



**MINUTES  
County Council Regular Meeting**

Lac Ste. Anne County held a County Council Regular Meeting on January 23, 2026, commencing at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the County Administration Building in Sangudo, Alberta.

Councillors Present: J. Preugschas, Reeve  
D. Johnson, Deputy Reeve  
M. Derksen, Councillor  
E. Gifford, Councillor  
B. Knysh, Councillor  
J. Stoney, Councillor  
B. Voltner, Councillor

Councillors Absent:

Staff Present: A. Mitchell, County Manager  
C. Callihoo, GM of Corporate Services  
T. Court, GM of Community Engagement  
G. Edwards, GM of Operations  
B. Hartman, GM of Infrastructure  
T. Lee Chen Finance Manager Finance Manager  
T. Lesko, Communications Coordinator  
J. Lowry, Administrative Support Clerk  
S. McGrath, Finance Technician  
R. Smyth, Assessment & Taxation Manager  
C. Suter, Legislative & Support Services Supervisor  
T. Vanderwell, Acting Manager of Planning & Development

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**Additions to the Agenda**

- 10.B.2. County Council & Committee Updates
- 10.B.3. Update on Development permit 193193-25-D0220 - verbal update for information
- 10.B.4. Update on subdivision 021SUB2025 - verbal update for information
- Cemetery Information - deferred to a future meeting in February

Reeve Preugschas noted that any agenda additions requested by Council should be submitted through the County Manager, the Wednesday prior to the finalization of the agenda to allow sufficient time for administration to gather information and prepare the item.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Acceptance of the Agenda**

JP AM

17-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council accepts the January 23, 2026, County Council meeting agenda as amended.  
Carried.

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

##### **January 8, 2026, County Council Meeting Minutes**

18-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council approves the January 8, 2026, County Council meeting minutes as presented.  
Carried.

#### **DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

##### **9:37 a.m. Presentation: Coyote Community Association**

19-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council approves the funding request from the Coyote Community Hall Association, in the amount of \$5,731.95, for further improvements to the Coyote Community Hall.  
Defeated.

20-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council receive the Coyote Community Hall Association presentation as information, and further direct Administration to present the grants and sponsorship funding model for community halls to Council for consideration.  
Carried.

#### **CORPORATE SERVICES**

##### **FINANCE**

##### **Signing Authority**

21-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council approve Reeve Jurgen Preugschas, Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson, County Manager Ann Mitchell, GM of Community Engagement Trista Court, GM of Operations Greg Edwards, GM of Infrastructure Brian Hartman and the GM of Corporate Services Carla Callihoo signing authority for all financial institution accounts and documents.  
Carried.

##### **Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) Amendment**

22-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council amend Motion Number 11-2026 to read as follows; that County Council approves the cancellation of the 2025 oil and gas industry property taxes in the amount of \$1,109,644 as a part of the requirement for the submission to the province to receive a credit for the uncollectible Education Property Taxes for \$85,264.35 on oil and gas properties and the Designated Industrial Requisition (DIRC) for \$2,579.12.  
Carried.

##### **Signing Authority Administration Policy 03-050-021**

23-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council directs Administration to amend the Signing Authority - Administration Policy 03-050-21 as discussed, and bring back the matter to the February 26, 2026, County Council meeting for consideration.  
Carried.

##### **November 2025 Operating Budget Report**



24-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council accept the November 2025 Operating Budget Report as presented.  
Carried.

**11:00 a.m. Presentation: Alberta Beach Snowmobile Club**

25-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council receive the presentation made by Tyler Geddes, Chris Brookes and Marvin Eckert, representing the Alberta Beach Snowmobile Club (ABSC), as information, and further defer a decision on the trail development proposal, allowing the ABSC and the County to work together on a public engagement strategy to garner landowner positions and additional information.  
Carried.

Recess from 11:54 a.m. to 12:12 p.m.

**12:12 p.m. Presentation - Tammy Ethier - Peter Trynchy Airport**

26-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council accepts the Peter Trynchy Airport presentation made by Tammy Ethier for information.  
Carried.

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Emergency Culvert Replacement BF13468 - NW 29-57-8-W5**

27-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council approve the addition of the Emergency Culvert Replacement and Road Repair, NW 29-57-8-W5 to the 2026 Capital budget in the amount of \$525,000, with funding to come from the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) for \$300,000 and the Local Government Fiscal Framework Grant (LGFF) for \$225,000.  
Carried.

