



Minutes

Council Meeting | Thursday, April 17, 2025 | 9:00 AM | Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, April 17, 2025, 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 Kevin Slomp
 - Councillor Klaas VanderVeen
 - Councillor Morris Zeinstra
 - Chief Administrative Officer Cole Beck
 - Director, Development & Infrastructure Devon Thiele
 - Director, Corporate Services Hailey Pinksen
 - Executive Assistant Candice Robison
 - Manager, Planning & Development Hilary Janzen
 - Municipal Intern, Planning Hannah Laberge

A. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Tory Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:01 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

- The following items were added to the agenda:
- D.2.2 - Prairie Tractor Club Request
 - D.4.3 - Special Council Meeting
 - E.4 - Smile Cookie Week

81-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the April 17, 2025 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.	CARRIED
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C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

82-2025	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the April 3, 2025 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented.	CARRIED
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D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

D.1. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

D.1.1. Bylaw 25-005 Amendment to the Lethbridge County and Town of Nobleford Intermunicipal Development Plan - First Reading

83-2025	Councillor Slomp	That Bylaw 25-005 be read a first time.	CARRIED
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D.1.2. Bylaw 25-011 Amendment to the Lethbridge County and Town of Nobleford Intermunicipal Development Plan - Rural Light Industrial Use - First Reading

84-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	That Bylaw 25-011 be read a first time.	CARRIED
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D.1.3. Development Permit Application 2025-042 (City of Lethbridge Waste and Disposal Site)

85-2025	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that Development Permit Application 2025-042 be approved as drafted.	CARRIED
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D.1.4. 2024 Hamlet of Iron Springs and Turin Growth Study Reviews

86-2025	Councillor Hickey	MOVED to approve the 2024 Hamlet of Iron Springs Growth Study Review as an appendix to the original Hamlet of Iron Springs Growth Study.	CARRIED
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87-2025	Councillor Sayers	MOVED to approve the 2024 Hamlet of Turin Growth Study Review as an appendix to the original Hamlet of Turin Growth Study.	CARRIED
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D.2. OPERATIONS

D.2.1. Agricultural Service Board Level of Service

88-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that County Council approve the 2025 ASB Level of Service.	CARRIED
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D.2.2. Prairie Tractor Club Request

89-2025	Councillor Zeinstra	MOVED that the County Council donate two loads of gravel to the Prairie Tractor Club.	DEFEATED
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D.3. CORPORATE SERVICES

D.3.1. 2025 Stirling Wind Benefit Project Funding Allocations

90-2025 Councillor Sayers MOVED that County Council approve the Stirling Wind Project Community Benefit Fund Open Allocation portion in the amount of \$6,086.80 to the following recipients as follows:

Fresh Start Recovery Centre - \$1,217.36

Friends of St. Joseph's School - \$1,217.36

Interfaith Food Bank Society of Lethbridge - \$1,217.36

Kinette Club of Coaldale - \$1,217.36

Lethbridge Therapeutic Riding Association - \$1,217.36

CARRIED

D.3.2. Bylaw 25-013 - 2025 Business Tax Bylaw

91-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Bylaw 25-013 being the 2025 Business Tax Bylaw be read a first time.

CARRIED

92-2025 Councillor VanderVeen MOVED that Bylaw 25-013 being the 2025 Business Tax Bylaw be read a second time.

CARRIED

93-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Bylaw 25-013 being the 2025 Business Tax Bylaw be considered for third reading.

CARRIED

94-2025 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Bylaw 25-013 being the 2025 Business Tax Bylaw be read a third time.

CARRIED

D.3.3. Bylaw 25-014 - 2025 Business Tax Rate Bylaw

95-2025 Councillor VanderVeen MOVED that Bylaw 25-014, being the 2025 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a first time.

CARRIED

96-2025 Councillor Slomp MOVED that Bylaw 25-014, being the 2025 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a second time.

CARRIED

97-2025 Councillor Sayers MOVED that Bylaw 25-014, being the 2025 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be considered for third reading.

CARRIED

98-2025 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Bylaw 25-014, being the 2025 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a third time.

