

Minutes

Council Meeting | Thursday, September 3, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT:

- Reeve Tory Campbell
- Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis
- Councillor Lorne Hickey
- Councillor Mark Sayers
- Councillor Kevin Slomp
- Councillor Eric Van Essen
- Councillor Tony Ankermann
- Chief Administrative Officer Cole Beck
- Manager, Planning and Development Kaylyn Franklin
- Director, Corporate Services Patrick Lyster
- Director, Growth & Engagement Trevor Lewington
- Director, Development & Infrastructure Devon Thiele
- Director, Operations Ryan Thomson
- Regional Manager of Emergency Services Heath Wright
- Coordinator, Payroll & HR Erin Lyster

A. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Tory Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Reeve Tory Campbell read the following land acknowledgement:

In the true spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge all those who call this land home now and for thousands of years in the past. May we respect each other and find understanding together and recognize the benefits that this land provides to all of us.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

222-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the September 3, 2026 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.	CARRIED
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C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

223-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the August 6, 2026 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented.	CARRIED
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D. SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

D.1. Subdivision Application #2026-0-091 – Van Garderen - SW1/4 28-12-21-W4M

224-2026 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the Country Residential subdivision of SW1/4 28-12-21-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 261 105 012), to subdivide a 15.37-acre (6.22 ha) first subdivision from a title of 160.00 acres (64.7 ha) for county residential use; BE APPROVED subject to the following:

CONDITIONS:

1. That, pursuant to Section 654(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act, all outstanding property taxes shall be paid to Lethbridge County.
2. That, pursuant to Section 655(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, the applicant or owner or both enter and a Development which comply with a Development Agreement with Lethbridge County which shall be registered concurrently with a final plan against the title(s) being created, if required.
3. That the applicant provides a final Plan of Survey to illustrate the exact dimensions and parcel size of the proposed parcel as approved by the Subdivision Authority.
4. That the easement(s) as required by ATCO Gas Energy Systems shall be established.

