



Minutes

Council Meeting | Thursday, July 16, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Reeve Tory Campbell
Councillor Mark Sayers
Councillor Kevin Slomp
Councillor Eric Van Essen
Councillor Tony Ankermann
Chief Administrative Officer Cole Beck
Director, Corporate Services Hailey Pinksen
Director, Operations Ryan Thomson
Director, Growth & Engagement Trevor Lewington
Manager, Planning and Development Kaylyn Franklin
Senior Planner Steve Harty
Coordinator, Payroll & HR Erin Lyster
Coordinator, Planning and Development Jessica Potack
Assessor Les Whitfield

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.

Reeve Tory Campbell acknowledged Les Whitfield for his 33 years of service and wished him an excellent retirement.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

171-2026 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that the July 16, 2026 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

172-2026 Councillor Slomp MOVED that the June 18, 2026 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

D. SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

D.1. Subdivision Application #2026-0-069 - Howe

- Lot 5, Block 17, Plan 9511337 within NW1/4 25-8-21-W4M

173-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the Country Residential subdivision of Lot 5, Block 17, Plan 9511337 within NW1/4 25-8-21-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 221 096 375), to create two lots, 2.83 and 3.13 acres (1.15 and 1.26 ha) each respectively in size, from an existing title comprised of 5.96 acres (2.41 ha), for grouped country residential use; BE APPROVED subject to the following:
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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 Leth bridge County which shall be registered concurrently with the final plan against the title(s) being created.
3. If not addressed through a Development Agreement, the owner shall provide access and approaches to Howe Road as required by Lethbridge County in consideration of the existing driveway location.
4. That a professional soils analysis and report be undertaken for the two lots to demonstrate favorable results for onsite private septic systems and ensure adequate depth (separation) above the water table.
5. The applicant is responsible for satisfying the County in regard to addressing drainage. The applicant shall provide a general drainage plan for the two lots to demonstrate the drainage patterns and system to direct flow west to the north/south ditch along Howe Road.

CARRIED

D.2. Subdivision Application #2026-0-078 – 2337046 Alberta Ltd. - SW1/4 03-09-19-W4M

174-2026	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that the Country Residential subdivision of SW1/4 3-9-19-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 221 182 095), to subdivide a 3.30-acre (1.34 ha) farmstead subdivision from a title of 148.30 acres (60.0 ha) for country residential use; BE APPROVED subject to the following:
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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 Leth bridge County which shall be registered concurrently with the final plan against the title(s) being created, if required.
3. That the applicant provides a final Plan of Surveyor to illustrate the exact dimensions and parcel size of the proposed parcel as approved.
4. That suitable direct access to the west municipal road (Rge Rd 19-3) be provided to the satisfaction of the Subdivision Authority, which may also be addressed through the terms of the Development Agreement.

5. That any easement(s) as required by ATCO Gas (Land) shall be established.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS

E.1. 9:15 a.m. - RCMP - Staff Sergeant Malcolm Callihoo

Staff Sergeant Malcolm Callihoo, RCMP was present to provide a presentation for Council.

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F.1. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

F.1.1. Development Permit Application 26-D0116 (Pelleboer Farms Ltd)

175-2026 Councillor MOVED that Development Permit 26-D0116 be approved as drafted.
Van Essen CARRIED

F.1.2. Bylaw No. 26-016 – Lethbridge County Subdivision Authority Bylaw

Councillor Kuerbis and Hickey wanted to be part of this discussion, so Reeve Campbell is recommending hearing the presentation and possibly just the first reading to be completed today.

176-2026 Councillor MOVED that Bylaw 26-016, being the Development Authority Bylaw be
Van Essen read a first time.

CARRIED

Reeve Campbell recessed meeting at 9:50 am

Reeve Campbell reconvened meeting at 10:01 am

F.1.3. Bylaw 26-017 – Schedule of Fees Amendment (Amends Bylaw 25-035)

177-2026 Councillor MOVED that Bylaw 26-017 - Schedule of Fees Amendment be read a
Sayers first time.

CARRIED

178-2026 Councillor MOVED that Bylaw 26-017 - Schedule of Fees Amendment be read a
Slomp second time.

CARRIED

179-2026 Councillor MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 26-017 - Schedule
Ankermann of Fees Amendment.

CARRIED

180-2026 Councillor MOVED that Bylaw 26-017 - Schedule of Fees Amendment be read a
Van Essen third time.

CARRIED

F.1.4. Bylaw 26-019 – Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Revise the Definition of "Specialty Manufacturing / Cottage Industry" in Part 9 – Definitions – First Reading

181-2026 Councillor MOVED that Bylaw 26-019, be read a first time.
Slomp

CARRIED

F.1.5. Bylaw 26-015 Repeal Bylaw No. 1257 – Oldman River Regional Services Commission

182-2026 Councillor Sayers MOVED that Bylaw 26-015, being the termination of Lethbridge County's membership in the ORRSC be read a first time. CARRIED

183-2026 Councillor Ankermann MOVED that Bylaw 26-015, being the termination of Lethbridge County's membership in the ORRSC be read a second time. CARRIED

184-2026 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that Bylaw 26-015, being the termination of Lethbridge County's membership be considered for third reading. CARRIED

185-2026 Councillor Slomp MOVED that Bylaw 26-015, being the termination of Lethbridge County's membership in the ORRSC be read a third time. CARRIED

F.2. CORPORATE SERVICES

F.2.1. 2026 Bursary Awards

Reeve Campbell recused himself from voting on the 2026 Bursary Awards due to conflict of interest. Councillor Sayers to chair this section. Reeve Campbell left Council Chambers during this presentation and vote.

