LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY

MINUTES
County Council Regular Meeting

Lac Ste. Anne County held a County Council Regular Meeting on May 28, 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:	J. Campbell, GM of Corporate Services T. Court, GM of Community & Protective Services B. Hartman, GM of Infrastructure D. Choma, Enforcement Services Manager T. Lane, Manager of Planning & Development T. Lesko, Communications Coordinator J. Lowry, Administrative Support Clerk T. Monteith, Community Services Coordinator B. Parker, Public Works Manager C. Suter, Legislative & Support Services Supervisor T. Vanderwell, Acting Manager of Planning & Development R. Smyth, Assessment & Taxation Manager
Also Present:	Eighteen members of the public were in attendance. No members of the public were on-line.

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Stoney called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

7.A.2. Township Road 540 Compaction Test & Core Sample
7.A.3. Operations Capital Road Projects
7.A.4. Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Project - Letter of Support for Watershed Resiliency & Restoration Program (WRRP) Grant

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Acceptance of the Agenda

185-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council approves the May 28, 2026, County Council meeting agenda as amended.

Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

None

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No one was in attendance for the Public Input Session.

CORPORATE SERVICES

Darwell Lagoon Commission Project Update

186-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council receives the Darwell Lagoon Commission Project Phase B: Part II Update for information and directs Administration to work with the Commission and the Minister on the future details needed for the $1.6M project contribution.

Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

May 14, 2026 County Council Meeting Minutes

187-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council adopts the May 14, 2026, County Council meeting minutes as presented.

Carried.

West Inter Lake District Water Line to the Darwell School Waterline Project

188-2026 MOVED BY Reeve Preugschas that County Council approve capital budget for the amount of $592,348 and direct Administration to sign agreements as noted with WILD and Northern Gateway Public School.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

10:00 a.m. Presentation - Lac Ste. Anne Metis Community Association - Dale Friedel

189-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Knysh that County Council receive the presentation made by Tracy Friedel,President of the Lac Ste. Anne Metis Community Association for information.

Carried.

Recess from 10:24 a.m. to 10:31 a.m.

Reeve Preugschas assumed the chair for the Public Hearing.

10:30 a.m. Public Hearing for Bylaw 22-2017-01-2026 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 – Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 1624304 within SE 33-53-04 W5M from Agricultural '1' (AG1) District to Commercial Recreation (CREC) District and Bylaw 13-2006 to adopt the Whitewood RV Park Expansion Area Structure Plan for Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 1624304 within SE 33-53-04 W5M

190-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Voltner that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 22-2017-01-2026 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 – Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 1624304 within SE 33-53-04 W5M from Agricultural '1' (AG1) District to Commercial Recreation (CREC) District and Bylaw 13-2006 to adopt the Whitewood RV Park Expansion Area Structure Plan for Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 1624304 within SE 33-53-04 W5M, be opened at 10:30 a.m.

Carried.

Councillor Knysh recused himself at 10:33 a.m. due to pecuniary interest as Counciilor Knysh owns and operates a campground.

Treena Lane, Planning & Development Manager introduced the subject of the Public Hearing. Ms. Lane read comments of the Public Hearing into the record.

Reeve Preugschas called for anyone present to speak for or against the subject of the Public Hearing.

Sharon McConnell adjacent landowner to the proposal spoke against the subject of the Public Hearing.

Susan Bouchard adjacent landowner to the proposal spoke against the subject of the Public Hearing.

Linda Fleming resident of Parkland County but directly south of the proposed development spoke against the subject of the Public Hearing.

Chauncey Featherstone resident of Lac Ste. Anne County spoke against the subject of the Public Hearing.

Ernie Russell resident of Lac Ste. Anne County spoke against the proposed development.

Carol Wagstaff resident of Lac Ste. Anne County spoke against the proposal development.

Fred Russell resident of Lac Ste. Anne County spoke against the proposed development.

Dave Stonebear resident of Lac Ste. Anne County spoke against the subject of the Public Hearing.

Kelli Boothresident of Lac Ste. Anne County spoke against the subject of the Public Hearing.

Samme Bradshaw resident of Lac Ste. Anne County spoke against the subject of the Public Hearing.

Carrissa Lorenz the developer spoke in favor of the development and provided a written submission.

