

Council Brief of the December 4, 2025 Regular Meeting

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DELEGATIONS

1) **RCMP – Sgt. Sean Dutch**

Sgt. Sean Dutch, RCMP was present to provide Council the quarterly RCMP policing report and statistics.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

1) **Subdivision Application #2025-0-133 Slingerland - Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 0811894 within SE1/4 28-10-22-W4M**

Council approved that the Country Residential subdivision of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 0811894 within SE1/4 28-10-22-W4M, to subdivide a 5.38-acre farmyard from a 78.55-acre agricultural title for country residential use, and consolidate the remainder 73.17-acres to an adjacent east agricultural 78.55-acre title

2) **Subdivision Application #2025-0-137 De Wilde - W1/2 3-11-23-W4M**

Council approved that the Agricultural subdivision of W1/2 3-11-23-W4M, to reconfigure the property boundaries and size of two adjacent titled agricultural properties, by subdividing 64.25-acres from the SW¼ 3-11-23-W4 and consolidating it to the north ¼-section (NW¼ 3-11-23-W4) resulting in agricultural titles 224.25-acres and 93.18-acres in size

3) **Subdivision Application #2025-0-150 – Klok - Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1511177 within NE1/4 29 & SE1/4 32-10-23-W4M**

Council approved that the Country Residential subdivision of Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1511177 within NE1/4 29 & SE1/4 32-10-23-W4M, subdivide 9.54 acres from a 167.78 acre previously subdivided quarter-section title for county residential use

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1) CORPORATE SERVICES

a. **2026-2028 Operating Budget & 2026-2030 Capital Budget**

Council agreed that the 2026 Operating Budget expenses in the amount of \$42,812,682 be approved, and that the 2027 and 2028 Operating Budget expenses in the amounts of \$41,835,443 and \$41,904,088 respectively be approved in principle.

Council also agreed that the 2026 Capital Budget expenses in the amount of \$13,750,000 be approved, and that the 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030 Capital Budget expenses in the amounts of \$11,473,00, \$11,073,000, \$13,163,000 and \$6,705,000 respectively be approved in principle.

2) DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

a. **Bylaw 25-025 - Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Redesignate 230019 River Ridge Road (Plan 9312230 Block 1 Lot 1) from Grouped Country Residential (GCR) to Direct Control (DC)**

Council approved first reading of Bylaw 25-025.

b. **Bylaw 25-027 - Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Redesignate SE-1-9-21-W4 from Direct Control to Direct Control**

Council approved first reading of Bylaw 25-027.

c. **Land Disposition Policy 172 - Amendment**

Council approved the amended Land Disposition Policy 172 as presented.

d. **Use of Undeveloped Road Rights-of-Way Policy (Replacement of Policy 109 License of Undeveloped Road Allowances Policy)**

Council approved the replacement of Policy 109 - Use of Undeveloped Road Right-of-Way Policy amended as presented.

e. **Alberta Community Partnership Grant Application - Rural Water Supply Study**

Council approved the submission of a 2025/2026 Alberta Community Partnership - Intermunicipal Collaboration grant application as the managing partner for the Rural Water Supply Study.

f. **Town of Nobleford Alberta Community Partnership Application - Letter of Support**

Council agreed to support the Town of Nobleford's (managing partner) submission of a 2025/2026 Alberta Community Partnership grant application for the Regional Service Provider Feasibility Study.

