



Minutes

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

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, February 5, 2026, 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 Eric Van Essen
- Councillor Tony Ankermann
- Chief Administrative Officer Cole Beck
- Director, Development & Infrastructure Devon Thiele
- Director, Corporate Services Hailey Pinksen
- 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 9:05 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:

H.1. - Signage

H.2. - Green Acres Conference

15-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the February 5, 2026 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.	CARRIED
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C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

16-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that the January 15, 2025 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented.	CARRIED
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D. SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

D.1. Subdivision Application #2025-0-186 Spencer/Domenic Construction
- Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 0914119 and part of NE1/4 31-07-20-W4M

17-2026 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the Agricultural and Country Residential subdivision of Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 0914119 and part of NE1/4 31-7-20-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 131 293 671, 201 166 823), to enable a property line adjustment (reconfiguration) by subdividing a 1.50-acre (0.607 ha) portion of land from a title comprised of 153.00-acres (61.92 ha) and consolidating it to a 1.50-acre (0.607 ha) title thereby enlarging it to 3.00-acres (1.213 ha) in size for 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 1.5 acres at the market value of \$15,000 per acre with the actual acreage and amount to be paid to Lethbridge County be determined at the final stage, for Municipal Reserve purposes.

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.
3. That the titles and 1.50-acre (0.607 ha) portion of land to be subdivided and the consolidated to create the enlarged 3.00-acre (1.213 ha) yard 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 the applicant submits a final plan as prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor that certifies the exact location and dimensions of the parcel being subdivided.
5. That any easement(s) as required by utility companies or the municipality shall be established, if deemed required.

CARRIED

D.2. Subdivision Application #2025-0-184 – Schwartzkopf Farms Ltd. – Lot 1, Block 1,
Plan 1811654 within SE1/4 04-10-22-W4M

18-2026 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Country Residential subdivision of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1811654 within SE1/4 4-10-22-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 181 189 473, 181 189 473 +1), subdivide 4.01-acres (1.62 ha) and consolidate it to a vacant 2.99-acre (1.21 ha) parcel to enlarge it to 7.00-acres (2.83 ha) in size, for country residential use; BE REFUSED for the following reasons:

REASONS:

1. The enlargement proposal does not comply with Land Use Bylaw No. 24-007 subdivision criteria and the maximum vacant (bareland) parcel size of 3.0-acres. The Subdivision Authority does not see the justification for a waiver of the County's Land Use Bylaw maximum vacant parcel size as the LNID pipeline is not located on the subdivided title so there is no easement and no development restriction present on the current 2.99-acre parcel.
2. A former irrigation canal west of the current 2.99-acre title boundary has been replaced with pipe and is not part of the land area of the acreage parcel (as a 30.48 metre wide strip of land will remain to the west side of the acreage yard that encompasses the irrigation pipe area). The application indicates that due to the LNID pipelines they require a disturbance offset for any permanent structures. It is noted that Lethbridge County has no stipulated disturbance offset (setback) within Land Use Bylaw No. 24-007 from an irrigation pipeline or right-of-way as the area or right-of-way itself is considered the area encumbrance on title and restricted for development. The pipeline area is not part of the original 2.99-acre title or the area being subdivided as it is located on the west side of the acreage parcel title boundary. There are no development restrictions on the current 2.99-acre title beyond the standard land use bylaw road and property line setbacks.
3. An approval was granted in 2017 to subdivide a 2.0-acre title for the dryland area in the very southwest corner for the acreage, and in 2018 a new application was submitted to increase the size to the existing 2.99-acres which was approved as it aligned with the subdivision criteria maximum 3.0acre lot size for a vacant (bareland) parcel. There has been no development or improvements constructed on the acreage title over the last eight year period. The Subdivision Authority has determined the applicants have sufficient area on the vacant parcel, with no obstructions in place, to properly design and locate improvements on the existing acreage yard title and it will not impact the LNID pipeline.

CARRIED

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS - 10:00 a.m.

E.1. *Bylaw 25-029 - Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to amend Part 1 Administrative, relating to Development Permit Procedures - Public Hearing*

Reeve Campbell called a recess to the Council Meeting, for the Public Hearing for Bylaw 25-029 at 10:10 a.m.