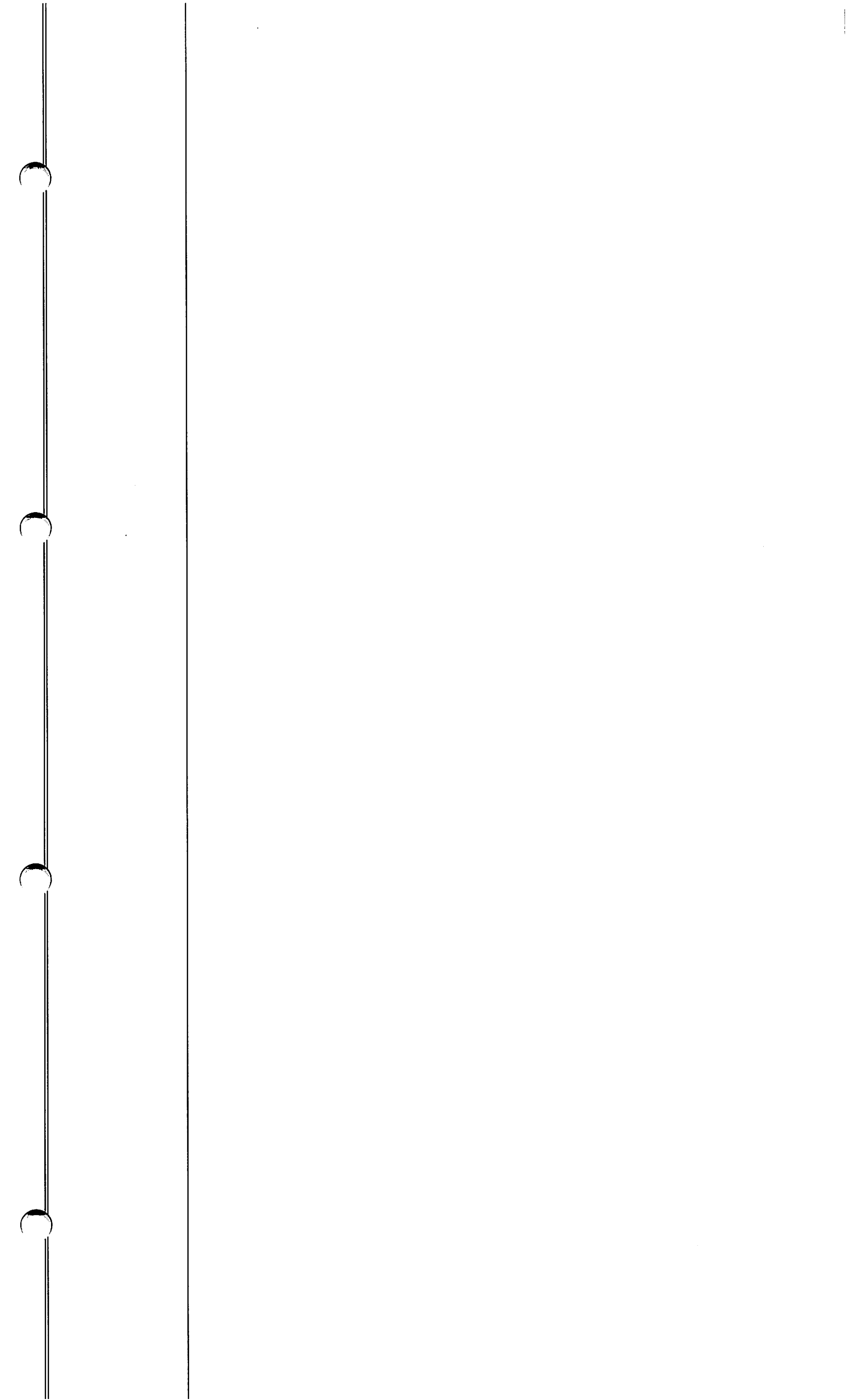
CARRIED

D.2. Subdivision Application #2026-0-092 – Handsaeme/Hutchinson - Lots 1 & 2, Block 1, Plan 8911644 within NW1/4 31-9-20-W4M

225-2026 Councillor Sayers MOVED that the Country Residential subdivision of Lots 1 & 2, Block 1, Plan 8911644 within NW1/4 31-9-20-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 101, 162, 584, 131 241 923), to enable a property line adjustment (reconfiguration) between two properties by subdividing a 0.66-acre (0.268 ha) portion of land from a title comprised of 3.76-acres (1.52 ha) and consolidating it to an adjacent west 1.92-acre (0.778 ha) title, thereby enlarging it to 2.58-acres (1.045 ha) in size for county residential use; BE APPROVED subject to the following:

CONDITIONS:

1. That, pursuant to Section 654 (1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act, all outstanding property taxes shall be paid to Lethbridge County.
2. That, pursuant to Section 655(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, the applicant or owner or both enter into and comply with a Development Agreement with Lethbridge County which shall be registered concurrently with the final plan against the title(s) being created, if required.
3. That the titles and 0.66-acre portion of land to be subdivided and consolidated to create the enlarged 2.58-acre yard title be done by a plan prepared by a certified Alberta Land Surveyor in a manner such that the resulting titles cannot be further subdivided without approval of the Subdivision Authority.
4. That any easement(s) as required by utility companies or the municipality shall be established, if deemed required.



D.3. Subdivision Application #2026-0-101 – Nieboer
- Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 2211650 within SE1/4 4-11-23-W4M

226-2026 Councillor Hickey MOVED that the Country Residential / Commercial subdivision of Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 2211650 within SE1/4 4-11-23-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 241 199 001), to resubdivide a 7.71-acre (3.12 ha) parcel and create titles 3.40 and 4.31 acres (1.38 & 1.74 ha) in size for county residential and rural commercial use; BE APPROVED subject to the following:

Conditions:

1. That, pursuant to Section 654(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act, all outstanding property taxes shall be paid to Lethbridge County.
2. That, pursuant to Section 655(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, the applicant or owner or both enter into and comply with a Development Agreement with Lethbridge County which shall be registered concurrently with the final plan against the title(s) being created. This agreement may address the terms of any access and road provisions required.
3. That the applicant provides a final Plan of Survey by an Alberta Land Surveyor to illustrate the exact dimensions and size of the parcel as approved.
4. That legal and physical access be provided to the satisfaction of both Lethbridge County and Alberta Transportation.
5. Than any conditions of Alberta Transportation shall be met, including any access or service road requirements.
6. That any easement(s) as required by utility companies or the municipality shall be established.

