



# MINUTES

## Council Meeting

9:30 AM - Thursday, April 21, 2022  
Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, April 21, 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  
Councillor Morris Zeinstra  
Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Mitchell  
Infrastructure Manager, Devon Thiele  
Director of Community Services, Larry Randle  
Manager of Finance & Administration, Jennifer Place  
Information Technology Manager, Doug Burke  
Executive Assistant, Candice Robison

### A. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Tory Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

### B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Tourism Lethbridge will be attending an upcoming meeting in May.

89-2022 Deputy Reeve VanderVeen MOVED that the April 21, 2022 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be approved as amended. CARRIED

### C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

90-2022 Councillor Sayers MOVED that the April 7, 2022 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented. CARRIED

### D. SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

### E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

**G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**G.1. CORPORATE SERVICES**

**G.1.2 Shaughnessy Community Association Funding Request**

91-2022 Deputy Reeve VanderVeen MOVED that County Council approves the Shaughnessy Community Association's request (provided they are a non-profit organization as defined in the Municipal Government Act) for a loan of up to \$26,000, with funds to be drawn from the Tax Equalization Reserve, with the terms of repayment to be negotiated by administration. The Tax Equalization Reserve balance is to be replenished as the loan is repaid.

CARRIED

**G.2. INFRASTRUCTURE**

**G.2.1. Mountain Meadows Slope Failure Remediation - Request for Budget Increase**

92-2022 Deputy Reeve VanderVeen MOVED to lay Item G.2.1 on the table.

CARRIED

**F. DELEGATIONS**

**F.1. 10:00 a.m. - KPMG/Audit Committee Presents Financial Statements**

Phil McFarland from KPMG was in attendance to present the 2021 Audited Financial Statement to Council.

**G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**G.1. CORPORATE SERVICES**

**G.1.1. 2021 Audited Financial Statements**

93-2022 Councillor Kuerbis MOVED that Council approve the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 as presented by KPMG LLP.

CARRIED

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

**G.2. INFRASTRUCTURE**

**G.2.1. Mountain Meadows Slope Failure Remediation - Request for Budget Increase**

94-2022 Councillor Kuerbis MOVED to lift Item G.2.1 from the table.

CARRIED

95-2022 Councillor Kuerbis MOVED that County Council approve \$675,000 from the federal gas tax fund and \$20,000 from the public works project reserve for a total budget of \$695,000 for the Mountain Meadows slope failure remediation project.

CARRIED

**G.2.2. Commercial & Industrial Municipal Tax Incentive By-Law 22-008**

96-2022 Deputy Reeve VanderVeen MOVED that Bylaw 22-008 be read a first time.

CARRIED

### G.3. COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### G.3.1. Proclamation of 'International Economic Development Week' May 9-13, 2022

97-2022 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Lethbridge County proclaim May 9-13, 2022 as 'International Economic Development Week'.  
CARRIED

### G.4. ADMINISTRATION

#### G.4.1. Strategic Plan 2022 - 2032

98-2022 Councillor Kuerbis MOVED that County Council adopt the 2022 - 2032 Lethbridge County Strategic Plan.  
CARRIED

### G.5. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

## H. CORRESPONDENCE

### H.1. Alberta Municipal Affairs - Alberta Community Partnership Program

Council reviewed the correspondence from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

## I. NEW BUSINESS

## J. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

### J.1. Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - March 2022

Council reviewed the Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update for March 2022.

#### Division 1

##### Councillor Lorne Hickey

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| March 2  | FCSS Meeting   |
| March 3  | CAO – Council Update                                     |
| March 3  | Lethbridge County/Town of Coaldale IDP Committee Meeting |
| March 10 | Lethbridge County Council Meeting                        |
| March 29 | Fire Services Provision Workshop                         |
| March 30 | Green Acres Foundation Meeting                           |

- FCSS provides tax services to low income earners and the number of people who took advantage of having their taxes prepared was high and the program is very well used.
- Green Acres Foundation's occupancy in lodges is on the lower side as people are not wanting to move into facilities due to COVID which is an ongoing problem.

#### Division 2

##### Reeve Tory Campbell

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| March 1     | Media – re: Post Secondary Bursary Program               |
| March 3     | CAO – Council Update                                     |
| March 3     | Lethbridge County/Town of Coaldale IDP Committee Meeting |
| March 4     | Reeve/CAO Meeting  |
| March 4     | Virtual Mayors and Reeves Meeting                        |
| March 9     | Exhibition Park Board Meeting                            |
| March 10    | Lethbridge County Council Meeting                        |
| March 10    | Reeve/CAO Meeting  |
| March 14-16 | RMA Spring Convention                                    |
| March 17    | Speaking Engagement – RIB Middle School, Coaldale        |
| March 18    | Reeve/CAO Meeting  |
| March 19    | Town Hall with Minister of Finance, Travis Toews         |
| March 23    | RCMP Town Hall, Diamond City                             |

