



**MINUTES  
Governance & Priorities Committee**

Lac Ste. Anne County held a Governance & Priorities on September 4, 2025, commencing at 9:35 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the County Administration Building in Sangudo, Alberta.

Councillors Present: Nick Gelych, Deputy Reeve  
George Vaughan, Councillor  
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Councillor  
Ross Bohnet, Councillor  
Lorne Olsvik, Councillor  
Kevin Lovich, Councillor

Councillors Absent: Joe Blakeman arrived at 11:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Trista Court, Interim County Manager/GM of Community Engagement  
Randy Schroeder, County Fire Chief  
Brian Hartman, GM of Infrastructure  
Greg Edwards, GM of Operations  
Aren Skogstad, Agricultural Services Manager  
Brad Parker, Public Works Manager  
Carla Callihoo, GM of Corporate Services  
Donna Kerr, Community Services Manager  
Twyla Lesko, Communications Coordinator  
Jennifer Lowry, Administrative Support Clerk  
Sarah McGrath, Assessment & Taxation Clerk  
Josiah Sawatzky, IT Technician  
Lori Vanberg, Administrative Support Clerk

Also Present: One member of the public was in attendance.  
No members of the public were on-line.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

9.B.9 Northwest of 16 Tourism Association

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Acceptance of the Agenda**

GOV52-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council accepts the September 4, 2025, Governance & Priorities meeting agenda as amended. Carried.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**August 7, 2025, Governance & Priorities Meeting Minutes**

GOV53-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Lloyd Giebelhaus that County Council approve the August 7, 2025 Governance & Priorities meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

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**DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS****OPERATIONS****Farm Equipment Safety - Range Road 80 South of Highway 43 to Paddle Dam Campground Area**

- GOV54-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Lloyd Giebelhaus that the Governance and Priorities Committee accept the discussion regarding Farm Equipment Safety on Range Road 80 south of Hwy 43 to Paddle Dam Campground area for information.
- Carried.

**Operations Monthly Report**

- GOV55-2025      MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that County Council accept the Operations Monthly Report for information.
- Carried.

Recess from 10:25 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT****AGRICULTURAL SERVICES****Wild Boar Camera Project**

- GOV56-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that Lac Ste. Anne County Council endorse the County's participation as a Project Partner in the "Monitoring Wild Boar Occurrence in Woodlands and Lac Ste. Anne Counties" program, in collaboration with Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, Alberta Pork Producers, Woodlands County, and the University of Calgary's Wild Pig Project.
- Carried.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES****Lessard Lake Outdoor Education Centre**

- GOV57-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that County Council accept the discussion regarding winter use of the Lessard Lake Outdoor Education Centre for information, and further that rentals be discontinued for the winter season effective immediately and that Administration complete winterizing accordingly.
- Carried.

**Sewer System Issues - Paddle River Dam Campground (Peter's Pond)**

- GOV58-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council accept the discussion about the sewer system issues at the washroom/shower building of Paddle River Dam Campground (Peter's Pond) for information, and further direct Administration to proceed with an in-line camera inspection to determine the specific issues.
- Carried.

**Summer Programs 2025****Community Services Summer Programs 2025**

- GOV59-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council accept the discussion regarding Community Services' Summer Programs 2025 for information and further direct Administration to discontinue the Summer Programs and consider adding summer program staff to the Out of School program.
- Carried.

**Out-of-School Care (During Potential Teachers' Strike)**

- GOV60-2025      MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that County Council accept the discussion regarding the County's Out-of-School Care Program during the potential Teacher's strike, as information and further direct Administration to not offer extended Out of School care during that period of time.
- Carried.

**Lac Ste. Anne Minor Softball League - Potential Oil Kings Opportunity**

- GOV61-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that County Council accept the discussion regarding the potential opportunity for the Lac Ste. Anne Minor Softball League to attend a "Softball Night" at a 2025-26 regular season game of the Edmonton Oil Kings for information.
- Carried.