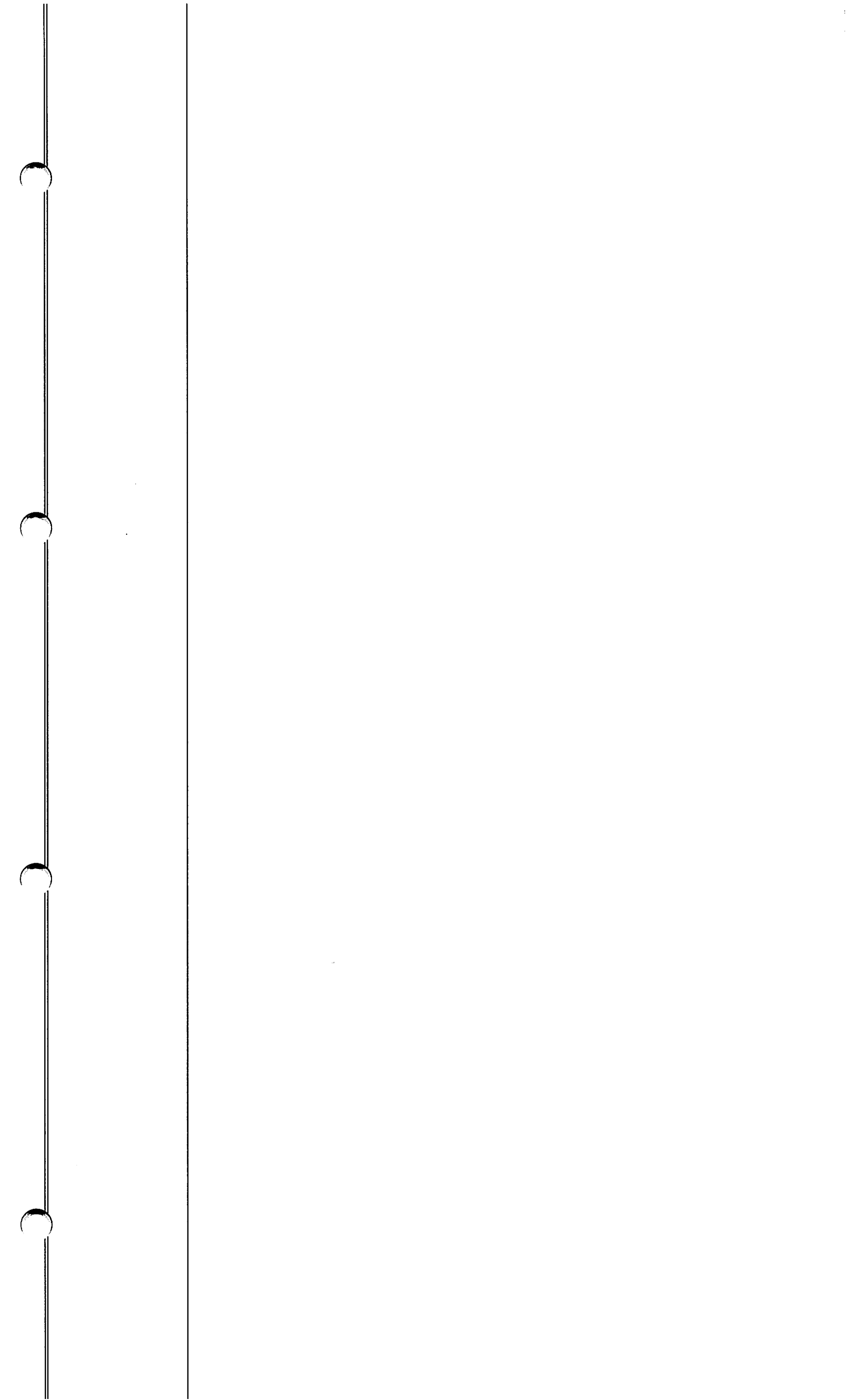
CARRIED

D.4. Subdivision Application #2026-0-106 – Brilman
- SW1/4 20-11-20-W4M

227-2026 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that the Agricultural & Country Residential subdivision of SW1/4 20-11-20-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 191 041 272, 211 029 682), to enable a property line adjustment by reconfiguring two adjacent existing titles 63.7 and 96.3 acres (25.7 & 38.81 ha) in size through the subdivision and consolidation of land, by creating reconfigured parcels 33.66 and 126.59 acres (13.62 & 51.23 ha) respectively in size for agricultural use; BE APPROVED subject to the following:

Conditions:

1. That, pursuant to Section 654(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act, all outstanding property taxes shall be paid to Lethbridge County.
2. That, pursuant to Section 655(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, the applicant or owner or both enter into and comply with a Development Agreement with Lethbridge County which shall be registered concurrently with the final plan against the titles(s) being created, if required.



