



Minutes

Council Meeting | Thursday, March 5, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT:

- Reeve Tory Campbell
- 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, Operations Ryan Thomson
- Director, Growth & Engagement Trevor Lewington
- Legislative Coordinator & Executive Assistant Candice Robison
- Manager, Planning and Development Kaylyn Franklin
- Senior Planner Steve Harty

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.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

43-2026	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that the March 5, 2026 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented	CARRIED
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C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

44-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the February 19, 2026 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented.	CARRIED
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F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F.1 DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

F.1.4 Capital Project Update

45-2026 Councillor MOVED that County Council approve a budget increase of \$135,000,
Van Essen for a total of \$335,000, funded from the Bridges and Paved Roads
Reserve for the Bridge File 79230 repair Project.

CARRIED

D. SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

D.1. Subdivision Application #2025-0-187 – Nakamura
- within SW1/4 5-8-20-W4M

46-2026 Councillor MOVED that the Agricultural and Country Residential subdivision of
Hickey SW1/4 5-8-20-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 051 470 968), to create a
3.44-acre (1.39 ha) lot from a fragmented title comprised of 65.89-
acres (26.66 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 3.44-acres at the market value of \$17,000 per acre with the actual
acreage and amount (approximately \$5,848.00) to be paid to
Lethbridge County be determined at the final stage, for Municipal
Reserve purposes.

AND FURTHER that a Deferred Reserve caveat be registered on title on
the remnant 62.45acres for Municipal Reserve purposes to be applied
at a time of future subdivision.

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 should include a requirement that the existing
access to Range Road 205 be relocated at such time the local internal
road is constructed with future ASP stages, at the applicant's expense.
3. That 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 any easement(s) as required by utility companies or the
municipality shall be established

CARRIED

D.2. Subdivision Application #2026-0-008 – 2152958 Ltd./SMRID
- Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 9911549 and Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 9810402 and Part of NW1/4
27-9-19-W4M

47-2026 Councillor MOVED that the Agricultural and Country Residential subdivision of Lot
Slomp 5, Block 1, Plan 9911549 and Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 9810402 and Part of
NW1/4 27-9-19-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 191 159 254, 801 098 022,
141 236 932 +1), to reconfigure three titles within W½ 27-9-19-W4 by
subdividing a 9.47-acre (3.83 ha) former canal title and consolidating it
to a 5.96-acre country residential lot enlarging it to 6.60-acres in size,
and a 145.0-acre agricultural title thereby enlarging it to 153.8-acres in
size; BE APPROVED subject to the following:

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, if required.
3. That the title(s) and portions of the 9.47-acre former canal land to be subdivided and consolidated to create the enlarged 6.60-acre yard title and the 153.8-acre agricultural title be done by a plan prepared by a certified Alberta Land Surveyor in a manner such that the resulting titles cannot be further subdivided without approval of the Subdivision Authority.
4. That any easement(s) as required by utility companies, or the municipality shall be established.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS

E.1. 9:30 a.m. - SMRID

Travis Geremia, David Westwood from SMRID and Dylan Postman from MPE were present to provide Council an update on the Chin West Dam Rehabilitation.

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F.1 DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

F.1.1 Development Permit Application 26-D0022 and 26-D0023 (Vanden Brink)

48-2026 Councillor MOVED that Development Permit Applications 26-D0022 and 26-
Van Essen D0023 be approved as drafted.

CARRIED

F.1.2 Bylaw 26-005 – Amendment to the Municipal Development Plan to Amend Part 4 Plan Policies Relating to Large-Scale Commercial Solar Collection

49-2026 Councillor Slomp MOVED that Bylaw 26-005, be read a first time. CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS

E.2. 10:30 a.m. - MP Rachael Thomas

MP Rachael Thomas was present for her annual visit with Council.

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F.1 DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

F.1.3 Bylaw 26-006 – Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to add Solar Energy Commercial (SEC) Overlay District to Part 3 and to Add SEC Overlay District to a Portion of SW-36-7-22-4; SE-36-7-22-4; SW-31-7-21-4; Portion of NE-25-7-22-4; NW-30-7-21-4; NE-30-7-21-4; SE-31-7-21-4; Portion of SW-30-7-21-4; and SE-30-7-21-4

50-2026 Councillor Slomp MOVED that Bylaw 26-006, be read a first time. CARRIED

F.2 GROWTH & ENGAGEMENT

F.2.1 South-Western Alberta Blackfoot Signage Project

51-2026 Councillor Sayers MOVED that County Council approve Lethbridge County's participation in Community Futures Lethbridge Region's South-Western Alberta Blackfoot Signage Project for the purpose of receiving an official Blackfoot name; and further Administration engage appropriate Blackfoot language holders through this process to explore a culturally accurate and appropriate translation of the County's "Deep Roots, Bright Future" campaign for future Council consideration; and further any signage or capital implementation be considered through future budget deliberations. CARRIED

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1. HALO Air Ambulance

Council received an invitation from HALO Air Ambulance to attend their Annual General Meeting on March 26, 2026 in Medicine Hat.

G.2. STARS Ally Impact Report

Council reviewed the STARS Ally Impact Report.

G.3. Town of Taber - Invitation Play On Street Hockey Tournament

Council received an invitation to the Town of Taber's Play on Street Hockey Tournament being held on March 27 & 28, 2026 in Taber.

H. CLOSED SESSION

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

52-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, the time being 11:35 a.m. for the discussion on the following:
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I.1. - 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

53-2026	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 12:10 p.m.
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CARRIED

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

54-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that County Council approve administration to proceed with the acquisition of assets to allow for future development of Lethbridge County, up to \$130,000 funded from the Utility Reserve.
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CARRIED

I. ADJOURN

55-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 12:11 p.m.
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