



MINUTES
County Council Regular Meeting

Lac Ste. Anne County held a County Council Regular Meeting on March 26, 2026 commencing at 9:34 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. Lee Chen, Finance Manager
T. Lesko, Communications Coordinator
J. Lowry, Administrative Support Clerk
S. McGrath, Finance Technician
T. Monteith, Community Services Coordinator
B. Parker, Public Works Manager
C. Suter, Legislative & Support Services Supervisor

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

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Preugschas called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Johnson attending on-line.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Brad Javorsky - Borrowing Bylaw 11-2026 - Darwell Lagoon Transmission Line Phase B - Part II Northeast Lagoon Expansion Borrowing Bylaw

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Acceptance of the Agenda

100-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council approves the March 26, 2026, County Council meeting agenda as presented. Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

March 12, 2026 County Council Meeting Minutes

101-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council approves the March 12, 2026 County Council meeting minutes as presented.

Carried.

OPERATIONS**PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS****Operations Monthly Report**

102-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council accept the Operations Monthly Report as information.

Carried.

Recess from 9:56 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. for Lac Ste. Anne County Bylaw 27-2019-01-2026 and Town of Mayerthorpe Bylaw 1071-01/2026 to Amend Mayerthorpe Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)**

Confirmation of attendees from the Town of Mayerthorpe via in house and via on line. Quorum was noted.

In Person - CAO Leggett
Councillor Pedersen
Councillor Campbell

On-line - Mayor AJ Malcolm
Councillor Esther Sonnenberg

103-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that the Public Hearing for Lac Ste. Anne County Bylaw 27-2019-01-2026 and Town of Mayerthorpe Bylaw 1071-01/2026 to Amend Mayerthorpe Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP), be opened at 10:03 a.m.

Carried.

104-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that the presentations for Lac Ste. Anne County Bylaw 27-2019-01-2026 and Town of Mayerthorpe Bylaw 1071-01/2026 to Amend Mayerthorpe Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP), be accepted for information.

Linda Hogue - The applicant noted she has a reclamation certification for the pipeline on the lands.

Carried.

105-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that the Public Hearing for Lac Ste. Anne County Bylaw 27-2019-01-2026 and Town of Mayerthorpe Bylaw 1071-01/2026 to Amend Mayerthorpe Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) be closed at 10:15 a.m.

Carried.

10:57 a.m. Appointment Lyle Quintal - Proposed Subdivision

106-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council accept the presentation by landowner Lyle Quintal for a proposed subdivision located at S.E. 03-56-01-W5M for information.

Carried.

11:03 a.m. Appointment Mandy Reid - Sangudo Speedway Proposal

107-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council accepts the Sangudo Speedway Proposal presentation by Kris Donaldson and Mandy Reid for information.

Carried.

11:11 a.m. Appointment - Angela Pauls - Proposed Municipal Animal Intake Partnership Proposal

- 108-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council accepts the presentation made by Angela Pauls for a municipal animal intake partnership proposal for information.
Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES

FINANCE

2025 Operating Budget Reserve Transfer

- 109-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Voltner that County Council approve the transfer of \$576,889 from the 2025 surplus to the tax rate stabilization reserve fund.
Carried.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board - Appointment of Auditor

- 110-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that Council approve the recommendation of the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board, at their March 4, 2026 meeting, to reappoint Ms. Brenda DeBock as the financial auditor for the purpose of the 2025 auditing process for the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board.
Carried.

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Bylaw 27-2019-01-2026 to Amend Mayerthorpe Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)

- 111-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council give second reading to Bylaw 27-2019-01-2026 to Amend Mayerthorpe Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).
Carried.

- 112-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 27-2019-01-2026 to Amend Mayerthorpe Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).
Carried.

