



Council Brief of the

September 1, 2022 Regular Meeting

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SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS:

1) Application #2022-0-120 – Gilmar Crane Service - Lot 1, Plan 8211420 within NW1/4 3-9-21-W4M

Council approved the application subject to the conditions on the draft resolution. The application is to resubdivide a 5.01-acre parcel to create titles of 2.65 & 2.37 acres for industrial use.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1) Bylaw 22-012 - Re-designate portion of NE/NW 12-9-19-W4 from Rural Agriculture to Rural Recreation- Public Hearing

Council approved second reading of the bylaw and that third reading be postponed to the September 15, 2022 Council meeting. Council also directed Administration to bring back information to the September 15 meeting regarding Township Road 9-2 infrastructure to the Stafford Reservoir. The proposed bylaw would redesignate portions of the land from Rural Agriculture to Rural Recreation to allow for the expansion of the existing Stafford Park area.

DELEGATIONS:

1) Link Pathway Project - Phase 1 Approval Request

Council approved that the September 17, 2020 Council resolution regarding the Link Pathway be amended to read as follows:

Whereas, Lethbridge County Council supports in principle, the creation of a regional pathway through the municipality that may eventually link the Town of Coaldale and the City of Lethbridge, but in order to minimize risk to the County, several conditions must first be met by the Link Pathway Society before Council will give its final approval for Phase 1 of the project and for Phase 2 at some time in the future; therefore, be it

Resolved, that written agreements with all landowners, including the SMRID, granting permission for the pathway to run through their property along the Phase 1 route and for Phase 2 at some time in the future, must be completed; and be it

Resolved, that written confirmation from the City of Lethbridge that they are committed to constructing the pathway that will connect with the city pathway network, must be provided before approval of Phase 2 can be considered; and be it

Resolved, that all roadway crossings be engineered and constructed to the satisfaction of the County before the pathway is open for public use; and be it

Resolved, that written permission from CP Rail must be given for the pathway to cross the railway before approval of Phase 2 can be considered; and be it

Resolved, that written permission from Alberta Transportation must be given for the pathway to cross their property before approval of Phase 2 can be considered; and be it

Resolved, that the County be thoroughly involved throughout the planning and development phase of the pathway; and be it

Resolved, a Memorandum of Understanding between Lethbridge County, SMRID and LINK Pathway Society be completed for Phase 1 and for Phase 2 at some time in the future, and be it

Resolved, that once these conditions have been fulfilled for Phase 1, Lethbridge County will consider approving construction of Phase 1 of the pathway through the County from the Town of Coaldale to its terminus on the north side of Highway 512, and be it

Resolved, that once the conditions have been fulfilled for Phase 2, Lethbridge County will consider approving construction of Phase 2 of the pathway through the County from its terminus on the north side of Highway 512 to the City of Lethbridge.

Council also approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Saint Mary River Irrigation District and Link Pathway Society and authorized the construction of Phase 1 of the pathway.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. Bylaw 22-013 - Re-designate Plan 0011814 Lot 17 in the SW 6 10-21-W4 from Rural Urban Fringe to Grouped Country Residential- First Reading

Council approved first reading of the bylaw, which would redesignate the land from Rural Urban Fringe to Grouped Country Residential to allow for future subdivision and development of the parcel for Country Residential use. A Public Hearing is anticipated for October 2022.

b. Bylaw 22-014 - Re-designate a portion of Plan 1012154 Block 5 Lot 1 in the SE 6 10-20-W4 from Page 1 of 212 Rural Agriculture to Grouped Country Residential - First Reading

Council approved first reading of the bylaw, which would redesignate the land from Rural Agriculture to Grouped Country Residential to allow for future subdivision and development of the parcel for Country Residential use. A Public Hearing is anticipated for October 2022.

c. April - June 2022 Community Peace Officer Report

The County's CPO gave a report on activities from April to June:

- 66 case reports (compared to 56 in the same period in 2021), with an increase to traffic and dog complaints. Fire Bylaw complaints have decreased.
- Majority of Highway Protection Bylaw reports are for end guns spraying onto County roads
- 149 violation tickets issued and 52 written warnings (mainly speeding, failing to stop at a stop sign, and commercial vehicle violations)

d. Fire Service Response Fees Waiver Request

Council denied the request to waive fire services fees in the amount of \$3,508.

e. Iron Springs Parade - September 10 - Verbal Report

Council received the invitation to the event on September 10.

2) CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Quarterly Financial Report - May - July 2022

Council received the May – July Financial Report, which projects a surplus of \$351,032 for 2022. The report is available online at <https://bit.ly/3RI8nOU>

b. 2022 Business Tax Adjustments

Council approved the adjustment requests in the amount of \$1,772.50.

c. Tax Penalty Waiver Request

Council denied the request to waive tax penalties in the amount of \$304.53.

d. 2023 Budget Presentation Schedule

Council approved the 2023 Budget Presentation schedule:

- November 17 – Draft budget distributed to Council
- November 29 and 30 – Operating and Capital Budget presented to Council
- December 6 (and December 8 if required) – Budget review with Council
- December 15 – Council approval of Operating and Capital Budget, or of Interim Operating Budget
- First regular Council Meeting in January 2023 (if required) – Council approval of Operating and Capital Budget

CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Town of Tofield - Victim Services Redesign

A letter from the Town of Tofield to Tyler Shandro, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, in opposition to the Victim Services Redesign.

2) Vulcan County - Transition to Ambulance Service Provider Contract

A letter from Vulcan County informing Lethbridge County Council that they will be transitioning back to a municipal emergency medical service.

3) National Police Federation - Keep the Alberta RCMP

A letter calling on the Provincial government to stop efforts and investment to advance the creation of an Alberta Provincial Police Service and instead invest resources to improve current policing services.

4) Minister of Seniors and Housing

A letter from Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing in response to Lethbridge County's request for assistance for the Piyami Lodge seniors' facility in Picture Butte. The Minister encourages the Lodge to apply for a grant that will be available in the fall.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1) Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - July 2022

Division 1 – Councillor Lorne Hickey

July 7	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
July 14	Lethbridge County Special Council Meeting
July 14	Council/CAO Economic Development Discussion
July 19	Lethbridge County/City of Lethbridge Intermunicipal Committee Meeting

Division 2 – Reeve Tory Campbell

July 1	City of Lethbridge Canada Day Event at Henderson Park
July 14	Lethbridge County Special Council Meeting
July 14	Council/CAO Economic Development Discussion
July 15	CAO/Reeve Meeting
July 15	Meeting with MP Rachael Thomas

July 16	Nobleford Parade
July 19	Lethbridge County/City of Lethbridge Intermunicipal Committee Meeting
July 21	Team Lethbridge Planning Meeting

Division 3 – Councillor Mark Sayers

July 7	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
July 14	Lethbridge County Special Council Meeting
July 14	Council/CAO Economic Development Discussion

Division 4 – Councillor John Kuerbis

July 7	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
July 14	Lethbridge County Special Council Meeting

Division 5 – Councillor Eric Van Essen

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July 14	Council/CAO Economic Development Discussion
July 16	Nobleford Parade

Division 6 – Deputy Reeve Klaas VanderVeen

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July 14	Lethbridge County Special Council Meeting
July 14	Council/CAO Economic Development Discussion
July 22	Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association Board Meeting

Division 7 – Councillor Morris Zeinstra

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July 14	Lethbridge County Special Council Meeting
July 14	Council/CAO Economic Development Discussion
July 16	Nobleford Parade

CLOSED SESSION:

1) Proposed Regional Economic Development Initiative - Follow-up Report (*FOIP Section 16 - Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party and Section 25 - Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body*)

Council approved that Lethbridge County commits financial resources and pursues entering into a partnership with a third party for a proposed solar energy project.

2) Waterline Discussion (*FOIP Section 16 - Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party and Section 21 – Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations*)

Council approved that the letter reviewed during the closed session be sent to Lethbridge City Council under the Reeve's signature.