



Minutes

Council Meeting | Thursday, June 18, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, June 18, 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, Operations Ryan Thomson
 - Legislative Coordinator & Executive Assistant Candice Robison
 - Coordinator, Payroll & HR Erin Lyster
 - Manager, Planning and Development Kaylyn Franklin
 - Senior Planner Steve Harty
 - Director, Growth & Engagement Trevor Lewington

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.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

146-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the June 18, 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

147-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the May 21, 2026 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented.	CARRIED
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D. SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

D.1. Subdivision Application #2026-0-056 – Bahler - NW1/4 34-10-20-W4M

148-2026 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the Country Residential subdivision of NW1/4 34-10-20-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 231 187 375 +2), to subdivide an 8.32-acre (3.367 ha) first parcel out subdivision from a ¼-section title of 153.65-acres (62.18 ha) for country residential use; BE APPROVED subject to the following:

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 applicant submits a final plan of survey as prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor that corresponds to the approved parcel being subdivided.
4. Consideration of comments or any conditions of Alberta Culture regarding Historical Resources Act clearance or approval that may be required.

CARRIED

D.2. Subdivision Application #2026-0-057 – Zwartbol/Slingerland
- Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 9312354 within NW1/4 24-9-22-W4

149-2026 Councillor Slomp MOVED that the Country Residential subdivision of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 9312354 within NW1/4 24-9-22-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 261 020 553), to subdivide a 10.47-acre (4.24 ha) title and create three lots varying in size from 3.04 to 4.37 acres (1.23 to 1.77 ha) for grouped 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 10.47-acres at the market value of \$47,000 per acre with the actual acreage and amount (approx. \$49,209) to be paid to Lethbridge County be determined at the final stage, for Municipal Reserve purposes. AND FURTHER that once paid, the existing Deferred Reserve caveat registered on the title (Registration No. 251261891) be discharged in its entirety concurrently with the final endorsement.

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. (It is noted that there is an existing Development Agreement registered on titled as Registration No. 251261812 that will need to be reviewed as part of this process.)

- 3. That a professional soils analysis and report be provided to the satisfaction of the Subdivision Authority to determine suitability and provide recommendations for private septic system installations, with a minimum of two test pits per each proposed lot be undertaken as part of the analysis.
- 4. That the applicant submits a final surveyed plan as prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor that certifies the exact location and dimensions of the parcel being subdivided as approved.
- 5. That any easement(s) as required by utility companies, or the municipality shall be established.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS

E.1. 9:15 a.m. - Robin Hepher, CEO - Chinook Arch Library System

Robin Hepher, CEO of Chinook Arch Library System was present to provide an update for Council.

Councillor Van Essen arrived at 9:25 a.m.

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F.1. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

F.1.1. Bylaw 26-010 – Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Redesignate a Portion of Plan 0815575, Block 1, Lot 2 (112026 Range Road 223) within SW-15-11-23-W4M from Rural Agriculture (RA) to Business Light Industrial (BLI)

150-2026 Councillor MOVED that Bylaw 26-010, be read a first time.
Sayers

CARRIED

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS - 10:00 AM

G.1. Bylaw 26-003 - Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Redesignate a portion of NW-4-9-20-W4M (90081 Range Road 204) from Urban Fringe (UF) to a Direct Control (DC) - Public Hearing

Reeve Campbell called a recess to the Council Meeting, for the Public Hearing for Bylaw 26-003 at 10:01 a.m.

151-2026 Councillor MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 26-003 commence at 10:02
Hickey a.m.

CARRIED

The Manager, Planning and Development reviewed Bylaw 26-003.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 26-003.

Brian Stwbesdyk spoke in favor of Bylaw 26-003.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 26-003.

No further comments were made.

152-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 26-003 adjourn at 10:07 a.m	CARRIED
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Reeve Campbell reconvened the regular meeting at 10:07 a.m.

153-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that Bylaw 26-003, be read a second time.	CARRIED
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154-2026	Councillor Ankermann	MOVED that Bylaw 26-003, be read a third time.	CARRIED
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G.2. *Bylaw 26-009 - Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Redesignate Plan 309 DT Block 1 Lots 9-11 (120 Main Street, Turin) from Hamlet Direct Control (H DC) to Hamlet Residential (HR) - Public Hearing*
Reeve Campbell called a recess to the Council Meeting, for the Public Hearing for Bylaw 26-009 at 10:08 a.m.