3. That the titles and portions of land to be subdivided and consolidated to create the reconfigured titles be done by a plan prepared by a certified Alberta Land Surveyor in a manner such that the resulting titles cannot be further subdivided without approval of the Subdivision Authority.
4. That the applicant submits a final plan as prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor that certifies the exact location and dimensions of the parcels being subdivided and consolidated.
5. That the easement(s) as required by ATCO Gas Energy Systems or any other utility companies shall be established, if deemed required.

CARRIED

D.5. Subdivision Application #2026-0-110 – Sinke Farms Ltd. – Lots 3-4, Block 1, Plan 0911225 within SW1/4 14-11-22-W4M

228-2026 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the Agricultural & Country Residential subdivision of Lots 3-4, Block 1, Plan 0911225 within SW1/4 14-11-22-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 201 230 411, 201 230 411 +1), to subdivide a 3.00-acre (1.21 ha) a bareland vacant parcel and also consolidate an existing 3.00-acre (1.21 ha) vacant parcel within the same 1/4-section, for country residential use; BE APPROVED subject to the following:

Conditions:

1. That, pursuant to Section 654(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act, all outstanding property taxes shall be paid to Lethbridge County.
2. That, pursuant to Section 655(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, the application or owner or both enter into and comply with a Development Agreement with Lethbridge County, which shall be registered concurrently with the final plan against the title(s) being created, if required.
3. That the titles of land to be subdivided and consolidated to create the new enlarged 3.00-acre yard title be done by a plan prepared by a certified Alberta Land Surveyor in a manner such that the resulting titles cannot be further subdivided without approval of the Subdivision Authority.
4. That the applicant submits a final plan as prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor that certifies the exact location and dimensions of the new 3.0-acre parcel being subdivided.
5. That a professional soils analysis with a minimum of two test pits be undertaken by a certified individual or agency on the new relocated 3.00-acre lot to determine suitability for a private septic system, with a copy of the soils analysis and report submitted to the Subdivision Authority.
6. That any easement(s) as required by utility companies or the municipality shall be established.

CARRIED

E. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. CORPORATE SERVICES

A.1. Tax Penalty Waiver Request – Roll #28270000



229-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Council deny the request for a tax penalty waiver in the amount of \$888.62 as requested for tax roll #28270000.	CARRIED
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B. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

B.1. Bylaw No. 26-022 – Lethbridge County Subdivision Authority Bylaw

230-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Bylaw 26-022, being the Subdivision Authority Bylaw be read a first time	CARRIED
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231-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that Bylaw 26-022, being the Subdivision Authority Bylaw be read a second time.	CARRIED
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232-2026	Councillor Ankermann	MOVED that Bylaw 26-022, being the Subdivision Authority Bylaw be considered for third reading.	CARRIED
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233-2026	Councillor Hickey	MOVED that Bylaw 26-022, being the Subdivision Authority Bylaw be read a third time.	CARRIED
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B.2. Bylaw 26-014 Road Closure, Consolidation and Sale Township Road 94 - Dan Indenbosch

234-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that Bylaw 26-014, being the Road Closure, Consolidation and Sale Township Road 94 be read a first time.	DEFEATED
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Ayes: Hickey and Slomp

Nays: Campbell, Kuerbis, Sayers, Van Essen, and Ankermann

B.3. Hamlet of Kipp - Removal of Hamlet Designation

235-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that County Council approve removing the Hamlet designation from the area known as Kipp and direct County Administration to proceed with re-designating the lands in the Kipp area from Direct Control to Rural Agriculture.	CARRIED
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Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

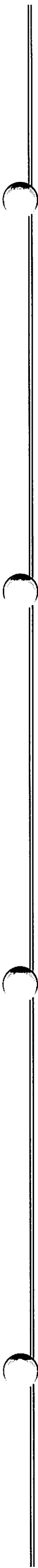
Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

