



Minutes

Council Meeting | Thursday, January 15, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, January 15, 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, Corporate Services Hailey Pinksen
- Director, Growth & Engagement Trevor Lewington
- Legislative Coordinator & Executive Assistant Candice Robison
- Manager, Planning and Development Kaylyn Franklin
- Municipal Intern, Planning Hannah Laberge
- Senior Planner Steve Harty

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the January 15, 2026 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.
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CARRIED

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

2-2026	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that the December 18, 2025 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as amended.
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CARRIED

D. SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

D.1. Subdivision Application #2025-0-139 – Peterson/Friesen
- SE1/4 31-9-22-W4M

3-2026 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the Country Residential subdivision of Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 8710514 within SW1/4 31-9-22-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 191 062 107), to create a 2.77-acre (1.12 ha) lot from a title comprised of 54.12acres (21.90 ha), for Grouped Country Residential use; BE APPROVED subject to the following:

RESERVE:
The 10% reserve requirement, pursuant to Sections 666 and 667 of the Municipal Government Act, be provided as money in place of land on the 2.77-acres at the market value of \$12,000 per acre with the actual acreage and amount (approximately \$3,240) to be paid to Lethbridge County be determined at the final stage, for Municipal Reserve purposes.

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. The agreement may address any servicing, drainage, or access/approach matters the County determines as necessary.
3. That a Surveyors' sketch as prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor be provided to illustrate the location and setbacks of all improvements on the proposed lot including the septic field system. A final plan of survey as prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor must also be provided for final endorsement that corresponds with the lot size and layout as approved.
4. That the applicant provide a private access easement legal agreement over the remnant Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 8710514 to the benefit of the new 2.77-acre lot, to enable it to continue to use the existing approach and driveway for physical access to the property.
5. That any easement(s) as required by utility companies shall be established, if deemed warranted by the Subdivision Authority.
6. The applicant must meet any requirements of Ministry of Arts, Culture and the Status of Women for Historical Resources.

CARRIED

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F.1. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

F.1.1. Residential Strategy 2026 Review - Project Plan

Kaylyn Franklin, Manager Planning & Development and Hannah Laberge, Technician Planning & Development presented to Council the Residential Strategy 2026 Review Project Plan.

F.2. GROWTH & ENGAGEMENT

F.2.1. Advancing Women in Agriculture and Food Conference (AWC)

Council reviewed the information regarding the Advancing Women in Agriculture and Food Conference.

F.3. ADMINISTRATION

F.3.1. Upcoming Conferences

Council discussed the upcoming RMA and CPAA Conferences.

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS - 10:00 a.m.

Reeve Campbell called a recess to the Council Meeting, for the Public Hearing for Bylaw 25-025 at 10:00 a.m.

E.1. Bylaw 25-025 - Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Redesignate 230019 River Ridge Road (Plan 9312230 Block 1 Lot 1) from Grouped Country Residential (GCR) to Direct Control (DC) - Public Hearing

4-2026 Councillor MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 25-025 commence at 10:01
Sayers a.m.

CARRIED

The Manager, Planning and Development reviewed Bylaw 25-025.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 25-025.

No further comments were made.

5-2026 Councillor MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 25-025 adjourn at 10:07 a.m
Van Essen CARRIED

Reeve Campbell reconvened the regular meeting at 10:07 a.m.

6-2026 Councillor MOVED that Bylaw 25-025, be read a second time.
Van Essen
CARRIED

7-2026 Deputy MOVED that Bylaw 25-025, be read a third time.
Reeve
Kuerbis CARRIED

Reeve Campbell called a recess to the Council Meeting, for the Public Hearing for Bylaw 25-027 at 10:08 a.m.

E.2. **Bylaw 25-027 - Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Redesignate SE-1-9-21-W4 from Direct Control to Direct Control - Public Hearing**

8-2026 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 25-027 commence at 10:08 a.m.
CARRIED

The Manager, Planning and Development reviewed Bylaw 25-027.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 25-027.

Brent Van Vaerenbergh spoke in favor of Bylaw 25-027.

Craig Nickel spoke in favor of the applicant but expressed some concern with Bylaw 25-027.

No further comments were made.