Close the Public Hearing

191-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 22-2017-01-2026 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 22-2017 – Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 1624304 within SE 33-53-04 W5M from Agricultural '1' (AG1) District to Commercial Recreation (CREC) District and Bylaw 13-2006 to adopt the Whitewood RV Park Expansion Area Structure Plan for Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 1624304 within SE 33-53-04 W5M be closed at 12:00 noon.

Carried.

Recess from 12:01 p.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Councillor Stoney assumed the Chair.

Councillor Knsyh returned to the meeting.

11:30 a.m. Presentation: ATCO Energy Systems & Yellowhead Pipeline Project

192-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Voltner that County Council receives the ATCO Energy Systems & Yellowhead Pipeline Project presentation made by Brad Cann, Senior Manager, Project Execution, and Jolene Colbourne, Stakeholder Relations Manager of Atco Energy Systems for information.

Carried.

Recess from 12:30 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

ASSESSMENT & TAXATION

Penalty Cancellation Request

193-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council deny the request to cancel penalties in the amount of $1,241.42 for Tax Roll 5501331043.

Carried.

2026 Appointment of Assessment Review Board (ARB) Officials

194-2026 MOVED BY Reeve Preugschas that County Council appoint the following as Assessment Review Board (ARB) official for 2026, Certified Panelist - Braden Lanctot.

Carried.

OPERATIONS

PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS

Operations Monthly Report

195-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council receives the Operations Monthly Report as information.

Carried.

Operations Capital Projects

196-2026 MOVED BY Reeve Preugschas that County Council receives the discussion regarding operations capital projects for information.

Carried.

Township Road 540 - Compaction Test & Core Sampling

197-2026 MOVED BY Reeve Preugschas that County Council direct Administration to reassess the quality of the construction of Township Road 540 through a compaction test and core sample, and report back to a future meeting.

Carried.

Letter of Support - ALUS

198-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council direct Administration to forward the request form the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) for a letter of support for the consideration of the WRRP Grant Program and further bring their recommendation back to a future county Council meeting.

Carried.

FINANCE

T119 - Trailer Replacement: Budget Transfer Request

199-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Voltner that County Council approve transfer of $18,320 from Fleet Services' operating budget for the purchase of a trailer to the capital budget as presented.

Carried.

COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICES

ABADASA Tournament - Request to waive fees

200-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Voltner that County Council deny the request of ABADASA (Alberta Beach and District Amateur Softball Association) to waive the diamond rental fees for their September 5-7, 2026 ball tournament scheduled for the Sangudo ball diamonds.

Carried.

Onoway Adult SloPitch 2026 Season

Councillor Knysh requested a recorded vote.

201-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council approve a seasonal rate of $500 for the Swede Moren Sports Association's Onoway diamond rental fees for the 2026 Onoway Adult Slo-Pitch League season for league play, plus a damage deposit of $500, with any tournament(s) being additionally charged at the pre-established rate of $50.00 per diamond per day and further that an agreement be entered into outlining that although Lac Ste. Anne County will provide two washrooms, the Swede Moren Sports Association is responsible for minor maintenance of the diamonds.

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

Carried.

Seniors' Week 2026

202-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council declare that June 1-7, 2026 be "Seniors' Week" in Lac Ste. Anne County, in honour of the past, present, and future contributions of all seniors in our local communities and throughout Alberta.

Carried.

CPS - OTHER ITEMS

Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Grant - Coyote Community Association

203-2026 MOVED BY Reeve Preugschas that County Council approve the County serving as the municipal partner for the Coyote Community Association's application to the Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit program, supporting their request for funding to complete facility renovations.

Carried.

Grass Mowing Request - Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage Company

204-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council approve the provision of grass mowing services as requested, and if capacity allows to the Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage Company on a 50/50 cost-share basis.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATION

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Council Meeting Chair Rotation

205-2026 MOVED BY Reeve Preugschas that County Council approves the implementation of a voluntary rotating Chairperson model, for Regular County Council meetings, with the Chairperson role assigned to Council members on a scheduled basis.

Carried.

Correspondence - Deputy Minister Science & Technology Branch & Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada

206-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council receives the email correspondence dated May 25, 2026 from Andrew Goldstein, the Associate Assistant Deputy Minister of Science and Technology Branch, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada recognizing our concerns with the closure of the Lacombe Research & Development Center, for information.