C. GROWTH & ENGAGEMENT

C.1. Milk River Regional Public Rest Facility - Letter of Support

236-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Council authorize the Reeve to sign a general letter of support, substantially in the form attached, for the Town of Milk River and SouthGrow Regional Initiative's proposed Milk River Regional Public Rest Facility design phase, for use in the Community Facility Enhancement Program and other applicable funding applications, with no financial commitment by Lethbridge County.	CARRIED
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C.2. In Motion 2026 - Presenting Sponsorship



237-2026 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Council approve Lethbridge County as the exclusive Presenting Sponsor of In Motion 2026 in the amount of \$1,750, subject to the sponsorship opportunity remaining available, with funds to be drawn from the Council Discretionary Donation Reserve.

CARRIED

C.3. Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) Recognition - Letter of Support

238-2026 Councillor Sayers MOVED that Council authorize the Reeve to provide a letter of support for Tourism Lethbridge's application to be designated under the Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act as the destination marketing organization for a geographic area that includes Lethbridge County, subject to Administration confirming that the final regulations do not materially alter the basis for support, and that the letter:

- a) confirm that Council's support creates no financial commitment by Lethbridge County;
- b) state that the support is based on the Act and public information available at the date of the letter; and
- c) communicate Council's expectation of meaningful participation by County tourism businesses and attractions, transparent regional work planning and reporting, and measurable benefits to the Lethbridge County visitor economy.

CARRIED

D. OPERATIONS

D.1. Deep Base Stabilization Trial – Township Road 9-2 Update

Council receive the *Deep Base Stabilization Trial – Township Road 9-2 Update* for information.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

F.1. VisitLethbridge.com Arena

Council reviewed correspondence from VisitLethbridge.com Arena regarding Sponsorship opportunities for the 40th Anniversary season Kickoff Party on September 12, 2026.

F.2. Chinook Arch Library System

Council reviewed letter from Chinook Arch Library Board regarding the 2027 population numbers and the municipal levy for 2027.

F.3. Oldman Watershed Council

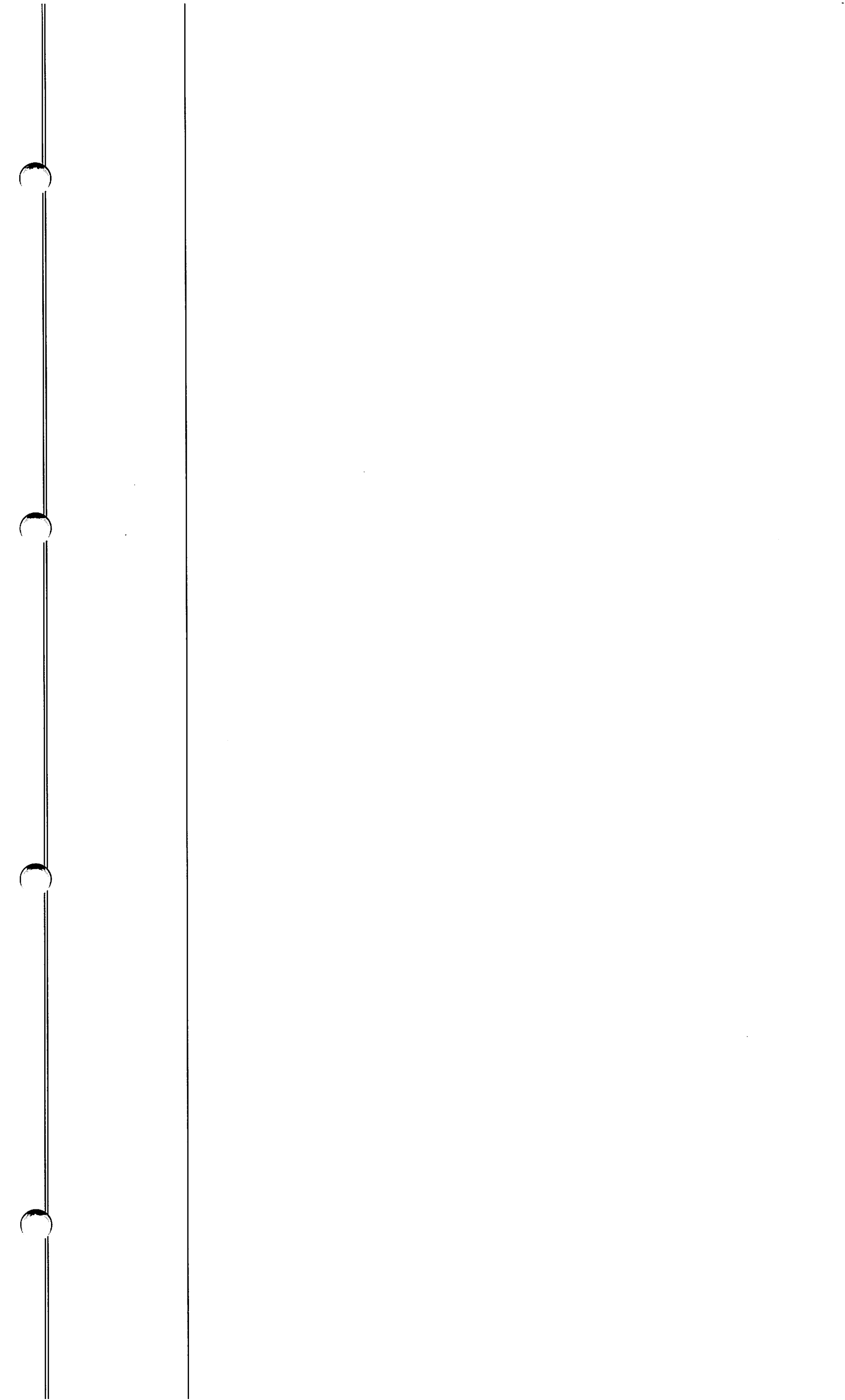
Council reviewed letter from the Oldman Watershed Council requesting a letter of support.

