



MINUTES

Council Meeting

9:00 AM - Thursday, December 21, 2023
Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, December 21, 2023, 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 Eric Van Essen
Councillor Klaas VanderVeen
Councillor Morris Zeinstra
Chief Administrative Officer, Cole Beck
Director, Public Operations, Jeremy Wickson
Director, Development & Infrastructure, Devon Thiele
Director, Corporate Services, Jennifer Place
Executive Assistant, Candice Robison
Manager, Planning & Development, Hilary Janzen

A. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Tory Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Reeve 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.

Reeve Campbell, on behalf of Council, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday season.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

347-2023 Councillor Zeinstra MOVED that the December 21, 2023 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

348-2023 Councillor Zeinstra MOVED that the December 7, 2023 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F.1. ADMINISTRATION

F.1.1. Alberta Irrigation Districts Association - 2024 Conference

349-2023 Councillor Hickey MOVED that any member of County Council that wishes to attend the AIDA 2024 Conference in Lethbridge be able to do so.

CARRIED

F.1.2. Request for Additional Funding for ASB Conference

350-2023 Councillor VanderVeen MOVED that Council approve an additional \$10,000 in funding for the Welcome Reception at the 2024 Association of Agricultural Fieldmen (AAAF) Agricultural Service Board Conference on January 22, 2024, with funds to be drawn from the Agriculture Service Board Reserve.
CARRIED

F.2. PUBLIC OPERATIONS

F.2.1. 2024 Agricultural Service Board Conference - Councillor Registration

350-2023 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Council authorize any member of Council and ASB Members-at-Large wishing to attend the 2024 Provincial ASB Conference in Lethbridge scheduled for January 22nd to 24th, 2024, to be registered and fees to be paid by Lethbridge County.
CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

D.1. 9:15 a.m. - RCMP

S. Sgt. Mike Numan was present to provide Council the quarterly RCMP update.

E. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F.3. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

F.3.1. Road Naming Policy

351-2023 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that County Council approve the Road Naming Policy.
CARRIED

F.4. CORPORATE SERVICES

F.4.1. Town of Coaldale, Southern Alberta Summer Games Funding Request

352-2023 Councillor Sayers MOVED that County Council support the Town of Coaldale's funding request for the hosting of the 2024 Southern Alberta Summer Games in the amount of \$13,375 (25% of the Town's contribution) to be funded from the Recreation Reserve.
CARRIED

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS - 10:00 A.M.

F.1. Bylaw 23-025 - Re-designate Plan 2311841 Block 1 Lot 4 in the SE 27-7-20-W4 from Rural Agriculture to Rural General Industrial- Public Hearing

Reeve Campbell called a recess to the Council Meeting, for the Public Hearing for Bylaw 23-025 at 10:04 a.m.

353-2023 Councillor Hickey MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 23-025 commence at 10:05 a.m.
CARRIED

The Manager, Planning and Development reviewed Bylaw 23-025.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 23-025.

No comments were made.

354-2023 Deputy Reeve Kurbis MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 23-025 adjourn at 10:12 a.m. CARRIED

Reeve Campbell reconvened the Council Meeting at 10:12 a.m.

355-2023 Deputy Reeve Kurbis MOVED that Bylaw 23-025 be read a second time. CARRIED

356-2023 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Bylaw 23-025 be read a third time. CARRIED

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F.4. CORPORATE SERVICES

F.4.2. Quarterly Financial Report ending November 30, 2023

Jennifer Place, Director, Corporate Services presented to Council the quarterly Financial Report ending November 30, 2023.

F.4.3. 2024 - 2026 Operating & 2024 -2028 Capital Budget

357-2023 Councillor Sayers MOVED that the 2024 Operating Budget expenses in the amount of \$32,552,720 be approved, and that the 2025 and 2026 Operating Budget expenses in the amounts of \$34,673,055 and \$35,917,520 respectively be approved in principle. CARRIED

358-2023 Councillor VanderVeen MOVED that the 2024 Capital Budget expenses in the amount of \$12,145,000 be approved, and that the 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 Capital Budget expenses in the amounts of \$9,376,000, \$10,033,000, \$9,330,000 and \$9,750,000 respectively be approved in principle. CARRIED

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1. Coaldale-Lethbridge Growing Project - Canadian Food Grains Bank Thank You

Council reviewed correspondence from Canadian Food Grains Bank which thanked Council for their support of the Coaldale-Lethbridge Growing Project.

G.2. SAEWA Year End Report and Talking Points 2023 - 2024

Council reviewed the 2023-2024 SAEWA Year End Report and Talking Points.

H. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

H.1. Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - November 2023

Council reviewed the highlights from the Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update for November 2023.