**2026 Campground Rates**

- GOV62-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Lloyd Giebelhaus that County Council approve the 2026 Campground Rates for County owned and operated campground as follows (GST included, where applicable):
- Seasonal Rate (Power/Water/Sewer) \$3,150 per unit
  - Seasonal Rate (Power/Water) \$2,730 per unit
  - Weekly Rate (7 nights) (Power/Water/Sewer) \$300 (RV only, RV plus one tent, or up to three tents)
  - Weekly Rate (7 nights) (Power/Water) \$270 (RV only, RV plus one tent, or up to three tents)
  - Weekly Rate (7 nights) (Unserviced) \$240 (RV only, RV plus one tent, or up to three tents)
  - Daily Rate (Power/Water/Sewer) \$50 (RV only, RV plus one tent, or up to three tents)
  - Daily Rate (Power/Water) \$45 (RV only, RV plus one tent, or up to three tents)
  - Daily Rate (Unserviced) \$40 (RV only, RV plus one tent, or up to three tents)
  - Sewer Dump Fee (Registered Patron) No charge
  - Sewer Dump Fee (Outside User) \$10 per RV
  - Water Fill Fee (Registered Patron) No charge
  - Water Fill Fee (Outside User) (For recreational use only - no filling of large tanks permitted) \$5
- Carried.

**2026 Seasonal Site Process for County Campgrounds**

- GOV63-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council approve the right of first refusal process for 2025 seasonal site holders to retain their current sites for the 2026 season, with patrons required to advise Administration of that intent in writing by Thursday, September 25, 2025, and further that all remaining seasonal sites be offered on a first come, first served basis starting Wednesday, October 1, 2025.
- Carried.

**Number of Available Seasonal Sites for 2026 Camping Season**

- GOV64-2025      MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that County Council approve the following maximum number of seasonal sites for the 2026 season, as follows:
- Lessard Lake Public Campground - maximum of 25 seasonal sites
  - Paddle River Dam Campground (Peter's Pond Area) - maximum of 30 seasonal sites
  - Paddle River Dam Campground (Boat Launch Loop) - maximum of 15 seasonal sites
- Carried.



**Northwest of Highway 16 Association**

- GOV65-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Lloyd Giebelhaus that County Council approves the attendance of Deputy Reeve Gelych at the Northwest of 16 Tourism Association meetings.  
Carried.

**ADMINISTRATION****COUNTY MANAGER****LILSA Water Quality and Water Quantity (WQ2) Steering Committee - Member Appointment**

- GOV66-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council appoint a member of Senior Leadership to the Lake Isle and Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society's Water Quality and Water Quantity Steering Committee.  
Carried.

Reeve Joe Blakeman arrived at the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

- GOV67-2025      MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that County Council adjourns the Closed Session at 1:50 p.m.  
Carried.

**FIRE SERVICES****Fire Services 2nd Quarter Report**

- GOV68-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council receive the Fire Services Department 2025 2nd Quarter Report presentation for information.  
Carried.

**Rail Safety Week 2025**

- GOV69-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that County Council proclaims September 15-21, 2025 as Rail Safety Week in support of CN and Operation Lifesaver's partnership to raise awareness around rail safety.  
Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION****Closed Session**

- GOV70-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Lloyd Giebelhaus that County Council enters a Closed Session pursuant to Section 197(2) at 11:25 a.m. to discuss the following:

- Inter-Governmental Relations
- Third Party Business Agreements

subject to Sections 19 and 26 of the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA).

Carried.

- GOV71-2025      MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council adjourns the Closed Session at 1:52 p.m.

Carried.

- GOV72-2025      MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that County Council direct Administration to advise the Municipal Fire Services Consortium, vial Alberta Beach, that Lac Ste. Anne County's intent is for the proposed Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement to remain a true

mutual aid agreement, with departments engaging assistance when deemed required, and in accordance with the request procedure set out in that agreement.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

  
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Interim County Manager

  
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Deputy Reeve