

Council Brief of the January 24, 2025 Regular Meeting

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DELEGATIONS

- 1) Jackie Seely from STARS presented Council with a portrait in recognition of the partnership between STARS and the County.
- 2) MLA Grant Hunter was present to provide Council an update on the waterline to McCains, water engagement sessions and legislation passed in the fall addressing changing pronouns in schools, hormone treatments and non-biological males participating in female sports.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS:

1) **Subdivision Application #2024-0139 – Frache – SE ¼ 1-9-21-W4**

Council approved the Country Residential subdivision of SE1/4 1-9-21-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 211 110 525, 211 110 525 +1), to create two (2) lots, 2.99 and 4.30 acres (1.21 and 1.74 ha) in size, from two titles 11.65 & 27.84 acres (4.71 & 11.23 ha) each respectively in size, for grouped country residential use.

2) **Subdivision Application #2024-0-144 – Lafarge Canada – Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 0914202 and portion of SE ¼ 31-9-21-W4m**

Council approved the Agricultural subdivision of Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 0914202 and a portion of SE1/4 31-9-21-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 091 286 402, 951 235 569), to realign the property boundaries between two adjacent titles by subdividing 11.27 acres (4.50 ha) from a 70.0-acre (28.30 ha) title and adding it to an adjacent 49.82-acre (20.16 ha) title, resulting in reconfigured parcels 58.73 and 61.09 acres (23.77 & 24.72 ha) respectively in size for agricultural use.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1) **Bylaw 24-021 – Re-designate a portion of SE 6-8-20-W4 from Rural Agriculture to Grouped Country Residential**

Council approved second and third reading of Bylaw 24-021.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

a. **Bylaw 25-002 – 2025 Utility Rate Bylaw**

Council approved all three readings of Bylaw 25-002.

b. **Capital Projects Update**

Devon Thiele, Director, Planning and Development provide Council a Capital Project update.

2) CORPORATE SERVICES

a. **Southern 4H Region Speaker Lunch Sponsor – Farming Smarter Conference**

Council approved sponsoring the 4H speaker lunch at the Farming Smarter Conference in the amount of \$500.00 as per Policy 161.

b. **Oldman Watershed Council Funding Request**

Council approved funding in the amount of \$4,959.00, based on a rate of \$0.49 cents per resident for 10,120 residents, to be funded from the Council Operating Budget.

c. **Bylaw 25-001 – Schedule of Fees Bylaw**

Council approved all three readings of Bylaw 25-001.

3) ADMINISTRATION

a. **Health Professional Attraction & Retention Committee Funding Request**

Council approved the allocation of \$1,000 from the Council Donations Reserve to assist with the costs of the Meet & Greet event organized by the Health Professional Attraction & Retention Committee on March 29, 2025.

CORRESPONDENCE

1) **Southern Alberta Chinese Association – Spring Celebration of the Year of the Snake**

Council received an invitation to the Southern Alberta Chinese Association's Spring Celebration of the Year of the Snake taking place on February 8, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

1) **Council reviewed the highlights from the Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update for December 2024.**

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

December 2	Budget Presentation
December 4	Blue Sky Lodge Christmas Party
December 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 6	Blackrock Terrace Christmas Party
December 11	Garden View Christmas Party
December 12	Heritage Christmas Party
December 17	Council to Council Christmas Dinner, Town of Coaldale
December 19	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 20	Annual County Christmas and Service Recognition Event

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

December 2	Budget Presentation
December 3	Team Lethbridge Virtual Meeting, Minister Brian Jean
December 3	Committee of Nominators Meeting, Community Foundation of Lethbridge
Southwestern Alberta	
December 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 6	Irrigation Meeting, MD of Taber
December 6	Mayors and Reeves
December 7	Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
December 7	Coaldale and District Emergency Services Awards Banquet
December 9	Water Availability Open House, Fort McLeod
December 16	Meeting with CAO and Administration, ORRSC
December 17	Meeting with ORRSC
December 17	Council to Council Christmas Dinner, Town of Coaldale
December 19	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 19	Media, Year in Review
December 20	Annual County Christmas and Service Recognition Event

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

December 2	Budget Presentation
December 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 6	M.D. Taber/SMRID Meeting
December 7	Coaldale and District Emergency Service Awards Banquet
December 16	Regional Water Commission Meeting
December 17	Council to Council Christmas Dinner, Town of Coaldale
December 19	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 20	Annual County Christmas and Service Recognition Event

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

December 2	Budget Presentation
December 3	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
December 4	Virtual Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director and Prairies Can
December 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 10	Water Coop Liaison Committee
December 10	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
December 16	Regional Water Commission Meeting
December 17	Regional Waste Commission Meeting
December 17	Council to Council Christmas Dinner, Town of Coaldale
December 18	Community Futures Monthly Meeting
December 19	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 20	Annual County Christmas and Service Recognition Event

Division 5

Councillor Kevin Slomp

December 2	Budget Presentation
December 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 7	Picture Butte Emergency Services Awards Banquet
December 9	Water Availability Open House, Fort McLeod
December 17	Council to Council Christmas Dinner, Town of Coaldale
December 19	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 20	Annual County Christmas and Service Recognition Event

Division 6

Councillor Klaas VanderVeen

December 2	Budget Presentation
December 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 17	Regional Waste Commission Meeting
December 17	Council to Council Christmas Dinner, Town of Coaldale
December 19	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 20	Annual County Christmas and Service Recognition Event

Division 7

Councillor Morris Zeinstra

December 2	Budget Presentation
December 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 5	ORRSC Board Meeting
December 16	ORRSC Discussion
December 17	ORRSC Meeting

2) Update on 2025 ASB Conference

Deputy Reeve Kuerbis provided an update for Council on the recent provincial ASB Conference. The top three concerns coming from the conference were vet shortages, vegetation on highways and Richardson ground squirrel issue.