



MINUTES

Council Meeting

9:30 AM - Thursday, May 19, 2022
Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 9:30 AM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Reeve Tory Campbell
Deputy Reeve Klaas VanderVeen
Councillor Lorne Hickey
Councillor Mark Sayers
Councillor John Kuerbis
Councillor Eric Van Essen
Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Mitchell
Director of Community Services, Larry Randle
Director of Public Operations, Jeremy Wickson
Infrastructure Manager, Devon Thiele
Manager of Finance & Administration, Jennifer Place
Executive Assistant, Candice Robison

A. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Tory Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

126-2022	Councillor Kuerbis	MOVED that the May 19, 2022 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.	CARRIED
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C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

127-2022	Councillor Hickey	MOVED that the May 5, 2022 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.	CARRIED
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C.2. Special Council Minutes

128-2022	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the May 10, 2022 Lethbridge County Special Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.	CARRIED
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Hilary Janzen, Supervisor of Planning & Development introduced the new Development Planner Nathan Hill.

D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

D.1. COMMUNITY SERVICES

D.1.1. Draft Fire Bylaw No. 22-002 - First Reading

129-2022	Councillor Kuerbis	MOVED that Fire Bylaw No. 2022-02 be read a first time.	CARRIED
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D.1.2. January- March 2022 Community Peace Officer Report

David Entz presented to Council the January - March 2022 Community Peace Officer Report.

Deputy Reeve VanderVeen joined the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

D.1.3. Requests from Air Show Committee

- 130-2022 Councillor Hickey MOVED to direct administration to accommodate the requests made by the Lethbridge Air Show Committee and to bring forward a road closure bylaw to the next meeting.
- CARRIED

D.2. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

D.2.1. Agricultural Service Board Composition and Bylaw

- 131-2022 Deputy Reeve VanderVeen MOVED that administration drafts an Agriculture Service Board Bylaw that establishes the board with a membership of four council members and three members-at-large and further, that the ASB Terms of Reference be amended so as to not conflict or duplicate matters addressed in the bylaw.
- CARRIED

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

E. DELEGATIONS

E.1. 10:30 a.m. - CIBC Wood Gundy

James Hobson and Charet Chahal from CIBC Wood Gundy were present via Teams to provide an economic update and update on the County's investments.

D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

D.2. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

D.2.2. 2022 Calgary Stampede BMO Farm Family Awards

- 132-2022 Councillor Kuerbis MOVED that County Council select the Division 2 Councillor and guest of their choice to represent Lethbridge County at the 2022 BMO Farm Family awards presentations scheduled for July 11, 2022.
- CARRIED

D.3. CORPORATE SERVICES

D.3.1. 2022 Bursary Ad-Hoc Selection Committee

- 133-2022 Councillor Kuerbis MOVED that an ad hoc Bursary Selection Committee of three council members be established to review the 2022 bursary applications and that the committee members are Mark Sayers, John Kuerbis and Lorne Hickey.
- CARRIED

D.4. ADMINISTRATION

D.4.1. Highway 3 Twinning Development Association - Request for Letter of Support

- 134-2022 Councillor Van Essen MOVED to direct administration to draft an amended letter of support for the Highway 3 Twinning Development Association.
- CARRIED

D.5. INFRASTRUCTURE

F. CORRESPONDENCE

F.1. Alberta Municipal Affairs

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

H. NEW BUSINESS

I. SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

J. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

J.1. Council reviewed the Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update for April 2022.

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

April 6	FCSS Meeting
April 7	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 12	CAO – Council Update
April 14	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
April 14	Audit Committee Meeting
April 20	Green Acres Foundation Meeting
April 21	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 21	Intermunicipal Committee – City of Lethbridge
April 27	Green Acres Foundation Meeting

- FCSS is running smoothly
- Green Acres is still struggling keeping occupancy rates up

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

April 1	CAO/Reeve Meeting
April 1	Virtual Meeting w/MLA Neudorf
April 1	Mayors and Reeves
April 4	Exhibition Park Board Training
April 6	Physician Recruitment Meeting with City of Lethbridge
April 7	County Council Meeting
April 7	Chinook Arch Library Board Meeting
April 9	Vimy Ridge Day Remembrance, Lethbridge Cenotaph
April 11	Meeting with Barons
April 11	Fire Services Discussion
April 11	Team Lethbridge Meeting
April 12	CAO – Council Update
April 14	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
April 14	Audit Committee Meeting
April 14	Meeting with Coalhurst Mayor
April 20	EDL Board Meeting
April 20	Exhibition Park – Ownership Engagement Meeting
April 21	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 21	Intermunicipal Committee – City of Lethbridge
April 29	CAO/Reeve Meeting

- April 6 Physician Recruitment meeting with Sandra Dufresne. She has put together advocacy for the region on physician recruitment. The City will make a presentation to Council on how the City and County can work together on physician recruitment.

