



**MINUTES
Governance & Priorities Committee**

Lac Ste. Anne County held a Governance & Priorities Committee on December 4, 2025 commencing at 9:34 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the County Administration Building in Sangudo, Alberta.

ROLL CALL

Councillors Present: Barry Voltner, Councillor
Mike Derksen, Councillor
Dale Johnson, Deputy Reeve
Ed Gifford, Councillor
Bo Knysh, Councillor
Jurgen Preugschas, Reeve
Jill Stoney, Councillor

Councillors Absent:

Staff Present: Trista Court, Interim County Manager/GM of Community Engagement
Carla Callihoo, GM of Corporate Services
Brian Hartman, GM of Infrastructure
Greg Edwards, GM of Operations
Cindy Suter, Legislative & Support Services Supervisor
Jennifer Lowry, Administrative Support Clerk
Sarah McGrath, Assessment & Taxation Clerk
Twyla Lesko, Communications Coordinator
Randy Schroeder, County Fire Chief
Dallas Choma, Enforcement Services Manager
Brad Parker, Public Works Manager
Brent Sanderson, Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Smart Coordinator
Tanya Vanderwell, Acting Manager of Planning & Development

Also Present: No members of the public were in attendance.
Fourteen members of the public were on-line.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

7.A.2. Policy 03-050-014, Tendering and Purchasing Policy
11.4 Lake Isle Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society (LILSA) Committee Report (verbal)



ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Acceptance of the Agenda

GOV84-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council approves the December 4, 2025, Governance & Priorities meeting agenda as amended.

Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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November 6, 2025, Governance & Priorities Meeting Minutes

GOV85-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Mike Derksen that County Council approves the November 6, 2025, Governance & Priorities Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**OPERATIONS****Operations Monthly Report**

GOV86-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Jill Stoney that County Council accept the November 2025 Operations Monthly Report for information.

Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS**Opt-In Snowplow Programs**

GOV 87-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council receive the discussion on the Private Snowplowing Policy and Compassionate Snow Clearing Guidelines for information, and further direct Administration to incorporate the amendments as discussed and present the revised policy at a future Council meeting for consideration.

Carried.

ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**Security Issues**

Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson declared a pecuniary interest regarding solutions to Security Issues and exited Council Chambers at 11:03 a.m.

GOV 88-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council directs Administration to investigate possible security solutions for various sites within Lac Ste. Anne County and bring back to a future meeting.

Carried.

Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson returned to the meeting at 11:10 a.m. following the discussion and subsequent vote related to the Security Issues.

LSAC Enforcement Services Q3-2025 Report

GOV 89-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Mike Derksen that County Council accepts the LSAC Enforcement Services Q3-2025 report for information.

Carried.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**Solar Farms**

GOV 90-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council receive the discussion regarding the development requirements and permit approval process for Solar Farms, for information and further directs Administration to incorporate the feedback as discussed and report to Council at a future meeting.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES

FINANCE**Lac Ste. Anne County Financial Report(s)**

- GOV 91-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council receive the discussion regarding the frequency and format of financial reports as information, and further direct Administration to implement the reporting process as discussed.
- Carried.

Tender and Purchasing Policy 03-050-014

- GOV 92-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Mike Derksen that County Council directs Administration to add Policy 03-050-014 Tendering & Purchasing Policy to the January 7, 2026 Governance & Priorities meeting for review.
- Carried.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**FIRE SERVICES****Fire Services Grant Application**

- GOV 93-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ed Gifford that County Council supports the funding application for the 2026 FireSmart Pre-action Specialist Crew in the amount of \$20,000 through the Wawanesa Community Wildfire Prevention Grant and further directs Administration to submit same.
- Carried.

Recess from 12:07 p.m. to 12:56 p.m.

Fire Services 3rd Quarter Report

- GOV 94-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ed Gifford that County Council receive the Fire Services Department 2025 3rd Quarter Report for information.
- Carried.

ADMINISTRATION**COUNTY MANAGER****Exploring Nuclear Energy In Alberta**

- GOV 95-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council requests Councillors review the Exploring Nuclear Energy In Alberta survey and forward comments to Interim County Manager, for compilation and submission.
- Carried.

Proposed New Provincial Boundary Map

- GOV 96-2025 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Dale Johnson that County Council receive the proposed Provincial Electoral Division Boundary (produced September 2025) for Lac Ste. Anne - Parkland as information and further directs Administration to follow up with a letter to the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission expressing our displeasure in the loss of rural seats.
- Carried.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**Committee Reports**

GOV97-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council appoints Bo Knysh to the Lake Isle Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society - Water Quality & Quantity (LILSA WQ2) Subcommittee.

Carried.

GOV98-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Mike Derksen that County Council accepts the Committee Reports discussion for information:

- Community Futures Yellowhead East - Board Meeting Minutes
- Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board - Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2025 Meeting
- November Newsletter - NW of 16 Regional Tourism Association
- Lake Isle Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society (LILSA)

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

GOV99-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Mike Derksen that County Council enters a Closed session pursuant to Section 197(20) of the Municipal Government Act at 1:42 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Council Remuneration Policy
Subject to ATIA Section 29(1)(a) Advice from officials
2. Mutual Aid Fire Agreement - Alberta Beach Fire Consortium / Fire Rescue International
Subject to ATIA Section 26(1) Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations, and Subject to ATIA Section 19 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party.

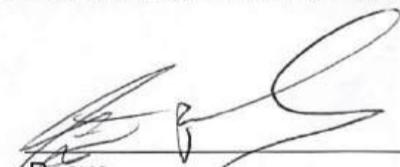
Carried.

GOV100-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Barry Voltner that County Council adjourns the Closed Session at 2:44 p.m.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Jurgen Preugschas adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.



Reeve



Interim County Manager