CARRIED

D.4. ADMINISTRATION

D.4.1. 2025 Calgary Stampede BMO Farm Family Awards

99-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that County Council select Councillor Kevin Slomp and guest of his choice to represent Lethbridge County at the 2025 BMO Farm Family Awards scheduled for July 7, 2025.

CARRIED

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

D.4.2. Bylaw No. 25-015 - Council Procedural Bylaw

100-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Bylaw 25-014, being the 2025 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a first time.

CARRIED

101-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Bylaw 25-014, being the 2025 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a second time.

CARRIED

102-2025 Councillor Slomp MOVED that Bylaw 25-014, being the 2025 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be considered for third reading.

CARRIED

103-2025 Councillor Sayers MOVED that Bylaw 25-014, being the 2025 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a third time

CARRIED

D.4.3. Special Council Meeting

104-2025 Councillor Hickey MOVED that a Special Council meeting be set for Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for review of the audited Financial Statement.

CARRIED

E. CORRESPONDENCE

E.1. Provincial Priorities Act Municipal Sector Fact Sheet

Council reviewed the Municipal Affairs Provincial Priorities Act Municipal Sector Fact Sheet.

E.2. Mayors & Reeves - Letter of Support - Invasive Species & Boat Decontamination

105-2025 Councillor Hickey MOVED that County Council offer a letter of support under the Reeve's signature for Implementing Boat Dip Tank Technology and Invasive Species Prevention.

CARRIED

E.3. 2024 Chinook Arch Impact Report & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the 2024 Chinook Arch Impact Report & Financial Statements.

E.4. Smile Cookie Week

Council reviewed correspondence from the Town of Coaldale Mayor regarding Smile Cookie Week.

F. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

F.1. Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - March 2025

Council reviewed the highlights from the Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update for March 2025.

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

February 4	Health Professional Recruitment & Retention Committee
February 5	FCSS Board Meeting
February 6	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 8	Southern Alberta Chinese Association Year of the Snake Celebration
February 19	Green Acres Finance Committee Meeting
February 26	Green Acres Board Meeting

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

March 3	Wellness Community Discussion
March 5	ASBG AGM
March 6	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 6	Rotary Club Lethbridge East Scholarship Dinner
March 7	Mayors & Reeves
March 13	Chinook Arch Personnel & Finance Meeting
March 18	Coalhurst/North of the River Collaboration Meeting
March 19	EDL AGM
March 20	Fire Services Discussion
March 25	Fire Services Meeting
March 31	IDP Review Meeting, City of Lethbridge

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

March 6	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 14	Call with Auditor re: Water Commission
March 17	EOEP Course – RMA Convention
March 17-19	RMA Spring Convention
March 20	Fire Services Discussion
March 25	Fire Services Meeting
March 27	Southern Alberta Economic Development Summit

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

March 4	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
March 6	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 10	IDP Meeting with Town of Nobleford
March 11	Weekly Meeting with Community Future Executive Director
March 14	Meeting with CAO
March 15	City of Lethbridge Firefighters Gala
March 16-19	RMA Spring Convention
March 17	EOEP Course
March 20	Fire Services Discussion
March 21	Dhillon School of Business Dinner
March 26	Community Futures Monthly Board Meeting
March 27	ASB Meeting

Division 5

Councillor Kevin Slomp

March 6	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 10	IDP Meeting with Town of Nobleford
March 15	City of Lethbridge Firefighters Gala
March 17-19	RMA Spring Convention
March 20	Fire Services Discussion
March 25	Fire Services Meeting
March 27	ASB Meeting

Division 6

Councillor Klaas VanderVeen

March 6	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 26	SAEWA Meeting
March 27	ASB Meeting

Division 7

Councillor Morris Zeinstra

March 6	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 17-19	RMA Spring Convention
March 20	Fire Services Discussion

G. CLOSED SESSION

H.1. - Tax Bylaw Options (FOIP Section 25 - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

H.2. - CAO Report - C. Beck (FOIP Sections 16, 17, 23 and 24)

106-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, the time being 10:33 a.m. for the discussion on the following:
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H.1. - Tax Bylaw Options (FOIP Section 25 - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

H.2. - 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

107-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 11:57 a.m.	CARRIED
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H. ADJOURN

108-2025	Councillor Zeinstra	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 11:57 a.m.	CARRIED
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