Town of Mayerthorpe Bylaw 1071-01/2026 to Amend Mayerthorpe Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)

The Town of Mayerthorpe will be conducting their own readings of the Town of Mayerthorpe Bylaw 1071-01/2026 to Amend Mayerthorpe Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)

Bylaw 05-2026 Wastewater Utility Rate Bylaw

- 113-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council give first reading Bylaw 05-2026 Wastewater Utility Rate Bylaw and further directs Administration to bring back to a future meeting for consideration for second and third reading.
Carried.

Councillor Knysh recused himself at 10:32 a.m.

Councillor Knysh returned to the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Bylaw 06-2026 Wastewater Lagoon Tax Bylaw

114-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council give first reading to Bylaw 06-2026 Wastewater Tax Bylaw as presented. Carried.

Bylaw 07-2026 Cherhill Sewer Special Tax

115-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council give first reading to Bylaw Cherhill Sewer Special Tax 07-2026 as presented. Carried.

Bylaw 08-2026 Special Recreation Services Tax

116-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council give first reading to Bylaw 08-2026 Special Recreation Services Tax, as presented. Carried.

Borrowing Bylaw 11-2026 - Darwell Lagoon Transmission Line Phase B - Part II Northeast Lagoon Expansion Borrowing Bylaw

Councillor Knysh requested a recorded vote.

117-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council give first reading of Bylaw 11-2026 for the construction of the Darwell Lagoon Transmission Line Phase B: Part II – Northeast Lagoon Expansion Borrowing Bylaw \$1,600,493 for a term of twenty-five (25) years.

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

Carried.

12-2026 Property Tax Rate Bylaw

118-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Knysh that County Council give first reading of the Property Tax Rate Bylaw 12-2026, as presented. Carried.

Reeve Preugschas made a presentation on behalf of County Council to GM of Corporate Services, Carla Callihoo congratulating her on her 37 years of service at Lac Ste. Anne County and her well deserved retirement.

Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson lost his on-line connection at 11: 37 a.m. and did not return to the meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Review of Municipal Development Plan 23-2014 in response to Pre-Application Meeting for Proposed Subdivision Application - SE 03-56-01 W5M, to create one (1) 41.8 acre parcel from a previously subdivided quarter-section

119-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Voltner that County Council table the decision for proposed subdivision application - SE 03-56-01 W5M, to create one (1) 41.8 acre parcel from a previously subdivided quarter-section and directs Administration to bring back to the April 9, 2026 County Council meeting.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATION

COUNTY MANAGER

2026 - 2029 Strategic Plan

120-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Voltner that County Council adopt the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan as presented.

Carried.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

County Council Committee Reports

121-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council accepts the County Council & Committee Reports for information:

Division 1

Councillor Voltner

March 2 - Financial Statement Orientation - Meet the Auditor

March 4 - MPC Organizational Meeting and MPC

March 5 - Communications and Grant Orientations and meet MP Michael Cooper

March 12 - County Council (Council Chambers)

March 16 - Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring Convention

Meeting with Minister Sigurdson

Meeting with Minister Ellis

Meeting with MLA Grant Hunter

March 17 - RMA Spring Convention

Minister Schow

March 18 - RMA Spring Convention

Question Period

Minister Neudorf

March 19 - RMA Spring Convention

March 20 - Budget Meeting Deliberations

March 26 - County Council Meeting

Division 2

Councillor Derksen

March 2- Meet the auditor

March 4- East End Bus Society

March 5- Communication Grants Orientation and meet Michael Cooper

March 6- Meeting in Stony Plain with tiny home builders

March 11- Sandy Lake Water Shed Meeting

March 12- County Council Meeting

March 16- RMA Convention

March 17- RMA Convention

March 18- RMA Convention

March 20- Budget Meeting

March 25- East End Bus Society AGM Meeting

March 26- County Council Meeting

Division 3

Dale Johnson

March 2 - Financial Statement Orientation - Meet the Auditor

March 4 - Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) Organizational Meeting and regular

