



Minutes

Council Meeting | Thursday, May 21, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, May 21, 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
- Director, Development & Infrastructure Devon Thiele
- Director, Operations Ryan Thomson
- Director, Growth & Engagement Trevor Lewington
- Manager, Finance and Administration Patrick Lyster
- Manager, Planning and Development Kaylyn Franklin
- Legislative Coordinator & Executive Assistant Candice Robison
- Coordinator, Payroll & HR Erin Lyster

A. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Tory Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:03 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

128-2026	Councillor	MOVED that the May 21, 2026 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
	Van Essen	Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

129-2026	Deputy	MOVED that the May 7, 2026 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be
	Reeve	adopted as presented
	Kuerbis	

CARRIED

E. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

E.1. OPERATIONS

E.1.1. 2026 Agricultural Service Board Level of Service

130-2026 Councillor MOVED that Council approve the 2026 Agriculture Service Board Level
Van Essen of Service document as recommended by the Agricultural Service
Board.

CARRIED

E.1.2. ASB Strychnine Vendor Authorization

131-2026 Councillor MOVED that County Council authorize the ASB department to become
Van Essen a registered vendor for the sale and distribution of strychnine to eligible
producers within Lethbridge County.

CARRIED

E.2. ADMINISTRATION

E.2.1. Green Acres Piyami Lodge Request

Council discussed Green Acres Piyami Lodge Request.

132-2026 Councillor MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed
Sayers Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, the
time being 9:16 a.m. for the discussion on the following:

E.2.1 - Green Acres Piyami Lodge Request

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

133-2026 Councillor MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the
Slomp closed session at 9:41 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Campbell reconvened the regular meeting at 9:41 a.m.

E.2.2. July 2 Council Meeting

134-2026 Deputy MOVED that County Council cancel the July 2nd County Council
Reeve Meeting.
Kuerbis

CARRIED

F. CORRESPONDENCE

F.1. Chinook Arch Library Board Report - April 2026

Council reviewed the Chinook Arch Library Board Report for April 2026.

F.1. *Moon River Estates Playground Committee*

Council reviewed correspondence from the Moon River Estates Playground Committee regarding their upcoming playground upgrade project.

135-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Council direct Administration to send a letter to Moon River Estates Playground Committee signed by Reeve.	CARRIED
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F.2. *Picture Butte Ag Society*

Council reviewed a sponsorship request from the Picture Butte Ag Society for their upcoming Farmers Day BBQ.

136-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that County Council supports the Picture Butte Ag Society's Farmer's Day BBQ with a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Councillors donation reserve.	CARRIED
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Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

D. **PUBLIC HEARINGS -10:00 A.M.**

D.1. *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) - Public Hearing*

Reeve Campbell called a recess to the Council Meeting, for the Public Hearing for Bylaw 26-001 at 10:00 a.m.

137-2026	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 26-001 commence at 10:01 a.m.	CARRIED
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The Manager, Planning and Development reviewed Bylaw 26-001.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 26-001.

Roy Vandenbrink spoke in favour of Bylaw 26-001.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 26-001.

No further comments were made.

138-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 26-001 adjourn at 10:08 a.m.	CARRIED
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Reeve Campbell reconvened the regular meeting at 10:08 a.m.

139-2026 Councillor MOVED that Bylaw 26-001, be read a second time.
Hickey

CARRIED

140-2026 Councillor MOVED that Bylaw 26-001, be read a third time.
Van Essen

CARRIED

G. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

G.1. Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - April 2026

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

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

April 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 10	Green Acres Anniversary Lunch
April 13	Green Acres Executive Meeting & Finance Meeting
April 20-22	Green Acres Conference in St. John's, NFL
April 27-29	Strategic Planning
April 29	Green Acres Board Meeting

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

April 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 10	Meeting w/MP Thomas
April 15	EDL Board Meeting, virtual
April 15	Audit Committee Meeting
April 15	Town of Picture Butte Post Office Centennial Celebration
April 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 23	SouthGrow Quarterly Board Meeting
April 27-29	Strategic Planning
April 30	Tim Hortons FCSS Smile Cookie Decorating

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

April 1	FCSS Board Meeting
April 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 8	Link Pathway Committee Meeting
April 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 17	Local Producers Gala
April 27-29	Strategic Planning
April 30	Tim Hortons FCSS Smile Cookie Decorating

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

April 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 7	Weekly meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
April 14	Weekly meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
April 14	Regional Waste Commission Meeting
April 15	Audit Committee Meeting
April 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 20	Corteva 100 Anniversary of Pioneer Brand Celebration
April 21	Regional Water Commission Meeting
April 22	Meeting with Prairies Can
April 22	Community Futures Monthly Board Meeting
April 27-29	Strategic Planning
April 28	Weekly meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
April 28	Diamond City Annual General Meeting
April 30	Emergency Advisory Committee

Division 5

Councillor Kevin Slomp

April 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 2	Chinook Arch Meeting
April 14	Regional Waste Commission Meeting
April 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 27-29	Strategic Planning

Division 6

Councillor Eric Van Essen

April 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 2	Town Hall with Deputy Ag Minister
April 15	Audit Committee
April 15	Town of Picture Butte Post Office Centennial Celebration
April 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 17	Local Producers Gala
April 27-29	Strategic Planning

Division 7

Councillor Tony Ankermann

April 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 15	Town of Picture Butte Post Office Centennial Celebration
April 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 21	Regional Water Commission Meeting
April 27-29	Strategic Planning
April 30	Tim Hortons FCSS Smile Cookie Decorating

I. CLOSED SESSION

1.1. - Land Disposition (ATIA Section 30 - Disclosure harmful to economic & other interests of a public body)

CARRIED

I.6. Advocacy & Networking Opportunities

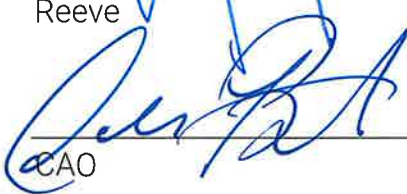
144-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Council authorize the attendance of Reeve Campbell at the Invest Alberta Stampede Partner Breakfast and the FortisAlberta Stampede Rodeo Event and other events that may arise on July 8, 2026 and that Deputy Reeve Kuerbis, Councillor Van Essen and Councillor Hickey attend the PNWER 2026 Annual Summit in Edmonton from July 19 to 23, 2026, with related travel and registration expenses to be funded from the Council travel budget.
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CARRIED

J. ADJOURN

145-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 12:56 p.m.
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CARRIED

	
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