239-2026 Deputy Reeve Kurbis MOVED that Council provide a letter of support to Oldman Watershed Council request to the provincial government for continued funding for 2027.

CARRIED

F.4. South Region ASB Conference - County of Forty Mile

Council was presented the information and RSVP deadline to determine who would like to attend. Mark and Kevin both indicated they would like to attend. Erin will coordinate with Gary regarding who will attend.



F.5. *Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce - Annual General Meeting*

Council reviewed invitation from Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce to attend their AGM.

F.6. *Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce - 2026 Lethbridge Business Awards*

Council reviewed invitation from Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce to attend Lethbridge's 2026 Business Award Ceremony.

G. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

G.1. *Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - July 2026*

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

July 6 - BMO Farm Family Awards, Calgary Stampede

July 7 - IDPrep Meeting

July 9 - County/City of Lethbridge IDP Meeting

July 14 - Piyami Lodge Groundbreaking Ceremony, Picture Butte

July 14-16 - ASB Summer Tour

July 19-21 - PNWER Summit

July 22 - Green Acres Executive Committee

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

July 4 - Barons Parade

July 4 - IDPrep Meeting

July 8 - Calgary Stampede Government Relations Trip

July 9 - County/City of Lethbridge IDP Meeting

July 14 - Piyami Lodge Groundbreaking Ceremony, Picture Butte

July 16 - Lethbridge County Council Meeting

July 18 - Lethbridge Region Pancake Breakfast, 10 Years of the Legion