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

November 2 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
November 2 Communications Workshop
November 6 EOEP Course
November 6-9 RMA Fall Convention

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| November 11 | Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony |
| November 15 | Economic Development Working Session |
| November 16 | Lethbridge County Council Meeting |
| November 21-24 | FCSS Conference in Edmonton |
| November 22 | Green Acres Finance Meeting |
| November 27 | 2023 Budget Deliberations |
| November 28 | 2023 Budget Deliberations |
| November 28 | McNally Community Association AGM |
| November 29 | Green Acres Board Meeting |

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

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| November 1 | Exhibition Park Board Meeting |
| November 2 | Lethbridge County Council Meeting |
| November 2 | Communications Workshop |
| November 2 | Meeting with Mayor Van Rijn, Coaldale |
| November 3 | Mayors and Reeves |
| November 6-9 | RMA Fall Convention |
| November 11 | Coaldale Remembrance Day Ceremony |
| November 15 | Economic Development Working Session |
| November 16 | Lethbridge County Council Meeting |
| November 16 | Coaldale Recreation Centre Tour |
| November 21 | Renewable Energy Workshop |
| November 22 | Cypress County Ag Connections Conference, Medicine Hat |
| November 24 | Coaldale Night of Lights Parade |
| November 27 | 2023 Budget Deliberations |
| November 28 | 2023 Budget Deliberations |
| November 29 | Virtual Meeting with Minister McIver, SRSDC |

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

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| November 2 | Lethbridge County Council Meeting |
| November 2 | Communications Workshop |
| November 6 | EOEP Course |
| November 6 | RMA Fall Convention |
| November 15 | Economic Development Working Session |
| November 16 | Lethbridge County Council Meeting |
| November 21 | Renewable Energy Workshop |
| November 24 | Coaldale Night of Lights Parade |
| November 27 | 2023 Budget Deliberations |
| November 28 | 2023 Budget Deliberations |

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

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| November 2 | Lethbridge County Council Meeting |
| November 2 | Communications Workshop |
| November 6-9 | RMA Fall Convention |
| November 8 | Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs |
| November 14 | Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director |
| November 15 | Economic Development Working Session |
| November 16 | Lethbridge County Council Meeting |
| November 17 | Community Futures Policy Committee Meeting |
| November 21 | Renewable Energy Workshop |
| November 21 | Meeting with Community Future Executive Director |
| November 22 | Community Futures Monthly Board Meeting |
| November 22 | Glow Lethbridge Sneak Peak |
| November 27 | 2023 Budget Deliberations |
| November 28 | 2023 Budget Deliberations |
| November 29 | Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director |

Division 5**Councillor Eric Van Essen**

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| November 6-9 | RMA Fall Convention |
| November 15 | Economic Development Working Session |
| November 16 | Lethbridge County Council Meeting |
| November 16 | Communications Workshop |
| November 21 | Renewable Energy Workshop |
| November 22 | Highway 3 Twinning Development Association Meeting |
| November 22 | Glow Lethbridge Sneak Peak |
| November 27 | 2023 Budget Deliberations |
| November 28 | 2023 Budget Deliberations |

Division 6**Councillor Klaas VanderVeen**

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| November 6-9 | RMA Fall Convention |
| November 11 | Picture Butte Remembrance Day Ceremony |
| November 15 | Economic Development Working Session |
| November 16 | Lethbridge County Council Meeting |
| November 16 | Communications Workshop |
| November 21 | Renewable Energy Workshop |
| November 22 | Glow Lethbridge Sneak Peak |
| November 24 | SAEWA Board Meeting |
| November 27 | 2023 Budget Deliberations |
| November 28 | 2023 Budget Deliberations |

Division 7**Councillor Morris Zeinstra**

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| November 27 | 2023 Budget Deliberations |
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I. CLOSED SESSION

I.1. - Historical Local Drainage Project (FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to Intergovernmental Relations)

I.2. - Eastern Industrial Transmission Pipeline - Request for Project Approval (FOIP Section 16 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party & FOIP Section 25 - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

I.3. - Committee Appointment (FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to Intergovernmental Relations)

I.4. - CAO Report - C. Beck (FOIP Sections 16, 17, 23 and 24)

I.5. - Personnel Matter (FOIP Section 19 - Confidential Evaluations)

359-2023 Councillor VanderVeen MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, the time being 10:58 a.m. for the discussion on the following:

I.1. - Historical Local Drainage Project (FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to Intergovernmental Relations)

I.2. - Eastern Industrial Transmission Pipeline - Request for Approval (FOIP Section 16 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party & FOIP Section 25 - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

I.3. - Committee Appointment (FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to Intergovernmental Relations)

I.4. - CAO Report - C. Beck (FOIP Sections 16, 17, 23 and 24)

I.5. - Personnel Matter (FOIP Section 19 - Confidential Evaluations)

Present during the Closed Session:
Lethbridge County Council
Chief Administrative Officer
Senior Management
Administrative Staff
CARRIED

360-2023 Councillor Sayers MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 2:14 p.m.
CARRIED

I.1. **Eastern Industrial Transmission Pipeline - Request for Project Approval (FOIP Section 16 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party & FOIP Section 25 - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)**

361-2023 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that County Council approve the Eastern Industrial Transmission Pipeline project with a total project budget of \$15,100,000.
CARRIED

Councillor Mark Sayer declared a conflict of interest with Item I.3. and abstained from voting.

I.3. **Committee Appointment (FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations)**

362-2023 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED to instruct County administration to support the future of Lethbridge and District Exhibition and the potential transition to an administrative Board pending a signed MOU between Lethbridge and District Exhibition and the City of Lethbridge.
CARRIED

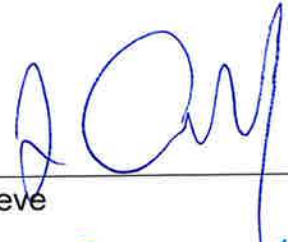
363-2023 Councillor Hickey MOVED to vacate Lethbridge County's board position on Lethbridge and District Exhibition to avoid any potential conflict of interest as the County works as a strategic partner with the City and LDE moving forward.
CARRIED

J. NEW BUSINESS

K. ADJOURN

364-2023 Councillor Zeinstra MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 2:17 p.m.

CARRIED



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