

**MINUTES
Governance & Priorities Committee**

Lac Ste. Anne County held a Governance & Priorities Committee on January 7, 2026 commencing at 10:32 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: C. Callihoo, GM of Corporate Services
T. Court, GM of Community Engagement/Interim County Manager
G. Edwards, GM of Operations
B. Hartman, GM of Infrastructure
T. Lesko, Communications Coordinator
J. Lowry, Administrative Support Clerk
S. McGrath, Finance Technician
R. Smyth, Assessment & Taxation Manager
C. Suter, Legislative & Support Services Supervisor
T. Vanderwell, Acting Manager of Planning & Development

Also Present: Sixteen members of the public were in attendance.
Twenty members of the public were on-line.
Ann Mitchell, Incoming CAO

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Preugschas called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Acceptance of the Agenda

GOV1-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council receives the January 7, 2026 Governance & Priorities meeting Agenda as presented. Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

December 4, 2025, Governance & Priorities Meeting

GOV2-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council approves the December 4, 2025, Governance & Priorities Meeting Minutes as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mark Wagner - Residential Tax Incentives

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

GOV3-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council receives the Operations Monthly Report for information. Carried.

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**11:00 a.m. Presentation - Heidelberg Materials - Gravel Pit**

GOV4-2026 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Johnson that County Council receives the Heidelberg Materials presentation made by Dale Soetaert, Land Manager Sustainable Resource Development for information. Carried.

Recess from 11:55 a.m. to 12:07 p.m.

12:07 p.m Rural Alberta Sports Association (RASA)

GOV5-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council receives the Rural Alberta Sports Association (RASA) presentation made by Lisa Grant, Kavis Reed, and Bruce Williams for information. Carried.

Recess from 12:39 p.m. to 12:59 p.m.

CORPORATE SERVICES**ASSESSMENT & TAXATION****Residential Tax Incentives**

GOV6-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council receives the discussion respecting residential tax incentives for information and further defers consideration of the matter, and direct Administration to renew all relevant policies and bylaws and return the issue to Council. Carried.

Property Tax Penalties

GOV7-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Voltner that County Council receives the discussion respecting property tax penalties for information and directs Administration to bring a proposed policy the January 23, 2026 County Council meeting for consideration. Carried.

FINANCE**Budget Meeting Dates**

GOV8-2026 MOVED BY Councillor Stoney that County Council schedule:

- February 3, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. Budget Training
- February 4, 2026, Strategic Planning Session
- February 5, 2026, following the Governance & Priorities meeting Public Works Training
- February 11, 2026, at 9:30 and, Operating and Capital Budget deliberations

- March 20, 2026 for the Operating and Capital Budget deliberations.

Carried.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Disable Comments on County Social Media Posts

GOV9-2026

MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that Council direct Administration to amend Policy 03-007-001, Social Media Policy as discussed, and further that the policy be brought back to a future Council meeting for consideration.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATION

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Policy 03-050-014 Purchasing and Tendering Policy Review

GOV10-2026

MOVED BY Councillor Gifford that County Council direct Administration to amend Policy 03-050-014, Purchasing and Tendering Policy, as discussed, and bring the amended policy forward to a future Regular Meeting of County Council for Council's consideration and approval.

Carried.

Bylaw 32-2025 Chief Administrative Officer

GOV11-2026

MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council direct Administration to amend Bylaw 32-2015, Chief Administrative Officer, as discussed, and bring the amended bylaw forward to a future Regular Meeting of County Council for Council's consideration and approval.

Carried.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports

GOV12-2026

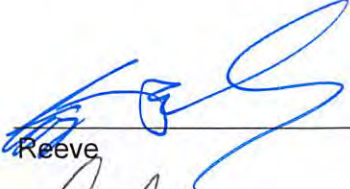
MOVED BY Councillor Derksen that County Council accepts the following Committee Reports discussion for information:

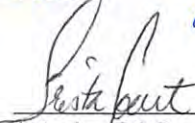
- Lac Ste. Anne Foundation October 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- West Central Airshed Society December News

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Preugschas adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.



 Reeve


 Interim CAO