



MINUTES

Organizational Meeting

9:00 AM - Thursday, October 19, 2023
Council Chambers

The Organizational Meeting of the Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT:

- Lorne Hickey – Division 1
- Tory Campbell – Division 2
- Mark Sayers – Division 3
- John Kuerbis – Division 4
- Eric Van Essen – Division 5
- Klaas VanderVeen – Division 6
- Morris Zeinstra – Division 7
- Chief Administrative Officer, Cole Beck
- Director of Public Operations, Jeremy Wickson
- Director of Corporate Services Jennifer Place
- Director of Municipal Development & Infrastructure, Devon Thiele
- Executive Assistant, Candice Robison
- Municipal Intern – Finance, Jeremy Vander Meulen
- Human Resources Manager, Jared Zeller
- Communication Coordinator, Mattie Watson

EXCUSED:

A. CALL TO ORDER BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Chief Administrative Officer Cole Beck called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

CAO Beck 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. VOTING PROCEDURES

B.1. Nominations and Voting by Secret Ballot

293-2023 Councillor MOVED that Council utilize the voting procedure of secret ballot when
Van Essen there is more than the required number of nominations for the Office
of Reeve and Deputy Reeve.

CARRIED

B.2. Destruction of Ballots

294-2023 Councillor MOVED that all the ballots are destroyed at the end of the meeting.
Zeinstra CARRIED

B.3. Appointment of Scrutineers

295-2023 Councillor MOVED that Council appoint Jennifer Place, Director of Corporate
Sayers Services and Jeremy Vander Muelen, Intern as Scrutineers.

CARRIED

C. ELECTION OF REEVE FOR ENSUING YEAR AND OATH OF OFFICE

CAO Cole Beck explained the next item on the agenda would be the nomination and election of the Reeve for the ensuing year and called for nominations for Reeve by Secret Ballot.

Nominations were taken by secret ballot. Scrutineer Jennifer Place declared that there was one nomination for Reeve: Tory Campbell

Tory Campbell accepted the nomination.

CAO Cole Beck declared that Tory Campbell is elected Reeve for the 2023/2024 year.

C.1. Appointment of Reeve

296-2023 Councillor MOVED that Tory Campbell be appointed as Reeve of Lethbridge VanderVeen County for the 2023/2024 year.

CARRIED

The Oath of Office was administered by Candice Robison, Commissioner of Oaths to Reeve Tory Campbell for the 2023/2024 year.

D. ELECTION OF DEPUTY REEVE FOR ENSUING YEAR AND OATH OF OFFICE

Reeve Tory Campbell explained the next item on the agenda would be the nomination and election of the Deputy Reeve for the ensuing year and called for nominations for Deputy Reeve by Secret Ballot.

Nominations were taken by secret ballot, and Scrutineer Jennifer Place declared that there were three nominations for Deputy Reeve: Mark Sayers, John Kuerbis and Eric Van Essen

John Kuerbis accepted the nomination. Mark Sayers and Eric Van Essen declined their nominations.

Reeve Tory Campbell declared that John Kuerbis is elected Deputy Reeve for the 2023/2024 year.

D.1. Appointment of Deputy Reeve

297-2023 Councillor MOVED that John Kuerbis be appointed as Deputy Reeve of Hickey Lethbridge County for the 2023/2024 year.

CARRIED

The Oath of Office was administered by Candice Robison, Commissioner of Oaths to Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis for the 2023/2024 year.

E. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL COMMITTEES

No Voting Required No Voting Required

F. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

No Voting Required No Voting Required

G. RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE RESULTS OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

G.1. Results of the Council Committee Appointments

298-2023 Deputy MOVED that the 2023-2024 Internal Committee appointments be
Reeve accepted as amended.
Kuerbis

CARRIED

299-2023 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the 2023-2024 External Committee appointments be accepted as amended. CARRIED

H. **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS**

H.1. **Acts Appeal Committee (Soil Conservation, Weed & Pest Control Appeal Committee)**

300-2023 Councillor Sayers MOVED that County Council appoint the following Members-at-Large to the Acts Appeal Committee (Soil Conservation, Weed & Pest Control Appeal Committee) beginning January 1, 2024: Bryan Harbers, Rob Van Diemen and Steve Campbell. CARRIED

H.2. **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)**

Councillor Eric Van Essen abstained from voting on Item H.2.

301-2023 Councillor Hickey MOVED that County Council appoint the following Members-at-Large to the Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board: Leroy Pavan, Kim Jensen and Evert Van Essen. CARRIED

I. **ADJOURN**

302-2023 Councillor Zeinstra MOVED that the Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting adjourn at 9:30 a.m. CARRIED

Reeve

CAO