MPC meeting
 March 5 - Communications and Grant Orientations and Meeting with MP Michael Cooper
 March 12 - County Council (Council Chambers)
 March 16 - Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring Convention
 Meeting with Minister Sigurdson
 Meeting with Minister Ellis
 Meeting with MLA Grant Hunter
 March 17 - RMA Spring Convention
 Minister Schow
 March 18 - RMA Spring Convention
 Question Period
 Meeting with Minister Neudorf
 March 19 - RMA Spring Convention
 March 20 - Budget Meeting Deliberations
 March 26 - County Council Meeting

Division 4

Ed Gifford

March 2 – LSAC Meeting with Auditor
 March 4 – Community Future Yellowhead East Virtual Training – Board Operations
 March 5 – LSAC Grants and Communications Orientations and meet with MP Michael Cooper
 March 5 – Community Future Yellowhead East Virtual Training – Legal Responsibilities
 March 9 – Darwell & District Recreation Association Meeting
 March 9 – Friends of the Darwell Library Meeting
 March 10 – Agricultural Service Board Meeting and ALUS Meeting
 March 10 – Community Future Yellowhead East Virtual Training – Lending
 March 12 – LSAC County Council Meeting
 March 12 – Community Future Yellowhead East Virtual Training – Strategic Loan and Funding Management
 March 18 – Alberta Legislature Question Period and Meeting with MLA Nathan Neudorf
 March 19 – Community Futures Yellowhead East Regular Board Meeting
 March 20 – LSAC Budget Deliberations
 March 26 – LSAC County Council Meeting

Division 5

Bo Knysh

March 2 - Financial Statement Orientation - Meet the Auditor
 March 4 - MPC Organizational Meeting and MPC
 March 5 - Communications and Grant Orientations and Meeting with MP Michael Cooper
 March 12 - County Council (Council Chambers)
 March 16 - Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring Convention
 Meeting with Minister Sigurdson
 Meeting with Minister Ellis
 Meeting with MLA Grant Hunter
 March 17 - RMA Spring Convention
 Minister Schow
 LILSA WQ2 Touchpoint (Zoom Meeting)
 March 18 - RMA Spring Convention
 Question Period
 Minister Neudorf
 March 19 - RMA Spring Convention
 March 20 - Budget Meeting Deliberations
 March 26 - County Council Meeting

Division 6

Jurgen Preugschas

Feb. 27 - Budget Meeting

March 2 - Council Meeting with Auditor
 March 2- CAO/Reeve Meeting
 March 4 - Library Board Meeting
 March 5 - Grants and Communications orientations
 March 9 - CAO/Reeve Meeting
 March 10- Ag Service Board Meeting
 March 10 - ALUS Meeting
 March 12 Council Meeting
 March 16 - Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring Convention Edmonton
 March 16 - Met with Minister Mike Ellis
 Minister R.J Sigrudson
 Minister MLA Grant Hunter
 Evening dinner meeting with Mayor of Alberta Beach Tara
 Elwood
 March 17- RMA Spring Convention
 March 17- Met with Minister Joseph Schow
 Evening Dinner with some of Barrhead County Council
 March 18 - RMA
 March 18 - Attended Question Period in Legislature
 Met with Deputy Premier Nathan Neudorf
 March 20- Budget Meeting
 Dealt with calls on road issues and frozen culverts. Inspected some of these.

Division 7

Jill Stoney

March 2nd - Financial Statement Orientation
 March 4th - LSAC Library Board Meeting
 March 5th - Communications and Grant Orientations and Meeting with MP Michael Cooper
 March 10th - Agricultural Service Board Meeting
 March 12th - County Council Meeting
 March 16th – RMA and Meeting with Minister Sigurdson
 March 17th – RMA and Meeting with Minister Schow
 March 18th – RMA and Question Period at the Legislature Building and Meeting with Minister Neudorf
 March 20th - Public Budget Meeting
 March 21st - Towaw Cattle Co bull sale
 March 22 - George Pegg Botanic Garden Society Meeting
 March 23rd – Division 7 Town Hall Meeting
 March 25th - Beachwave Park Stakeholders meeting
 March 26th - County Council Meeting

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer

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