19-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 25-029 commence at 10:10 a.m.
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CARRIED

The Manager, Planning and Development reviewed Bylaw 25-029.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 25-029.

No further comments were made.

20-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 25-029 adjourn at 10:15 a.m.	CARRIED
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Reeve Campbell reconvened the regular meeting at 10:15 a.m.

21-2026	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that Bylaw 25-029, be read a second time.	CARRIED
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22-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Bylaw 25-029, be read a third time.	CARRIED
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F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F.2. ADMINISTRATION

F.2.3. Fire Services Invoice Waiver Request

23-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that County Council waive Fire Services Invoice No. 19444 in the amount of \$4,121.81.	CARRIED
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F.1. CORPORATE SERVICES

F.1.1. Bylaw 26-002 - Municipal Assessor Bylaw

24-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Bylaw 26-002 - Municipal Assessor Bylaw be read a first time.	CARRIED
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25-2026	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that Bylaw 26-002 - Municipal Assessor Bylaw be read a second time.	CARRIED
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26-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 26-002 - Municipal Assessor Bylaw.	CARRIED
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27-2026	Councillor Ankermann	MOVED that Bylaw 26-002 - Municipal Assessor Bylaw be read a third time.	CARRIED
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F.2. ADMINISTRATION

F.2.1. Oldman Watershed Council Funding Request

28-2026 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that County Council approve the funding request from the Oldman Watershed Council in the amount of \$4,959.00, calculated at a rate of \$0.49 per resident based on a population of 10,120 residents.

CARRIED

F.2.2. Rescission of Bylaw No. 965 - Firearm Control Bylaw

29-2026 Councillor Slomp MOVED that Council rescind Bylaw No. 965 - Firearm Control Bylaw in its entirety.

CARRIED

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1. Alberta CARE Spring Seminar

Council reviewed information regarding the Alberta CARE Spring Seminar taking place March 18th -20th in Brooks.

G.2. Alberta Sugar Beet Growers Annual General Meeting

Council reviewed information regarding the Alberta Sugar Beet Growers Annual General Meeting taking place March 4th in Lethbridge.

G.3. Chinook Arch Library Board Report - December 2025

Council reviewed the Chinook Arch Library Board's December 2025 report.

G.4. Willow Creek Regional Waste Management Services Commission - Waste to Energy Invitation to Participate

Council reviewed the invitation from the Willow Creek Regional Waste Management Services Commission to participate in their waste to energy initiative.

G.5. SouthGrow Southern Alberta Economic Summit

Council reviewed an invitation to attend the SouthGrow Southern Alberta Economic Summit on March 25th in Lethbridge.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Signage

H.2. Green Acres Conference

30-2026 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED to authorize Councillor Lorne Hickey to travel to Newfoundland for the Green Acres Convention.

CARRIED

I. CLOSED SESSION

I.1. - Land Disposition (ATIA Section 30 - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

I.2. - Rescind Policy (ATIA Section 29 - Advice from Officials)

I.3. - CAO Report - C. Beck (ATIA Section 19, 20, 28 & 29)

31-2026 Councillor MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed
Hickey Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, the
time being 11:00 a.m. for the discussion on the following:

I.1. -Land Disposition (ATIA Section 30 - Disclosure harmful to
economic and other interests of a public bylaw)

I.2. - Rescind Policy (ATIA Section 29 - Advice from Officials)

I.3. - 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

32-2026 Deputy MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the
Reeve closed session at 11:56 a.m.
Kuerbis CARRIED

I.1. Land Disposition (ATIA Section 30 - Disclosure harmful to economic and other
interests of a public body)

33-2026 Councillor MOVED that Council approve declaring Plan 6481DI; Block 1; Lot 7 as
Slomp surplus, and direct Administration to proceed with public sale of the
property.
CARRIED

I.2. Rescind Policy (ATIA Section 29 - Advice from Officials)

34-2026 Deputy MOVED that Council rescind Policy 310 – Approach Construction
Reeve Guidelines.
Kuerbis CARRIED

J. ADJOURN

35-2026 Deputy MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 11:57
Reeve a.m.
Kuerbis CARRIED

Reeve
CAO