Carried.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Planning Services - Presentation to Council

207-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council receives the discussion on scheduling an information session regarding ecosystem services and natural asset management by Municipal Planning Services (MPS) session for information.

Carried.

County Council Committee Reports

208-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Voltner that County Council receives the County Council & Committee Reports for information:

Division 1
Councillor Voltner
May 1 - LSAC Strategic Vision Session
May 14 - County Council Meeting
May 21 – Emergency Management Meeting
May 22 - Planning 101
May 28 - County Council Meeting

Division 2
Councillor Derksen
May 1- LSAC Strategic Vision Session
May 7 - Darwell Lagoon Evening Open house
May 12 - Town Hall open House with Div. 1 and Div. 3
May 13 - Sandy Lake Water Shed Meeting
May 14 - County Council Meeting
May 21 – Emergency Management Meeting
May 22 - Planning 101
May 28 - County Council Meeting

Division 3
Deputy Reeve Johnson
April 22 - Darwell Lagoon Meeting.
April 23 - Council Meeting
May 1 - LSAC Strategic Visioning Session
May 4 - Wild Water Commission
May 6 - MPC
May 7 - Darwell Lagoon Open House
May 9 - Meeting with concerned Ratepayers over a Proposed development
May 12 - Visited a concerned ratepayer over their assessment
May 14 - Council Meeting
May 20 - Meeting with Dwight from Wild Water, CAO Ann, and GM Brian
May 21 - Emergency Training

May 22 - Planning 101
May 28 - County Council

Division 4
Councillor Gifford
May 1 – LSAC Strategic Visioning Session
May 2 – Cherhill Legion 80th Anniversary Dinner
May 7 – Darwell Lagoon Commission Open House
May 12 – East Councillors Open House
May 13 - Cherhill Legion Meeting
May 14 – LSAC County Council
May 14 – Wayfinder Open House
May 16 – Alberta Trail Riding Association Horseback Poker Rally – In conjunction with Sangudo Fire Community Foundation
May 21 – LSAC Emergency Management Training
May 21 – LSAC Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting
May 22- LSAC Planning 101 Session
May 27 – West End Bus Committee Meeting
May 27 - ERC (Ste. Anne Emergency Response Centre) Committee Meeting
May 28 – LSAC County Council

Division 5
Councillor Knysh
May 1 - LSAC Strategic Visioning Session
May 6 - MPC
May 14 - County Council
May 19 - LILSA WQ2
May 21 - Local Authorities Emergency Management Training
May 22 - Planning 101
May 28 - County Council

Division 6
Reeve Preugschas
April 27- CAO/Reeve meeting
April 30 - ICF meeting with Town of Mayerthorpe
May 1 - LSAC Strategic Visioning Session
May 2 - Cherhill Legion 80th Anniversary
May 4 - CAO/Reeve meeting, evening Wild Water AGM in Alberta Beach
May 7- Darwell Lagoon Commission Open House
May 9 - Ed Gifford Retirement from Fire services Coyote Hall
May 12 – Prayer Breakfast in Onoway, evening Town Hall in Gunn
May 14 - Council Meeting
May 21 - Emergency Training, evening Town Hall with MP Cooper and MLA Getson
May 22 - Planning Orientation
May 28 - Council Meeting

Division 7
Jill Stoney
May 1 – LSAC Strategic Visioning Session
May 2 – Sangudo Park Clean up
May 7 – Darwell Lagoon Commission Open House
May 12 – Lac Ste Anne Foundation Meeting and Division 1,2,3 Town Hall
May 13- 15th – Subdivision Appeal Board Training
May 14 – Regular County Council Meeting
May 21 – Emergency Management Training, evening Town Hall with MP Cooper and MLA Getson
May 22 – Planning 101
May 25 – Reeve and CAO meeting
May 27 – West End Bus Meeting and St. Anne Emergency Response Centre Meeting
May 28 – Regular County Council Meeting

Carried.

Recess from 2:10 p.m. to 2:18 p.m.

Grants, Donations & Sponsorships (2026)

209-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council directs Administration to allocate the 2026 Grants, Donations & Sponsorships in a similar fashion to the 2025 allocations, as applicable and further direct Administration to continue drafting funding options for Council consideration prior to the approval of the 2027 Budget.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Stoney adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Reeve

Acting Chief Administrative Officer