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

April 7	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
April 12	CAO – Council Update
April 14	Agricultural Service Board Meeting

- April 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
 April 28 SouthGrow Board Meeting
- SouthGrow board meeting - had a guided tour of exhibition park.
 - Mayors & Reeves Southgrow update was sent out to Council.
 - SouthGrow has strength in obtaining grant funding.

Division 4

Councillor John Kuerbis

- April 1 H3TDA AGM
 April 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
 April 12 CAO – Council Update
 April 14 Agricultural Service Board Meeting
 April 14 Audit Committee Meeting
 April 15 Ratepayer Concern Meeting
 April 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
 April 25 Regional Waste Commission Meeting
 April 26 Water Commission Meeting
 April 27 Community Futures Regular Meeting
 April 27 Diamond City Community Association AGM
- Diamond City Community Association AGM - met with board members and concerned citizens. The board has concerns about hall and viability of the hall.

Division 5

Councillor Eric Van Essen

- April 1 Highway 3 Twinning Association AGM
 April 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
 April 12 CAO – Council Update
 April 14 Agricultural Service Board Meeting
 April 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- Highway 3 Twinning AGM was good

Division 6

Deputy Reeve Klaas VanderVeen

- April 1 Mayors and Reeves
 April 14 Agricultural Service Board Meeting
 April 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
 April 25 Lethbridge Regional Waste Meeting
 April 29 SAEWA Board Meeting
- SAEWA is continuing along

Division 7

Councillor Morris Zeinstra

- April 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
 April 12 CAO – Council Update
 April 14 Agricultural Service Board Meeting
 April 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

K. CLOSED SESSION

K.1. Water Supply Request (FOIP Section 16 - Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party)

K.2. Discussion on Proposed Development (FOIP Section 16 - Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party)

135-2022 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 11:27 a.m. for the discussion on the following:

K.1. Water Supply Request (FOIP Section 16 - Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party)

Present during the Closed Session:
Lethbridge County Council
Senior Management
Administration Staff
CARRIED

136-2022 Councillor Sayers MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the Closed Session at 11:51 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:32 p.m. with all members of Council present as previously stated.

137-2022 Councillor Kuerbis MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the time being 12:33 p.m. for the discussion on the following:

K.2. Discussion on Proposed Development (FOIP Section 16 - Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party)

Present during the Closed Session:
Lethbridge County Council
Senior Management
Administration Staff
CARRIED

138-2022 Councillor Kuerbis MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 1:40 p.m.

CARRIED

K.1. Water Supply Request (FOIP Section 16 - Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party)

139-2022 Councillor Kuerbis MOVED that County Council, through the Reeve, send a letter to the Town of Coaldale Mayor indicating the urgency of this matter.

CARRIED

K.2. Discussion on Proposed Development (FOIP Section 16 - Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party)

140-2022 Deputy Reeve VanderVeen WHEREAS, Lethbridge County's Vision Statement is "Lethbridge County is Canada's most innovative rural community;" and

WHEREAS, from that statement the four goals include:

- Governance;
- Relationships;
- Region;
- Prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Lethbridge County has received an unsolicited proposal calling for the establishment of the Lethbridge County Bio-Cluster ONE from a Privately funded and managed organization; and

WHEREAS, the Lethbridge County Bio-Cluster will help to advance the four goals of the Lethbridge County Vision Statement by developing a facility to enable and support the Circular Economy through the integration of all aspects of agricultural activities including livestock product, crop production, renewable energy, restorative farming and Bio-Organic Fertilizer Production; and

WHEREAS, the Lethbridge County Bio-Cluster will enhance the County by fostering economic growth resulting in additional funding for infrastructure and services, increased employment, training, and business opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Lethbridge County Bio-Cluster will further enhance the County by reducing the environmental impacts of agriculture activities resulting in a healthier and sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, the Lethbridge County Bio-Cluster will support the economic success of all stakeholders in the region by inclusion of First Nations stakeholders in the governance, revenue-sharing and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Lethbridge County Bio-Cluster will attract new investment in innovation and new technologies that will result in the County becoming Canada's most innovative agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, Lethbridge County and First Nations partners will not be required to fund the capital or operating costs of funding the design, engineering, and construction of the Lethbridge County Bio-Cluster; and

WHEREAS, the Lethbridge County Bio-Cluster as the Landlord will cover the operating costs by collecting rents from compatible tenants who share the vision of a more sustainable and prosperous future;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Lethbridge County will collaborate with the proponents of the Lethbridge County Bio-cluster ONE to support the establishment and operation of this venture through reasonable means at its disposal including:

- Assisting with the procurement of approximately 2.0 million cubic meters of raw untreated water per annum by lobbying any government agency, irrigation district, water-supplying organization or other enterprise within or adjacent to the outer boundaries of Lethbridge County, that may be able to supply water; and
- The county will consider rights-of-way access in accordance with county policies and bylaws; and
- Other measures as may reasonably be required to ensure the safe, economical, and environmentally sustainable establishment and operation of the Lethbridge County Bio-Cluster for the life of the project.

CARRIED

L. ADJOURN

141-2022 Councillor MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 1:46
Sayers p.m.

CARRIED



Reeve



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