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| March 24 | Chamber of Commerce Lunch with MLA Rachel Notley |
| March 24 | Exhibition Park, Ownership Engagement Committee  |
| March 25 | Reeve/CAO Meeting                                |
| March 29 | Fire Services Provision Workshop                 |
| March 29 | Exhibition Park, Audit Committee Meeting         |
| March 30 | Layer Barn Grand Opening, Lakeside Colony        |

- Lethbridge County/Town of Coaldale IDP Committee is undertaking the process to develop a new IDP.
- RMA Spring Convention - had meetings with Alberta Agriculture, Alberta Transportation, Alberta Environment & Parks and RCMP.
- Town Hall with Minister of Finance Travis Toews - opportunity for the Minister to set his vision for the Province, spend less save more.
- RCMP Town Hall - opportunity for RCMP to present their operational plan. Not well attended by residents.

### **Division 3**

#### **Councillor Mark Sayers**

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| March 10 | Lethbridge County Council Meeting                             |
| March 23 | Virtual Alberta Provincial Police Transition Study Engagement |
| March 23 | RCMP Town Hall, Diamond City                                  |
| March 29 | Fire Services Provisions Workshop                             |

- Alberta Provincial Police Transition Study Engagement provided clarity on the proposal.

### **Division 4**

#### **Councillor John Kuerbis**

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| March 3     | CAO – Council Update  |
| March 6     | CPAA Webinar Training   |
| March 10    | Lethbridge County Council Meeting                             |
| March 14-16 | RMA Spring Convention   |
| March 23    | Virtual Alberta Provincial Police Transition Study Engagement |
| March 23    | RCMP Town Hall, Diamond City                                  |
| March 29    | Fire Services Provision Workshop                              |
| March 30    | Community Futures Monthly Board Meeting                       |

- RMA Spring Convention was very busy and a good opportunity for Council to speak with a number of MLAs.
- RCMP Town Hall - would have been nice to see more participation as its important ratepayers have the opportunity to express their concerns to the RCMP.

### **Division 5**

#### **Councillor Eric Van Essen**

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| March 3     | CAO – Council Update  |
| March 10    | Lethbridge County Council Meeting                             |
| March 14-16 | RMA Spring Convention   |
| March 23    | Virtual Alberta Provincial Police Transition Study Engagement |
| March 29    | Fire Services Provision Workshop                              |
| March 30    | North County Water Co-op AGM                                  |

- RMA Spring Convention - really enjoyed all the convention had to offer.
- North County Water Co-op AGM was really well attended and information was forwarded to Council.

### **Division 6**

#### **Deputy Reeve Klaas VanderVeen**

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| March 3  | CAO – Council Update              |
| March 10 | Lethbridge County Council Meeting |
| March 13 | Education Meeting                 |

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| March 14-16 | RMA Spring Convention   |
| March 23    | Virtual Alberta Provincial Police Transition Study Engagement |
| March 24    | ORRSC Council Orientation                                     |
| March 25    | SAEWA Board Meeting   |
| March 29    | Fire Services Provisions Workshop                             |
| March 30    | 2022 Economic Development Summit                              |

- RMA Spring Convention - good interaction with other Councils.
- SAEWA update was forwarded to Council.
- 2022 Economic Development Summit was very educational.

**Division 7**

**Councillor Morris Zeinstra**

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| March 3     | CAO – Council Update              |
| March 9     | Beet Growers Meeting              |
| March 10    | Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce |
| March 10    | Lethbridge County Council Meeting |
| March 14-16 | RMA Spring Convention             |
| March 23    | RCMP Town Hall, Diamond City      |
| March 24    | ORRSC Council Orientation         |
| March 29    | Fire Services Provision Workshop  |
| March 30    | 2022 Economic Development Summit  |

- Beet Growers Meeting - Union Agreement in now in place and seed has been released to the growers.
- RCMP Town Hall - disappointed in attendance
- 2022 Economic Development Summit had good information.

99-2022 Councillor Kuerbis MOVED that Councillor Updates for the month of March 2022 be received for information.

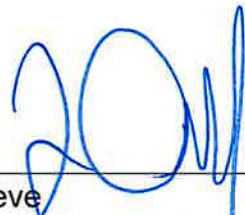
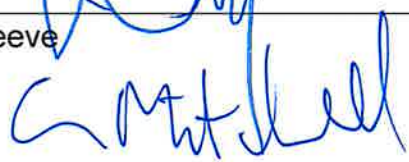
CARRIED

**K. CLOSED SESSION**

**L. ADJOURN**

100-2022 Councillor Hickey MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 11:22 a.m.

CARRIED

  
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