9-2026 Councillor Sayers MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 25-027 adjourn at 10:13 a.m.
CARRIED

Reeve Campbell reconvened the regular meeting at 10:13 a.m.

10-2026 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Bylaw 25-027, be read a second time.
CARRIED

11-2026 Councillor Slomp MOVED that Bylaw 25-027, be read a third time.
CARRIED

G. **CORRESPONDENCE**

G.1. **Coaldale Public Library**

Council reviewed the Coaldale Public Library's January/February 2026 newsletter and calendar.

G.1. **Southern Alberta Chinese Association - Spring Festival Year of the Horse**

Council reviewed an invitation from the Southern Alberta Chinese Association to attend their Spring Festival being held on February 21, 2026 which will celebrate the Year of the Horse.

G.2. **Consul General Mme. ZHAO Liying - Spring Festival 2026 Invitation**

Council reviewed an invitation from the Calgary Chinese Consul General Mme. ZHAO Liying to attend the Spring Festival celebration at the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre on February 3, 2026.

H. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

H.1. *Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - December 2025*

Council reviewed the highlights from the Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update for December 2025.

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

December 3	Meeting with Trevor Lewington
December 4	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 5	Green Acres Christmas Party
December 10	AEMA Local Authority Elected Officials Course
December 10	Green Acres Heritage Lodge Christmas Party
December 18	Lethbridge County Council Meeting

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

December 2	Meeting with Town of Coalhurst Mayor & CAO
December 4	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 6	Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
December 6	CDES Awards Night & Banquet
December 10	AEMA Local Authority Elected Officials Course
December 10	Meeting with Town of Coaldale Mayor & CAO
December 11	SouthGrow Quarterly Meeting
December 17	EDL Monthly Board Meeting
December 18	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 22	Coaldale/Lethbridge County, Fire & Emergency Services Contract Signing

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

December 3	Link Pathway Meeting
December 3	FCSS Meeting
December 4	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 4	ORRSC Meeting
December 6	CDES Awards Night & Banquet
December 10	AEMA Local Authority Elected Officials Course
December 18	Lethbridge County Council Meeting

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

December 2	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
December 3	Meeting with PrairiesCan
December 4	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 9	Meeting with Trevor Lewington
December 9	Regional Waste Commission Meeting
December 9	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
December 10	AEMA Local Authority Elected Officials Course
December 12	Water Co-op Liaison Meeting
December 16	Regional Water Commission Meeting

December 16	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
December 23	Community Futures Monthly Board Meeting
December 31	Meeting with PrairiesCan

Division 5

Councillor Kevin Slomp

December 4	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 4	Chinook Arch Meeting
December 6	Picture Butte Emergency Services Awards
December 9	Regional Waste Commission Meeting
December 10	AEMA Local Authority Elected Officials Course
December 13	Nobleford Fire Awards
December 18	Lethbridge County Council Meeting

Division 6

Councillor Eric Van Essen

December 4	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 10	AEMA Local Authority Elected Officials Course
December 11	Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce Meeting
December 11	Resident Meeting on Growth in the County
December 12	Water Co-op Liaison Meeting
December 18	Lethbridge County Council Meeting

Division 7

Councillor Tony Ankermann

December 10	AEMA Local Authority Elected Officials Course
December 12	Water Co-op Liaison Meeting
December 16	Regional Water Commission Meeting
December 18	Lethbridge County Council Meeting

F. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

J.1. - 10:30 a.m. Delegation - SouthGrow (ATIA Section 26 - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations)

J.2. - Land Disposition (ATIA Section 28 - Local public body confidences)

J.3. - CAO Report - C.Beck (ATIA Sections 19, 20, 28 and 29)

12-2026	Councillor Hickey	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, the time being 10:23 a.m. for the discussion on the following:
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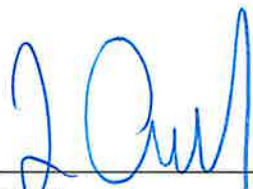
J.3. - CAO Report - C. Beck (ATIA Section 19, 20, 28 and 29)

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

13-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 12:46 p.m.	CARRIED
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K. ADJOURN

14-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 12:46 p.m.	CARRIED
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