/landowner shall pay the annual Solid Waste Utility bill as per Solid Waste Utility Bylaw.
12. The proposed development shall be sited and conform to all building setbacks as shown on the submitted drawing, shall not be moved or enlarged except where authorized and conform to all building setbacks as required as per the Land Use Bylaw requirements:

24 DC 19-02 Belle Vista

FRONT 10.0m (32.81 ft) fronting any internal multiparcel subdivision roadway
 REAR 7.5 m (24.61 ft.)
 SIDE 6.0 m (19.69 ft.)

13. Pursuant to the Municipal Addressing System Bylaw, the applicant is to provide confirmation that a rural address sign that complies with the County's Rural Address Sign Specifications is placed in a location plainly visible from the road within 3 months of the approval of this development permit. Rural addressing signs can be obtained from Lac Ste. Anne County.

14. All manufactured homes shall have Canadian Standards Association Certification.
 15. All skirting shall be from floor to ground level and shall match or complement the external finish of the manufactured home.

16. The applicant has the responsibility to obtain a Conditional Road Ban Permit. This permit must be obtained from the County's Public Works Department prior to the transportation of said manufactured home on any County road.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES

ASSESSMENT & TAXATION

2025 Public Auction Land Not Sold

473-2025

MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council directs Administration to take Municipal Acquisition of Tax Rolls 5607364107, 5607364179, and 5707011010.

Carried.

Tax Refund Request for Roll 5506241003

474-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council deny the request to amend the assessment and refund property taxes in the amount of \$7,529.33 for Tax Roll 5506241003.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

10:00 a.m. Virtual Appointment - Seth Belair - Request to Cancel Tax Penalty (Tax Roll 5401224001) and Utility Penalty (Account U65482.000)

475-2025

MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council accepts the virtual presentation made by ratepayer Seth Belair requesting a tax penalty cancellation for Tax Roll 5401224001 plus a utility account penalty cancellation for Utility Account U65482.000 for information.

Carried.

Penalty Cancellation Request - Tax Roll 5401224001 and Utility Account U65482.000

476-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Bo Knysh that County Council defer the decision regarding the request for cancellation of penalties applied to Tax Roll 5401224001 and penalties applied to the solid waste utility account Y65482.000, until following the review of the Bylaw 20-2023 Tax Penalty Bylaw in alignment with Council resolution.

Carried.

FINANCE

2026 Interim Operating Budget

477-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Bo Knysh that County Council hereby adopt the 2026 Interim Operating Budget based on approving 50% of the prior year (2025) operating budget

expenditures excluding any one-time special purchases, as per Section 242(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, and that this interim budget cease to have any effect at the time the 2026 operating budget is adopted by Council.

Carried.

October 2025 Capital Budget Variance Report

478-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Jill Stoney that County Council accept the October 2025 Capital Budget Variance Report for information.

Carried.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

Appointment of ASB Chair

479-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that Lac Ste. Anne County Council ratify the recommendation of the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) to appoint Mr. Edward Gifford as Chair of the Agricultural Service Board for a one-year term, ending at the next County Council Organizational Meeting.

Carried.

Appointment of ASB Vice Chair

480-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Mike Derksen that Lac Ste. Anne County Council ratify the recommendation of the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) to appoint Mrs. Jill Stoney as Vice Chair of the Agricultural Service Board for a one-year term, ending at the next County Council Organizational Meeting.

Carried.

FIRE SERVICES

Invoice Appeal - Invoice # 34683 (Fire Services Response)

481-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council deny the invoice appeal for Fire Services Invoice #34683, in the amount of \$2,978.75, for a Structure/Wildland Fire on May 3, 2025.

Carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

2026-2028 Funding Agreement - Family and Community Support Services

482-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Jill Stoney that County Council approve the 2026-2028 Family and Community Support Services Funding Agreement, and authorize execution and endorsement of the agreement.

Carried.

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

483-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Jill Stoney that Council appoint Ms. Jocelyne April, representing Darwell & Area, to the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board effective immediately, and until October 31, 2028, as recommended by the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board.

Carried.

Coyote Community Hall - Funding Request

484-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council approve the option for the Coyote Community Hall Society to change the scope of project from the installation of

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the energy efficient window replacement project, if they wish, allowing them to complete either that project or the insulation project, with the previously approved \$6,208.05 funding.

Carried.

Heatherdown Cemetery - Transfer to Lac Ste. Anne County

485-2025

MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council approve, in principle, the transfer of ownership of the Heatherdown Cemetery to the County, on the condition that the Heatherdown Cemetery Foundation continue to operate and maintain the cemetery under a formal written agreement with the County, and that all legislative requirements, approvals, and procedural steps be satisfactorily completed.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

2026 County Calendar – and the 13th Annual County Photo Contest Winners

486-2025

MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council receives the 2026 County Calendar and calendar photo contest winners for information.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATION

COUNTY MANAGER

Rescheduling of the January 1, 2026 Governance & Priorities Meeting.

487-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council reschedules the January 1, 2026 Governance & Priorities meeting to January 7, 2026, following the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.

Carried.

Appointments to the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework and Intermunicipal Development Plan Committees

488-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Jill Stoney that County Council appoints the Councillor(s) to the required Inter Municipal Development (IDP) and Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks Committees as follows:

- Councillor Mike Derksen and Councillor Barry Voltner Lac Ste. Anne County / Town of Onoway Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee
- Councillor Mike Derksen and Councillor Barry Voltner Lac Ste. Anne County / Town of Onoway Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee
- Councillor Bo Knysh and Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson Lac Ste. Anne County / Alberta Beach Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee
- Councillor Bo Knysh and Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson Lac Ste. Anne County / Alberta Beach Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee
- Councillor Jill Stoney and Reeve Jurgen Preugschas Lac Ste. Anne County / Town of Mayerthorpe Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee
- Councillor Jill Stoney and Reeve Jurgen Preugschas Lac Ste. Anne County / Town of Mayerthorpe Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee
- with Councillor Ed Gifford as the alternate for all the above Committees.

Carried.

Appointments - Ste. Anne Emergency Response Centre

489-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council appoint Councillor Ed Gifford and Councillor Jill Stoney to the Ste. Anne Emergency Response Centre Committee, further cancelling the appointments of Councillor Barry Voltner and Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson.

Carried.

Policy 01-017 Council Remuneration

490-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Mike Derksen that County Council approve Policy 01-017 Council Remuneration, as amended with the effective date retroactive to October 20, 2025 and review date of October 31, 2026.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

491-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council enters a Closed Session at 11:21 a.m. pursuant to Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA), at 11:21 a.m. and in accordance with the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) and/or *Protection of Privacy Act* (POPA), to discuss the following matters:

- 1) Property and Facility Listing - Tax Roll 5403073037 (Zion United Church & Property)
 Subject to ATIA Section 19 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party.

Carried.

492-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council adjourns the Closed Session at 12:01 p.m.

Carried.

Zion United Church

493-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council advises Zion Church the value to purchase a proposed 3.0 acre +/- parcel from Lot 5, Block 4, Plan 8020622, Paradise Estates within N.W. 07-54-03 W5M, 15, 3521 Twp Rd 542, Tax Roll 5403073037 would be \$460,000.00 and that the County enters into an agreement at a 50/50 split on the net proceeds of the sale.

Carried.

Fire Apparatus Discussion

494-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council accepts the discussion on the Type 1 and Type 3 fire trucks, for information.


Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Jurgen Preugschas adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.



 Reeve



 Interim County Manager