Recess from 12:45 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Letter of Support - Coyote Community Association**

28-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Voltner that County Council ratify the actions of Administration in providing of a letter of support to the Coyote Community Association to accompany their grant application(s) for the purchase of tables and chairs, floor-cleaning equipment, a sound system, and related facility enhancements.  
Carried.

**East End Bus Society - Request for Increased Operating Funding**

29-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council deny the request from the East End Bus Society for increased funding in 2026, and further that any request by the Society for additional municipal funding beyond the scope of the existing partnership agreement require formal renegotiation of that agreement.  
Carried.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**BYLAWS & POLICIES**

**Bylaw 01-2026 Borrowing Bylaw: Operating Line of Credit**



30-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council give third reading and final reading and enact Bylaw 01-2026 Borrowing Bylaw: Operating Line of Credit. Carried.

**Bylaw 02-2026 Water Distribution Utility Bylaw**

31-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council gives first reading to Bylaw 02-2026 Water Distribution Utility Bylaw and further direct Administration to bring back to a future meeting for consideration for second and third reading. Carried.

**Property Tax Penalty Relief Policy 03-010-011**

32-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Knysh that County Council adopts the Property Tax Penalty Relief Policy 03-010-011 as presented. Carried.

**COUNTY MANAGER**

**Agricultural Service Board Council Appointment**

33-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council appoint Reeve Preugschas to the Lac Ste. Anne County Agricultural Service Board and further remove Councillor Bo Knysh from that appointment. Carried.

**COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**County Council & Committee Updates**

34-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council accepts the following County Council and Committee Updates for information:

**Division 1**

**Councillor Voltner**

December County Manager Search  
January 7 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting  
January 14 & 15 Alberta Sand & Gravel Association Conference  
January 15 Lac Ste. Anne - Parkland MLA Shane Getson Town Hall Meeting

**Division 2**

**Councillor Derksen**

**- lake restoration projects and meetings,**

December County Manager Search  
January 12 Zone Meeting  
January 14 & 15 Alberta Sand & Gravel Association Conference  
January 15 Lac Ste. Anne - Parkland MLA Shane Getson Town Hall Meeting  
January 17 Summer Villages of Lac Ste Anne County East Meet & Greet (SVLSACE)

**Division 3**

**Deputy Reeve Johnson**

County Manager Search  
Visited ratepayer within Waters Edge hook up to water,  
Highway 43 East Waste Commission Meetings  
WILD Water  
Rich Valley Agriculture Society Meet & Greet  
Meet Lac La Nonne Residents  
December 23 County Council Special Meeting  
December 30 County Council Special Meeting  
January 12 Zone Meeting  
January 18 Lac Ste. Anne Ratepayers Association Annual General Meeting,



**Division 4****Councillor Gifford**

December County Manager Search  
Cherhill Association hosting an event May 2 Cherhill Anniversary  
January 8 County Council Meeting  
January 13 Agricultural Services Board (ASB) Meeting  
January 20-20 ASB Conference, Family Farm Award  
January Community Futures Yellowhead East meeting

**Division 5****Councillor Knysh**

County Manager Search  
December 12 County Council Meeting  
December 15 Darwell Lagoon Commission Meeting  
December 23 County Council Special Meeting  
December 30 County Council Special Meeting  
January 7 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting  
January 13 Agricultural Services Board (ASB) Meeting

**Division 6****Reeve Preugschas**

County Manager Search  
December 12 County Council Meeting  
December 23 County Council Special Meeting  
December 30 County Council Special Meeting  
January 8 County Council Meeting  
January 12 Zone Meeting  
January 20-22 ASB conference

**Division 7****Councillor Stoney**


County Manager Search  
December 12 County Council Meeting  
December 23 County Council Special Meeting  
December 30 County Council Special Meeting  
January 8 County Council Meeting  
January 13 Agricultural Services Board/ALUS Meeting  
January 12 Pembina Zone Meeting  
January 14 & 15 Alberta Sand & Gravel Association Conference  
George Pegg  
Tour the hamlets with the County Manager  
Lac Ste. Anne Foundation  
Beachwave Park Stakeholders Meeting

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Reeve Jurgen Preugschas adjourned the meeting at 2:09 P.M.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Reeve

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County Manager