3) **OPERATIONS**

a. **Appointment of Agricultural Service Board Chair**

Council approved to appoint Councillor Eric Van Essen as the Agricultural Service Board Chair for the 2025/2026 year

4) **ADMINISTRATION**

a. **Bylaw 25-030 - Bursary Award Committee Bylaw & Terms of Reference**

Council approved first, second, and third reading of Bylaw 25-030 - Bursary Committee Bylaw

b. **Bylaw 25-031 - Strategic Planning Committee Bylaw & Terms of Reference**

Council approved first, second, and third reading of Bylaw 25-031 - Strategic Planning Committee Bylaw

c. **Bylaw 25-032 - Governance & Human Resources Committee Bylaw & Amended Terms of Reference**

Council approved first, second, and third reading of Bylaw 25-032 - Governance & Human Resources Committee Bylaw

d. **Bylaw 25-033 - Access to Information Act (ATIA) Bylaw & Bylaw 25-034 Protection of Privacy Act (POPA) Bylaw**

Council approved first, second, and third reading of Bylaw 25-033 - Access to Information Act Bylaw, and Bylaw 25-034 - Protection of Privacy Act Bylaw.

e. **Bylaw 25-035 - 2026 Schedule of Fees Bylaw**

Council approved first, second, and third reading of Bylaw 25-035 - 2026 Schedule of Fees Bylaw

f. **Bylaw 25-036 - 2026 Utility Rate Bylaw**

Council approved first, second, and third reading of Bylaw 25-036 – Utility Rate Bylaw



CORRESPONDENCE

1) **University of Lethbridge - Integrated Engineering Program Support**

Council reviewed correspondence from the University of Lethbridge requesting support for their Integrated Engineering Program.

Council agreed to send a letter of support to the University of Lethbridge for the Integrated Engineering Program.

2) **Rotary Club of Lethbridge East's \$10,000 Agriculture Scholarship Program**

Council reviewed correspondence from the Rotary Club of Lethbridge East's \$10,000 Agriculture Scholarship Program.

3) **4 Our Veterans Coalhurst**

Council reviewed correspondence from the 4 Our Veterans Coalhurst members regarding their upcoming 1st annual New Years Eve Formal Gala.

4) **Southern Alberta Group for the Environment - Palliser Airshed**

Council reviewed correspondence from the Southern Alberta Group for the Environment regarding the Palliser Airshed Society and Alberta Airsheds Council.

5) **Lethbridge Polytechnic - Modernization of Centre Core - Letter of Support**

Council reviewed correspondence from the Lethbridge Polytechnic regarding the Modernization of Centre Core.

Council agreed to provide a letter of support to the Lethbridge Polytechnic regarding their Modernization of Centre Core.

6) **Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce**

Council reviewed correspondence from the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce in which they thanked Lethbridge County for their continued membership

COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

1) **Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - October 2025**

Council reviewed the highlights from the Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update for October 2025.

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

October 1	FCSS Board Meeting
October 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 6	Picture Butte Dr. Recruitment Meeting
October 7-8	South Region ASB Conference – Medicine Hat
October 9	Stock Talk Initiative
October 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 22	Green Acres Finance Meeting
October 29	Green Acres Board Meeting
October 31	Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

October 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 9	Stock Talk Initiative
October 15	EDL Board Meeting
October 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 31	Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

October 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 9	Stock Talk Initiative
October 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 31	Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

October 6	Telephone interview with Southgrow
October 7	Lethbridge Regional Waste Commission Meeting
October 7	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
October 7-8	South Region ASB Conference
October 9	Stock Talk Initiative
October 14	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director

October 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 21	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
October 23	Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce Awards Celebration
October 28	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
October 31	Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting

Division 5

Councillor Kevin Slomp

October 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 31	Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting

Division 6

Councillor Eric Van Essen

October 31	Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting
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Division 7

Councillor Tony Ankermann

October 31	Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting
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CLOSED SESSION

1) **Community Group Insurance Coverage Request (ATIA Section 19 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)**

Council agreed to direct Administration to develop a list of non-owned buildings that should be removed from the County's insurance policy and take the necessary steps to end insurance coverage at the end of the current insurance year and further that Administration engage with impacted community groups or building owners to develop a transition plan

2) **Potable Water (ATIA Section 19 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)**

Council approved administration to proceed with the acquisition of assets to allow for future development of Lethbridge County, up to \$1,650,000 funded from the Utility Reserve.