



MINUTES
County Council Regular Meeting

Lac Ste. Anne County held a County Council Regular Meeting on February 12, 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, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Callihoo, GM of Corporate Services
T. Court, GM of Community Engagement
T. Lesko, Communications Coordinator
J. Lowry, Administrative Support Clerk
S. McGrath, Finance Technician
B. Parker, Public Works Manager
R. Smyth, Assessment & Taxation Manager
C. Suter, Legislative & Support Services Supervisor
T. Vanderwell, Acting Manager of Planning & Development

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

Reeve Preugschas shared a moment of prayer and reflection regarding the tragedy in Tumbler Ridge, B.C. on February 10, 2026, and then observed a moment of silence.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

8.B.1. - Strike from the Agenda - 2025 Operating Project Carry Forward - Financial Software Consulting

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Acceptance of the Agenda

38-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council accepts the February 12, 2026, County Council meeting agenda as amended.

Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

January 23, 2026 County Council Meeting Minutes

39-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Voltner that County Council approves the January 23, 2026, County Council meeting minutes as presented.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

9:35 a.m. Appointment - Corrie Shura - Campground Sewage Fees

40-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council accepts the presentation by Corrie Shura, owner/operator of Deep Creek Campground regarding Bylaw 03-2025 - Wastewater Utility Rate for information.
Carried.

OPERATIONS

PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS

2026 Gravel Haul Rate

41-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council denies the 2026 Gravel Haul Rate and further directs Administration to bring back the fuel surcharge to the February 26, 2026, County Council meeting.
Defeated.

42-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council accepts the 2026 Gravel Haul Rate to reflect the following:
\$0.950 Load Factor
\$0.1500 tonne/km
14% Fuel Surcharge

for the duration of the winter haul and revisit the fuel surcharge rate for further evaluation, with the potential to implement a revised summer fuel surcharge.
Carried.

10:15 a.m. Presentation Dan Nistor Tax Roll 5601091018

43-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council receives for information the presentation by Dan & Liliana Nistor regarding approved Development Permit 25-D0220 located at 5601091018, Belle Vista Estates.
Carried.

10:27 a.m. Appointment - Christian Neudecker - Ratepayer Concerns

44-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Knysh that County Council receive for information the presentation by Christian Neudecker a landowner with Diamond Country Estates regarding his concerns with the Enforcement and Planning and Development Departments.
Carried.

Recess from 10:53 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.

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.)

Councillor Derksen requested a recorded vote.

45-2026

MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that development permit application 25-D0220, Applicant: Teodor Nistor, Landowner: Teodor and Liliana Nistor, for 2026 Manufactured Home on wood blocks and gravel pad. Main 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 run-off 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.

17.Manufactured Home shall be placed on screw piles. Blocking is not permitted as an alternative foundation method. Any change to the foundation shall require a new development permit application.

Reeve Preugschas	For
Deputy Reeve Johnson (Moved By)	For
Councillor Derksen	Against
Councillor Gifford	For
Councillor Knysh	For
Councillor Stoney	For
Councillor Voltner	For

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES

ASSESSMENT & TAXATION

Tax Penalty Cancellation Request 5505253001

46-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Voltner that County Council deny the request to cancel penalties for \$100.11 for Tax Roll 5505253001.

Carried.

Tax Penalty Cancellation Request 5402194002

47-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council deny the request to cancel penalties for \$343.60 for Tax Roll 5402194002.

Carried.

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

48-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council denies the request to cancel penalties for \$199.39 related to Tax Roll 5401224001 and penalties of \$7.13 that have been applied to the solid waste utility account U65482.000.

Carried.

FINANCE

2025-2026 Additional Named Insured Insurance Premiums

49-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council approve covering the \$21,066 on increased ANI insurance premiums arising from County claims, to be funded within the 2026 Operating insurance budget.

Carried.

2025 Financial Audit Letters

50-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council accept the audit engagement and planning letter as presented and furthermore ensure that Council responds to the auditor on the Audit Planning letter under Clause H, Requests of Council no later than March 2, 2026.

Carried.

2025 Operating Project Carry Forward - Migrate Fire Email Accounts

51-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Voltner that County Council approve transferring \$11,664.00 from the 2025 Operating Budget for the Fire Email Migration Project to the 2026

Operating Budget to migrate the volunteer fire fighters email accounts to Isac.ca to ensure continued access is available.

Carried.

HEALTH & SAFETY

2025 Certificate of Recognition (COR)

52-2026

MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council accept for information the presentation of the 2025 Certificate of Recognition (COR) Certification Audit successful score of 86% for the County's Health and Safety Management System.

Carried.

INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board Request for Increased Funding for 2026

53-2026

MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council acknowledge the request from the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board to provide a budgetary increase of 5% to the per capita funding for 2026, and further that Council defer consideration of the request to the 2026 budget deliberations.

Carried.

Recess from 12:27 p.m. to 1:02 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Bylaw 02-2026 - Water Distribution Utility Bylaw

54-2026

MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council gives Bylaw 02-2026 Water Distribution Utility Bylaw second reading.

Carried.

55-2026

MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council give Bylaw 02-2026 Water Distribution Utility Bylaw third and final reading.

Carried.

Bylaw 03-2026 Sangudo Utility Bylaw

56-2026

MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council gives Bylaw 03-2026 Sangudo Utility Bylaw first reading as presented and further directs Administration to bring back to a future meeting for consideration for second and third reading.

Carried.

Bylaw 04-2026 Solid Waste Utility Bylaw

57-2026

MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council give Bylaw 04-2026 Solid Waste Utility Bylaw first reading and further directs Administration to bring back to a future meeting for consideration for second and third reading.

Carried.

COUNTY MANAGER

Lacombe Research & Development Facility Closure

58-2026

MOVED BY Reeve Preugschas that County Council ratifies that Administration to send letters to our Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly to express our concern over the closure of the Lacombe Research & Development Center for further action and further move this forward to the February 9th, 2026 Meeting of Pembina Zone 3 (RMA) to assist in our lobbying efforts.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Preugschas adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.



Deputy Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer