



Council Brief of the  
April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting

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**DELEGATIONS:**

**1) KPMG – 2021 Audited Financial Statements**

The 2021 Audited Financial Statements were presented to Council by KPMG.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**1) CORPORATE SERVICES**

**a. 2021 Audited Financial Statements**

Council approved the 2021 Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 as presented by KPMG LLP.

**b. Shaughnessy Community Association Funding Request**

Council approved the Shaughnessy Community Association's request (provided they are a non-profit organization as defined in the Municipal Government Act) for a loan of up to \$26,000, with funds to be drawn from the Tax Equalization Reserve, with the terms of repayment to be negotiated by administration. The Tax Equalization Reserve balance is to be replenished as the loan is repaid. The Association reached out to the County with a request for funding to assist with the replacement of the community hall boiler.

**2) INFRASTRUCTURE**

**a. Mountain Meadows Slope Failure Remediation – Request for Budget Increase**

Council approved \$675,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Fund and \$20,000 from the Public Works Project Reserve for a total budget of \$695,000 for the Mountain Meadows slope remediation project.

**b. Commercial & Industrial Municipal Tax Incentive Bylaw 22-008**

Council approved first reading of the bylaw. The purpose of this incentive is to attract new development and encourage expansion of existing businesses by providing an exemption in municipal taxes. Public engagement on this bylaw will be conducted before second and third readings of the bylaw are considered by Council. For more information, visit <https://whatshappening.lethcounty.ca/proposed-tax-incentives>

**3) COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**a. Proclamation of 'International Economic Development Week' May 9-13, 2022**

Council approved that May 9-13, 2022 be declared 'International Economic Development Week' in Lethbridge County.

**4) ADMINISTRATION**

**a. Strategic Plan 2022-2032**

Council adopted the 2022-2032 Strategic Plan, which is a view of the County's long-term vision.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1) Alberta Municipal Affairs – Alberta Community Partnership Program**

Council accepted the letter for information, which was sent to the Town of Nobleford by Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver to inform the Town of their successful grant application for their Regional Infrastructure Management Plan Project.

## **COUNCIL UPDATES:**

Council provided an update of their activities from March 2022:

### **Division 1 – Councillor Lorne Hickey**

March 2 FCSS Meeting  
March 3 CAO – Council Update  
March 3 Lethbridge County/Town of Coaldale IDP Committee Meeting  
March 10 Lethbridge County Council Meeting  
March 29 Fire Services Provision Workshop  
March 30 Green Acres Foundation Meeting

### **Division 2 – Reeve Tory Campbell**

March 1 Media – re: Post-Secondary Bursary Program  
March 3 CAO – Council Update  
March 3 Lethbridge County/Town of Coaldale IDP Committee Meeting  
March 4 Reeve/CAO Meeting  
March 4 Virtual Mayors and Reeves Meeting  
March 9 Exhibition Park Board Meeting  
March 10 Lethbridge County Council Meeting  
March 10 Reeve/CAO Meeting  
March 14-16 RMA Spring Convention  
March 17 Speaking Engagement – RIB Middle School, Coaldale  
March 18 Reeve/CAO Meeting  
March 19 Town Hall with Minister of Finance, Travis Toews  
March 23 RCMP Town Hall, Diamond City  
March 24 Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce Lunch with MLA Rachel Notley  
March 24 Exhibition Park, Ownership Engagement Committee  
March 25 Reeve/CAO Meeting  
March 29 Fire Services Provision Workshop  
March 29 Exhibition Park, Audit Committee Meeting  
March 30 Layer Barn Grand Opening, Lakeside Colony

### **Division 3 – Councillor Mark Sayers**

March 10 Lethbridge County Council Meeting  
March 23 Alberta Provincial Police Transition Study Workshop  
March 23 RCMP Town Hall, Diamond City  
March 29 Fire Services Provisions Workshop

### **Division 4 – Councillor John Kuerbis**

March 3 CAO – Council Update  
March 6 CPAA Webinar Training  
March 10 Lethbridge County Council Meeting  
March 14-16 RMA Spring Convention  
March 23 Virtual Alberta Provincial Police Transition Study Engagement  
March 29 Fire Services Provision Workshop  
March 30 Community Futures Monthly Board Meeting

**Division 5 – Councillor Eric Van Essen**

March 3            CAO – Council Update  
March 10          Lethbridge County Council Meeting  
March 14-16      RMA Spring Convention  
March 23          Virtual Alberta Provincial Police Transition Study Engagement  
March 29          Fire Services Provision Workshop  
March 30          North County Water Co-op AGM

**Division 6 – Deputy Reeve Klaas VanderVeen**

March 3            CAO – Council Update  
March 10          Lethbridge County Council Meeting  
March 13          Education Meeting  
March 14-16      RMA Spring Convention  
March 23          Virtual Alberta Provincial Police Transition Study Engagement  
March 24          ORRSC Council Orientation  
March 25          SAEWA Board Meeting  
March 29          Fire Services Provisions Workshop  
March 30          2022 Economic Development Summit

**Division 7 – Councillor Morris Zeinstra**

March 3            CAO – Council Update  
March 9            Beet Growers Meeting  
March 10          Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce  
March 10          Lethbridge County Council Meeting  
March 14-16      RMA Spring Convention  
March 23          RCMP Town Hall, Diamond City  
March 24          ORRSC Council Orientation  
March 29          Fire Services Provision Workshop  
March 30          2022 Economic Development Summit