186-2026 Councillor Slomp The County Council awards the 2026 Bursary, in the amount of \$1,500 each, to the following recipients, to be presented at the County Council meeting on August 6:

1. Dylan Campbell
2. Erin Moorhead
3. Janna Wiskerke

CARRIED

Councillor Sayers returned the Chair to Reeve Campbell.

F.2.2. 2026 Stirling Wind Community Benefit Scholarship Program

187-2026 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that County Council approve the Stirling Wind Project Community Benefit Scholarship Program funds in the amount of \$4,000 to the following recipients:

1. Jadon Can Raalte \$2,000
2. Janna Wiskerke \$2,000

CARRIED

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1. Coaldale Summer Fest

Council reviewed correspondence regarding the Coaldale Summer Fest.

G.2. Grand Opening / Blood Tribe Twin Rinks

Council reviewed correspondence regarding the grand opening of the Blood Tribe Twin Rinks.

H. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

H.1. Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - June 2026

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

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

June 4 Enforcement Update

June 15 Council Dinner with NDP MLAs

June 17 Green Acres Executive & Finance Meetings

June 18 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

June 18 Residential Strategy Workshop

June 22 Bursary Committee Meeting

June 24 Green Acres Board Meeting

Division 2

Reeve Tony Campbell

June 4 Administration to Council Update

June 8 Meeting with Resident

June 9 Meeting with Town of Coalhurst Mayor & CAO, County Administration

June 15 Council Dinner with NDP MLAs

June 16 Fortis Alberta/Birds of Prey 20th Anniversary BBQ

June 17 EDL Board Meeting, Virtual

June 18 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

June 18 Residential Strategy Workshop

June 18 SouthGrow AGM

June 19 Coaldale Potable Water Reservoir Ribbon Cutting

June 22 Media Availability, Regional Planning

June 23 Lethbridge IDP Meeting Agenda Review with City of Lethbridge, Virtual

June 29 Tour of University Hall, U of L

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

June 3 Link Pathway Board meeting

June 3 FCSS Board meeting

June 4 Special Council meeting

June 4 ORRSC Board meeting

June 15 Council Dinner with NDP MLAs

June 16 Fortis Alberta/Birds of Prey 20th Anniversary BBQ

June 18 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

June 22 Bursary Committee meeting

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

June 2 Weekly meeting with Community Futures Executive Director

June 4 Enforcement Update

June 9 Weekly meeting with Community Futures Executive Director

June 12 Community Futures Finance Committee meeting
June 12 Weekly meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
June 15 Council Dinner with NDP MLAs
June 16 Waste Committee meeting
June 16 Fortis Alberta/Birds of Prey 20th Anniversary BBQ
June 18 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 18 Residential Strategy Workshop
June 24 Community Futures AGM
June 24 Coalhurst IDP meeting

Division 5

Councillor Kevin Slomp
June 15 Council Dinner with NDP MLAs
June 16 Waste Commission meeting
June 17 Butterfly Ridge meeting in Monarch
June 18 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 18 Residential Strategy Workshop
June 22 Bursary Committee meeting
June 24 County/Coalhurst Intermunicipal Committee Meeting

Division 6

Councillor Eric Van Essen
June 4 Enforcement Update
June 18 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 18 Residential Strategy Workshop
June 23 Town Hall with Deputy AG Minister for ASB

Division 7

Councillor Tony Ankermann
June 4 Enforcement Update
June 15 Council Dinner with NDP MLAs
June 16 Fortis Alberta/Birds of Prey 20th Anniversary BBQ
June 18 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 18 Residential Strategy Workshop
June 18 County/Coalhurst Intermunicipal Committee Meeting

J. CLOSED SESSION

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

188-2026	Councillor	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed
	Sayers	Session, pursuant to Section 19, 20, 26, 28, 29 of the Municipal Government Act, the time being 10:24 a.m. for the discussion on the following:

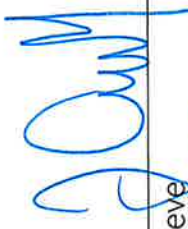
Present during the Closed Session:
Lethbridge County Council
Chief Administrative Officer
Senior Management
Administrative Staff

J.2. Canada's Premier Food Corridor Phase 2 - Expression of Interest (ATIA Section 26 - disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations)

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| 189-2026 | Councillor
Slomp | MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 12:23 p.m. | CARRIED |
| 190-2026 | Councillor
Van Essen | <p>MOVED that Council authorize the Reeve to provide a letter of support for the PrairiesCan application for Canada's Premier Food Corridor Phase 2 and approve, in principle, Lethbridge County participation at \$15,000 per year for three years, for a total commitment not to exceed \$45,000, subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PrairiesCan approval and funding at a level sufficient to proceed with the proposed project;• confirmation of appropriate financial participation from the other municipal and project partners;• a final project budget, governance structure and partner agreement satisfactory to Lethbridge County Administration; and• annual funding being included in the applicable County operating budget. | CARRIED |

K. ADJOURN

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| 191-2026 | Councillor
Sayers | MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 12:36 p.m. | CARRIED |
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