

Council Brief of the April 16, 2026 Regular Meeting

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1) CORPORATE SERVICES

a. **2025 Audited Financial Statements**

Council approved the transfer of \$365,966 from the Tax Equalization Reserve to offset the unrestricted surplus deficit. Council approved the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, as presented by KPMG LLP.

2) DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

a. **Bylaw 26-001 – Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Redesignate 105071 Range Road 220 (Plan 0110514 Block 1 Lot 1, portion of NW-31-10-21-W4) from Rural Agriculture (RA) to Direct Control (DC)**

Council approved that Bylaw 26-001 be read a first time.

b. **Bylaw 26-004 Road Closure, Consolidation and Sale Township Road 10-4 - Barbara Stewart**

Council refused the first reading of Bylaw 26-004.

3) CORPORATE SERVICES

a. **Bylaw 26-011 - 2026 Business Tax Bylaw**

Council approved that Bylaw 26-011, being the 2026 Business Tax Bylaw be read a first time, followed by a second, third, and fourth reading.

b. **Bylaw 26-012 - 2026 Business Tax Rate Bylaw**

Council approved that Bylaw 26-012, being the 2026 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a first time, followed by a second, third, and fourth reading.

4) ADMINISTRATION

a. **2026 Stirling Wind Benefit Project Funding Allocations**

Council approved that the Stirling Wind Project Community Benefit Fund – Open Allocation in the amount of \$6,0086.80, distributed equally in the amount of \$1,217.36, amongst the following recipients: Jam for Jax, Picture Butte Fish & Game Association, interfaith Food Bank Society of Lethbridge, Picture Butte Fish & Game Association, and TIME Society.

Council further approved the Stirling Wind Project Community Benefit Fund – Fixed Allocation in the amount of \$15,393.00, distributed to the following recipients: Picture Butte High School in the amount of \$6,000.00 and John Davidson School in the amount of \$6,000.00 and FCSS in the amount of \$3,393.00.

b. **2026 Calgary Stampeded BMO Farm Family Awards**

Council approved to select a Councillor and guest of his choice to represent Lethbridge County at the 2026 BMO Farm Family Awards scheduled for July 6, 2026.

c. **FCM Conference 2026 – Edmonton**

Council discussed the 2026 FCM Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE

1) **Lethbridge Coaldale 4-H Beef Club & Warner Beef Club - Country Classic Show & Sale**

Council reviewed a sponsorship request from the Lethbridge Coaldale 4-H Beef Club & Warner Beef Club's Country Classic Show & Sale taking place on June 6, 2026.

2) **Chinook Equipment Grand Opening**

Council reviewed an invitation to the Chinook Equipment Grand Opening being held on May 22.

3) **Schizophrenia Society of Alberta - Lethbridge Strides of Hope Walk Invitation**

Council reviewed an invitation to the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta's Strides of Hope Walk on May 22, 2026.

4) **Big Brothers Big Sisters - McHappy Day**

Council reviewed an invitation from Big Brothers Big Sisters for their 32nd McHappy Day, taking place on May 6, 2026.

5) **2026 Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign - BEW FCSS**

Council reviewed an invitation from BEW FCSS for their 2026 Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign taking place April 27-May 1, 2026.

6) **ASB Summer Tour - Wheatland County - July 14-16**

Council reviewed an invitation to Wheatland County's ASB Summer Tour taking place July 14-16, 2026.

7) **Green Acres Foundation**

Council reviewed correspondence from Green Acres Foundation regarding their funding request for Piyami Lodge.

8) **HALO Air Ambulance**

Council reviewed an invitation from HALO Air Ambulance regarding their 3rd Annual Flight Up the Night Gala, taking place on April 25, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

Council reviewed the highlights from the Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update for February 2026.

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

March 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 16	Chamber Costco Tour
March 18	Green Acres Executive Meeting & Finance Meeting
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
March 24	McNally Community Association Meeting
March 25	Green Acres Board Meeting
March 31	Supper Meeting with Town of Coaldale

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

March 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
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March 5	Rotary Ag Scholarship Dinner
March 6	Mayors & Reeves – Virtual
March 9	Rural Road Infrastructure Meeting, ILWG, Mountain View County
March 18	EDL AGM
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
March 24	Council to Council, Town of Coalhurst
March 25	Growing Opportunities Workshop
March 26	SouthGrow Economic Development Summit
March 31	SACI Tour, Lethbridge Polytechnic
March 31	Prospective Investment Meeting, Lethbridge County
March 31	Supper Meeting with Town of Coaldale

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

March 4	FCSS Board Meeting
March 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 5	ORRSC Board Meeting
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
March 25	Growing Opportunities Workshop
March 31	Supper Meeting with Town of Coaldale

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

March 16	EOEP Course
March 17-18	Spring RMA Conference
March 19	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
March 24	Council to Council, Town of Coalhurst
March 25	Community Futures Monthly Board Meeting
March 25	Meeting with Prairies Can Assistant Deputy Minister
March 26	Southern Alberta Economic Development Summit
March 30	Commission Orientation Training
March 31	Waste Commission Rebranding Workshop
March 31	Supper Meeting with Town of Coaldale
March 31	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director

Division 5

Councillor Kevin Slomp

March 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 5	Chinook Arch Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting
March 16	EOEP Course
March 17-18	Spring RMA convention
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
March 24	Council to Council, Town of Coalhurst
March 26	Streets Alive Grand Opening
March 30	Commission Orientation Training
March 31	Waste Commission Rebranding Workshop
March 31	Supper Meeting with Town of Coaldale

Division 6

Councillor Eric Van Essen

March 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 12	Picture Butte Chamber Meeting
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
March 24	Council to Council, Town of Coalhurst
March 25	Growing Opportunities Workshop
March 31	SACI Tour, Lethbridge Polytechnic
March 31	Supper Meeting with Town of Coaldale

Division 7

Councillor Tony Ankermann

March 4	Alberta Sugar Beet Growers AGM
March 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 16	EOEP Course
March 17-18	Spring RMA Convention
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
March 24	Council to Council, Town of Coalhurst
March 25	Growing Opportunities Workshop
March 26	Southern Alberta Economic Development Summit
March 26	Streets Alive Grand Opening
March 30	Commission Orientation Training

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CLOSED SESSION

1) Delegation of Authority (ATIA Section 28 - Local public body confidences)

Council approved to delegate authority to the Senior HR Business partner to: Negotiate, make proposals, and agree to tentative terms at the collective bargaining table; Approve settlements within the financial and operational thresholds outlined in Section 5 of this report; Execute a Memorandum of Settlement, subject to Council ratification of the final collective agreement; and Retain external legal counsel and/or a professional negotiator as required, within the approved budget.