



## Council Brief of the April 7, 2022 Regular Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Campbell recognized Green Shirt Day and the importance of organ donation.

### DELEGATIONS:

#### 1) **MP Rachel Thomas**

The following items were discussed:

- 2022 Federal Budget
  - Relationships within the region, province and beyond
  - Increasing capacity for water and wastewater, irrigation and potable water
  - Roads and bridges
  - Level of service for infrastructure
  - Exhibition Park
  - Policing retroactive pay piece and how that will impact municipalities
  - Relationships between the County and the City of Lethbridge
- MP Thomas supported the initiatives of Council and requested budget numbers that she could take to Ottawa to advocate on behalf of the County.

#### 2) **Shaughnessy Community Hall Association**

The Association discussed with Council the possibility of assistance in funding for a new boiler for their community hall. Council discussed the request, and a report will be brought forward to the April 21, 2022 Council meeting with more details for Council to consider.

### SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS:

#### 1) **Subdivision Application #2022-0-039 – Simon Bos Nurseries Ltd. - SE1/4 12-10-20-W4M**

Council approved the application, subject to the conditions of the draft resolution. The application is to subdivide a first parcel out farmstead subdivision from a unsubdivided ¼-section title for country residential use.

#### 2) **Subdivision Application #2022-0-034 – Saake - SE1/4 16-12-23-W4M**

Council approved the application, subject to a parcel size waiver being granted and the conditions of the draft resolution. The application is to create a first private subdivision parcel for country residential use.

#### 3) **Subdivision Application #2022-0-023 – Gary Bezooyen Farms - SE1/4 21-11-21-W4M**

Council approved the application, subject to a parcel size waiver being granted and the conditions of the draft resolution. The application is to create an agricultural title from a cut-off/fragment ¼-section for agricultural use.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

#### 1) **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- a. **Development Permit Application 2022-019 – Existing Signage with Waiver to Bylaw Standards**

Council approved the application for the three existing signs on the property. The signs require waivers to the bylaw standards to accommodate their current location on the parcel.

**b. Bylaw 22-003 - Road Closure, Sale and Consolidation of a portion of Range Road 22-0 between SE 25-9-22-W4 and SW 30-9-21-W4)- First Reading**

Council approved first reading of the bylaw. The County has determined that this portion of road will not be required for future use and can be closed.

**2) CORPORATE SERVICES**

**a. Bylaw 22-004 - 2022 Business Tax Bylaw**

Council approved first, second, and third reading of the bylaw. There are no changes from 2021.

**b. Bylaw 22-005 - 2022 Business Tax Rate Bylaw**

Council approved first, second, and third reading of the bylaw. There are no changes to the tax rates from 2021.

**c. Bylaw 22-006 - Council Audit Committee Bylaw and Terms of Reference**

Council approved first, second, and third readings of the bylaw, which establishes the Committee and provides a Terms of Reference. The Audit Committee's role is to assist Council in the provision of effective municipal government by overseeing the administrative systems regarding financial accounting, reporting, internal controls, safeguarding of corporate assets, compliance with legal, ethical and regulatory requirements and the efficient and effective use of resources.

**3) ADMINISTRATION**

**a. 2022 Town of Coaldale Summer Event Parade and Lunch - August 6, 2022**

Council approved that any member of Council be authorized to attend the event.

**b. June 2, 2022 County Council Meeting Cancellation**

Council approved that the meeting be cancelled due to three members attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference at the same time.

**4) CORRESPONDENCE**

**a. Mountain View County**

This letter requests that Alberta Reeves ask the provincial government to support rural veterinary programs as there is a shortage of veterinarians in rural Alberta. Council received the letter for information.

**b. National Police Federation**

This letter requests Council join the Call to Action of the National Police Federation, which asks the provincial government to reconsider the establishment of a provincial police force. Council received the letter for information.

**COUNCIL UPDATES:**

Council provided an update of their activities from January 2022:

**Division 1 – Councillor Lorne Hickey**

February 1	Strategic Planning Session
February 2	Family and Community Support Services Meeting
February 3	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 16	Green Acres Foundation Meeting

February 23 Green Acres Foundation Meeting

**Division 2 – Reeve Tory Campbell**

February 1 Strategic Planning Session  
February 2 Virtual Meeting with Senator Paula Simons  
February 2 Lethbridge and District Exhibition Board Meeting  
February 3 Lethbridge County Council Meeting  
February 3 Lethbridge and District Exhibition AGM  
February 4 Virtual Mayors and Reeves Meeting  
February 4 Lethbridge and District Exhibition Media Launch, Premier Events  
February 7 Virtual Elected Official Meeting, Budget Consultation  
February 10 Meeting with Coalhurst, collaboration opportunities  
February 15 Lethbridge Legion Flag Raising, Flag Day  
February 23 Alberta Chamber of Resources AGM, Panel Participant

**Division 3 – Councillor Mark Sayers**

February 1 Strategic Planning Session  
February 3 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

**Division 4 – Councillor John Kuerbis**

February 1 Strategic Planning Session  
February 3 Lethbridge County Council Meeting  
February 9 CPAA Webinar Series – Webinar 2 (online training)  
February 23 Community Futures Lethbridge Monthly Board Meeting  
February 23 CPAA Webinar Series – Webinar 3 (online training)  
February 25 Community Futures Annual Recognition Banquet

**Division 5 – Councillor Eric Van Essen**

February 1 Strategic Planning Session  
February 3 Lethbridge County Council Meeting  
February 4 Highway 3 Twinning Development (virtual)  
February 24 Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership Community Energy Forum

**Division 6 – Deputy Reeve Klaas VanderVeen**

February 3 Lethbridge County Council Meeting  
February 4 Mayors and Reeves  
February 23 & 24 Alberta Care Conference  
February 24 Townhall Conference Call with Minister McIver  
February 25 Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association Meeting

**Division 7 – Councillor Morris Zeinstra**

February 1 Strategic Planning Session  
February 3 Lethbridge County Council Meeting  
February 11 Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce AGM  
February 16 & 17 Farming Smarter  
February 24 Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership Community Energy Forum