



Minutes

Council Meeting | Thursday, April 16, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT:

- Reeve Tory Campbell
- Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis
- 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
- Legislative Coordinator & Executive Assistant Candice Robison
- Manager, Planning and Development Kaylyn Franklin
- Manager, Finance and Administration Patrick Lyster

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

Reeve Tory Campbell acknowledged Donna Irwin for her 21 years of service and wished her an excellent retirement.

Reeve Tory Campbell acknowledged CAO Cole Beck for completing the 42nd Calgary Class of the ICD-Rotman Directors' Education Program.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

86-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the April 16, 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

87-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the April 2, 2026 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented.	CARRIED
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D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

D.2. CORPORATE SERVICES

D.2.3. 2025 Audited Financial Statements

88-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Council approves the transfer of \$365,966 from the Tax Equalization Reserve to offset the unrestricted surplus deficit.	CARRIED
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89-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that Council approved the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025 as presented by KPMG LLP.	CARRIED
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D.1. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

D.1.1. 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)

90-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that Bylaw 26-001, be read a first time.	CARRIED
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D.1.2. Bylaw 26-004 Road Closure, Consolidation and Sale Township Road 10-4 - Barbara Stewart

91-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED to refuse first reading of Bylaw 26-004.	CARRIED
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D.2. CORPORATE SERVICES

D.2.1. Bylaw 26-011 - 2026 Business Tax Bylaw

92-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Bylaw 26-011 being the 2026 Business Tax Bylaw be read a first time.	CARRIED
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93-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that Bylaw 26-011 being the 2026 Business Tax Bylaw be read a second time.	CARRIED
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94-2026	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that Bylaw 26-011 being the 2026 Business Tax Bylaw be considered for third reading.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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95-2026

Councillor
Van Essen

MOVED that Bylaw 26-011 being the 2026 Business Tax Bylaw be read a third time.

CARRIED

D.2.2. Bylaw 26-012 - 2026 Business Tax Rate Bylaw

96-2026

Deputy
Reeve
Kuerbis

MOVED that Bylaw 26-012, being the 2026 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a first time.

CARRIED

97-2026

Councillor
Slomp

MOVED that Bylaw 26-012, being the 2026 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a second time.

CARRIED

98-2026

Councillor
Sayers

MOVED that Bylaw 26-012, being the 2026 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be considered for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

99-2026

Councillor
Ankermann

MOVED that Bylaw 26-012, being the 2026 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a third time.

CARRIED

D.3. ADMINISTRATION

D.3.1. 2026 Stirling Wind Benefit Project Funding Allocations

100-2026

Deputy
Reeve
Kuerbis

That County Council approve the Stirling Wind Project Community Benefit Fund — Open Allocation in the amount of \$6,086.80, distributed to the following recipients:

Recipient	Amount
Jam for Jax	\$1,217.36
Picture Butte Fish & Game Association	\$1,217.36
Interfaith Food Bank Society of Lethbridge	\$1,217.36
Picture Butte Fish & Game Association	\$1,217.36
TIME Society	\$1,217.36

CARRIED

101-2026

Councillor
Slomp

That County Council further approve the Stirling Wind Project Community Benefit Fund — Fixed Allocation in the amount of \$15,393.00, distributed to the following recipients:

Recipient	Amount
Picture Butte High School	\$6,000.00
John Davidson School	\$6,000.00
FCSS	\$3,393.00

CARRIED

D.3.2. 2026 Calgary Stampede BMO Farm Family Awards

102-2026 Deputy That County Council select a Councillor and guest of his choice to
Reeve represent Lethbridge County at the 2026 BMO Farm Family Awards
Kuerbis scheduled for July 6, 2026.

CARRIED

D.3.3. FCM Conference 2026 - Edmonton

103-2026 Deputy MOVED that any Councillor who wishes to attend the FCM Conference
Reeve in Edmonton be able to do so.
Kuerbis

DEFEATED

E. CORRESPONDENCE

E.1. Lethbridge Coaldale 4-H Beef Club & Warner Beef Club - Country Classic Show & Sale
Council reviewed a sponsorship request from the Lethbridge Coaldale 4-H Beef Club & Warner Beef Club's Country Classic Show & Sale taking place on June 6, 2026.

E.2. Chinook Equipment Grand Opening
Council reviewed an invitation to the Chinook Equipment Grand Opening being held on May 22.

E.3. Schizophrenia Society of Alberta - Lethbridge Strides of Hope Walk Invitation
Council reviewed an invitation to the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta's Strides of Hope Walk on May 22, 2026.

E.4. Big Brothers Big Sisters - McHappy Day
Council reviewed an invitation from Big Brothers Big Sisters for their 32nd McHappy Day, taking place on May 6, 2026.