July 24 - ILWG Rural Roads Working Committee Meeting, Virtual

July 25 - Miner's Days Parade, Coalhurst

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

July 7 - IDPrep Meeting

July 9 - County/City of Lethbridge IDP Meeting

July 14-15 - ASB Summer Tour

July 16 - Lethbridge County Council Meeting

July 25 - Miner's Days Parade, Coalhurst

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

July 7 - Weekly meeting with Community Futures Executive Director

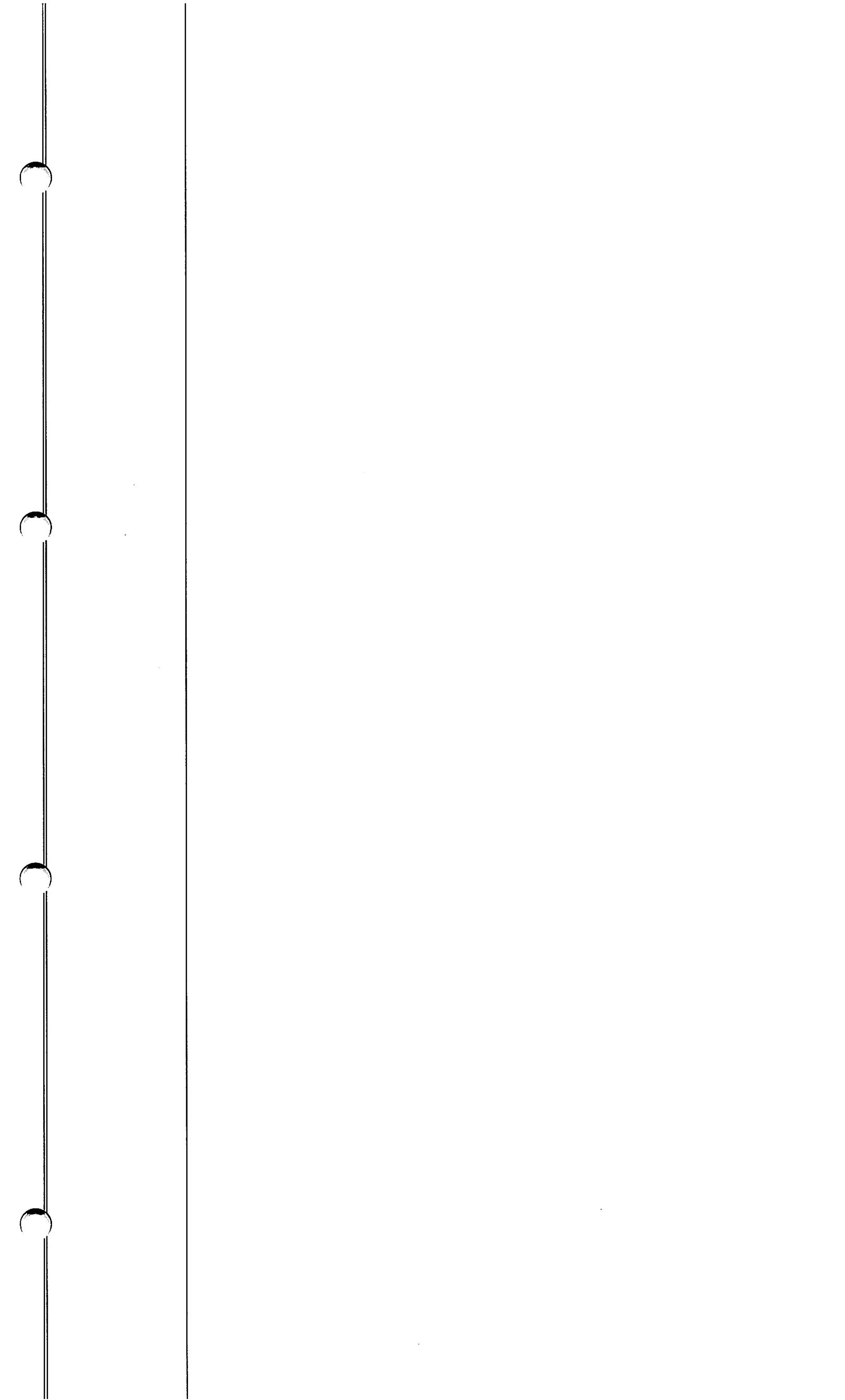
July 14-16 - ASB Summer Tour

July 18 - Nobleford Parade

July 19-23 - PNWER Summit

July 22 - Virtual Meeting with Prairies Can

July 28 - Weekly meeting with Community Futures Executive Director



Division 5

Councillor Kevin Slomp
July 4 - Barons Parade
July 18 - Nobleford Parade

Division 6

Councillor Eric Van Essen
July 4 - Barons Parade
July 16 - Lethbridge County Council Meeting
July 18 - Nobleford Parade
July 20-23 - PNWER Summit

Division 7

Councillor Tony Ankermann
July 4 - Barons Parade
July 16 - Lethbridge County Council Meeting
July 18 - United Conservatives Taber Warner Summer Family BBQ
July 25 - Miners Days Parade - Coalhurst

240-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 19, 20, 28 and 29 of the Municipal Government Act, the time being 11:02 a.m.
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CARRIED

H. CLOSED SESSION

H.1. CAO Report - C.Beck (ATIA Sections 19, 20, 28 and 29)

241-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 12:47 p.m.
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CARRIED

I. ADJOURN

242-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 12:48 p.m.
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CARRIED

Reeve

CAO

