



Minutes

Council Meeting | Thursday, April 18, 2024 | 9:00 AM | Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, April 18, 2024, 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, Development & Infrastructure Devon Thiele
- Director, Corporate Services Jennifer Place
- Executive Assistant Candice Robison
- Director, People & Culture Jared Zeller

A. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Tory Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:02 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

440-2024 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that the April 18, 2024 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

441-2024 Councillor Sayers MOVED that the April 4, 2024 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

D.1. CORPORATE SERVICES

D.1.1. 2024 Business Tax Bylaw 24-008

442-2024 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that Bylaw 24-008 being the 2024 Business Tax Bylaw be read a first time.

CARRIED

443-2024 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Bylaw 24-008 being the 2024 Business Tax Bylaw be read a second time. CARRIED

444-2024 Councillor VanderVeen MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 24-008 being the 2024 Business Tax Bylaw. CARRIED

445-2024 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Bylaw 24-008 being the 2024 Business Tax Bylaw be read a third time. CARRIED

D.1.2. 2024 Business Tax Rate Bylaw 24-009

446-2024 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Bylaw 24-009, being the 2024 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a first time. CARRIED

447-2024 Councillor Sayers MOVED that Bylaw 24-009, being the 2024 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a second time. CARRIED

448-2024 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 24-009 being the 2024 Business Tax Rate Bylaw. CARRIED

449-2024 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Bylaw 24-009, being the 2024 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a third time. CARRIED

D.1.3. Lethbridge County Signing Authorities

450-2024 Councillor Sayers MOVED that County Council approve the Reeve or appointed Deputy Reeve, along with the Chief Administrative Officer, Director, Corporate Services or Director, Infrastructure and Development to sign on behalf of the County Banking Accounts. CARRIED

D.2. ADMINISTRATION

D.2.1. 2024 Calgary Stampede BMO Farm Family Awards

451-2024 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that County Council select Councillor Morris Zeinstra and guest of his choice to represent Lethbridge County at the 2024 BMO Farm Family awards presentations scheduled for July 8, 2024. CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS

E.1. 9:30 a.m. - Coaldale & District Handi Ride Association

The Coaldale & District Handi Ride Association was present to provide Council an update and to request funding.

452-2024 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that administration draft a letter of support and bring a report for the funding request to the next meeting.

CARRIED

F. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

F.1. Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - March 2024

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

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

March 5	Health Professional Recruitment & Retention Committee
March 6	FCSS Meeting
March 7	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 17-20	RMA Spring Convention
March 20	Green Acres Finance Meeting (via teams)
March 27	Green Acres Board Meeting

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

March 1	Mayors and Reeves
March 5	Meeting with Finance Minister Horner, MLA Neudorf
March 7	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 18-20	RMA Spring Convention
March 21	Southern Alberta Economic Summit 2024
March 21	Safety Audit Interview
March 21 (virtual)	Chinook Arch Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

March 6	Provincial Townhall on Drought
March 7	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 18-20	RMA Spring Convention
March 21	Southern Alberta Economic Summit 2024
March 22	Safety Audit Interview
March 27	Emergency Advisory Committee
March 28	Water Commission Meeting with Auditor

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

March 5	Weekly meeting with Community Futures Director
March 7	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 12	Weekly meeting with Community Futures Director

March 14 Water Co-op Liaison Committee
March 17-20 RMA Spring Convention
March 22 Meeting with Community Futures Regional Director
March 27 Community Futures Board Meeting
March 27 Emergency Advisory Committee

Division 5

Councillor Eric Van Essen

March 6 Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce
March 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 27 Emergency Advisory Committee

Division 6

Councillor Klaas VanderVeen

March 6 Water Emergency Call
March 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 18-20 RMA Spring Convention

Division 7

Councillor Morris Zeinstra

March 18-20 RMA Spring Convention

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1. MP Thomas - Community Builders Awards

Council reviewed correspondence from MP Rachel Thomas regarding the Community Builders Awards.

I. CLOSED SESSION

I.1. - CAO Report - C. Beck (FOIP Sections 16, 17, 23 and 24)

453-2024 Councillor Zeinstra MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, the time being 9:56 a.m. for the discussion on the following:

I.1.. - CAO Report - C. Beck (FOIP Sections 16, 17, 23 and 24)

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

CARRIED

454-2024 Councillor Sayers MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 10:50 a.m.

CARRIED

J. ADJOURN

455-2024 Councillor Zeinstra MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 10:50 a.m.

CARRIED



Reeve



CAO