E.5. 2026 Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign - BEW FCSS
Council reviewed an invitation from BEW FCSS for their 2026 Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign taking place April 27-May 1, 2026.

E.6. ASB Summer Tour - Wheatland County - July 14-16
Council reviewed an invitation to Wheatland County's ASB Summer Tour taking place July 14-16, 2026.

E.7. Green Acres Foundation
Council reviewed correspondence from Green Acres Foundation regarding their funding request for Piyami Lodge.

E.8. HALO Air Ambulance
Council reviewed an invitation from HALO Air Ambulance regarding their 3rd Annual Flight Up the Night Gala, taking place on April 25, 2026.

F. **COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

F.1. **Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - March 2026**

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

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

March 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 16	Chamber Costco Tour
March 18	Green Acres Executive Meeting & Finance Meeting
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
March 24	McNally Community Association Meeting
March 25	Green Acres Board Meeting
March 31	Supper Meeting with Town of Coaldale

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

March 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 5	Rotary Ag Scholarship Dinner
March 6	Mayors & Reeves – Virtual
March 9	Rural Road Infrastructure Meeting, ILWG, Mountain View County
March 18	EDL AGM
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
March 24	Council to Council, Town of Coalhurst
March 25	Growing Opportunities Workshop
March 26	SouthGrow Economic Development Summit
March 31	SACI Tour, Lethbridge Polytechnic
March 31	Prospective Investment Meeting, Lethbridge County
March 31	Supper Meeting with Town of Coaldale

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

March 4	FCSS Board Meeting
March 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 5	ORRSC Board Meeting
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
March 25	Growing Opportunities Workshop
March 31	Supper Meeting with Town of Coaldale

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

March 16	EOEP Course
March 17-18	Spring RMA Conference
March 19	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
March 24	Council to Council, Town of Coalhurst
March 25	Community Futures Monthly Board Meeting
March 25	Meeting with Prairies Can Assistant Deputy Minister

March 26	Southern Alberta Economic Development Summit
March 30	Commission Orientation Training
March 31	Waste Commission Rebranding Workshop
March 31	Supper Meeting with Town of Coaldale
March 31	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director

Division 5

Councillor Kevin Slomp

March 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 5	Chinook Arch Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting
March 16	EOEP Course
March 17-18	Spring RMA convention
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
March 24	Council to Council, Town of Coalhurst
March 26	Streets Alive Grand Opening
March 30	Commission Orientation Training
March 31	Waste Commission Rebranding Workshop
March 31	Supper Meeting with Town of Coaldale

Division 6

Councillor Eric Van Essen

March 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 12	Picture Butte Chamber Meeting
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
March 24	Council to Council, Town of Coalhurst
March 25	Growing Opportunities Workshop
March 31	SACI Tour, Lethbridge Polytechnic
March 31	Supper Meeting with Town of Coaldale

Division 7

Councillor Tony Ankermann

March 4	Alberta Sugar Beet Growers AGM
March 5	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 16	EOEP Course
March 17-18	Spring RMA Convention
March 23	Economic Development for Elected Officials
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H. CLOSED SESSION

H.1. - Delegation of Authority (ATIA Section 28 - Local public body confidences)

H.2. - CAO Report - C. Beck (ATIA Section 19, 20, 28 and 29)

104-2026	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, the time being 10:35 a.m. for the discussion on the following:
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H.1. - Delegation of Authority (ATIA Section 28 - Local public body confidences)

H.2. - 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

105-2026	Deputy Reeve Kurbis	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 10:53 a.m. CARRIED
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H.1. Delegation of Authority (ATIA Section 28 - Local public body confidences)

106-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that Council delegate authority to the Senior HR Business Partner to: 1. Negotiate, make proposals, and agree to tentative terms at the collective bargaining table; 2. Approve settlements within the financial and operational thresholds outlined in Section 5 of this report; 3. Execute a Memorandum of Settlement, subject to Council ratification of the final collective agreement; and 4. Retain external legal counsel and/or a professional negotiator as required, within the approved budget. CARRIED
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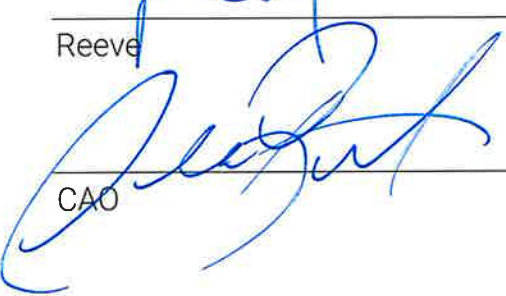
I. ADJOURN

I.1.

107-2026 Councillor MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 10:55
Sayers a.m.

CARRIED



Reeve

CAO