155-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 26-009 commence at 10:09 a.m.	CARRIED
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The Manager, Planning and Development reviewed Bylaw 26-009.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 26-009.

Jaylene Pickering Chrupka spoke in opposition of Bylaw 26-009.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 26-009.

No further comments were made.

156-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 26-009 adjourn at 10:19 a.m.	CARRIED
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Reeve Campbell reconvened the regular meeting at 10:19 a.m.

157-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that Bylaw 26-009, be read a second time.	CARRIED
158-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Bylaw 26-009, be read a third time.	CARRIED

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

H.1. ADMINISTRATION

H.1.1. Bylaw 26-018 - ORRSC Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw

159-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that Bylaw 26-018 - ORRSC Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw be read a first time.	CARRIED
160-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that Bylaw 26-018 - ORRSC Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw be read a second time.	CARRIED
161-2026	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 26-018 - ORRSC Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw.	CARRIED
162-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Bylaw 26-018 - ORRSC Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw be read a third time.	CARRIED

H.1.2. Community Peace Officer Policy Updates

163-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Council approve the following new Community Peace Officer policies: • Policy 219 – CPO Agency Objective • Policy 220 – CPO Authorities and Employer Restrictions • Policy 221 – CPO Level 1 Incident Reporting • Policy 222 – Peace Officer Program Reporting	CARRIED
164-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that Council rescind the following existing CPO policies, effective upon approval of the new policy framework: • Policy 207 – CPO OC Spray • Policy 208 – CPO Baton • Policy 209 – CPO Complaints	

- Policy 210 – CPO Informal Resolutions
- Policy 211 – CPO Record Keeping & Exhibit Handling
- Policy 212 – CPO Employer Reporting Requirements
- Policy 214 – CPO Body Worn Cameras
- Policy 215 – Exhibit Handling & Disposal of Cannabis
- Policy 217 – CPO Communication System

CARRIED

H.2. GROWTH & ENGAGEMENT

H.2.1. Communications & Marketing Q1 + Q2 Report

Mattie Watson, Strategist Communications & Marketing presented the Communications & Marketing Q1 & Q2 report to Council.

H.2.2. SAMP Sponsorship Request

165-2026 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Council approve a donation of up to \$100.00 per basket from Council's donation reserve to support the creation of welcome packages for new students to the Southern Alberta Medical Program (SAMP) and further that the funds be used to purchase products from local businesses for inclusion in such packages with County promotional material.

CARRIED

I. CORRESPONDENCE

I.1. TIME Society

Council reviewed correspondence from the TIME Society regarding their upcoming Father Daughter Ball.

I.2. Letter from Shari Rogerson

Council reviewed correspondence from Shari Rogerson regarding the increasing traffic demands along 43rd Street North.

I.3. STARS

Council reviewed thank you letter for Council's donation to STARS.

I.4. Alberta Municipal Affairs - PERC Extension

Council reviewed correspondence from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

I.5. Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Council reviewed correspondence from Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

I.6. City of Lethbridge - Mayor's Community BBQ

Council reviewed invitation from City of Lethbridge Office of the Mayor to attend the post Whoop Up Days parade BBQ for elected officials at Lethbridge City Hall.

J. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

J.1. *Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - May 2026*

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

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

May 1 Green Acres Service Awards Recognition Night

May 6 Whoop Up Days Media Launch

May 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

May 7-9 Green Acres Board Retreat

May 20 Green Acres Executive & Finance Meeting

May 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

May 22 Chinook Equipment Grand Opening

May 27 Green Acres Board Meeting

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

May 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

May 8 Friends of Chinook Arch Society Casino

May 13 Rural Road Infrastructure Committee Meeting, Virtual

May 13 Meeting with Administration, Development and Infrastructure

May 15 Meeting with MLA Neudorf

May 20 EDL Board Meeting

May 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

May 22 Chinook Equipment Grand Opening

May 23 Picture Butte High School Graduation Ceremony

May 28 Media, NRED Grant

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

May 5 ASB Meeting

May 6 Whoop Up Days Media launch

May 6 FCSS Board Meeting

May 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

May 13 Link Pathway Meeting

May 14 Meeting with CAO

May 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

May 22 Chinook Equipment Grand Opening

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

May 5 Weekly meeting with Community Futures Executive Director

May 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

May 12 Weekly meeting with Community Futures Executive Director

May 13 Community Futures network of Alberta meeting, Virtual

May 19 Weekly meeting with Community Futures Executive Director

May 20 Regional Waste Commission Branding Workshop

May 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
May 27 Community Futures Monthly Board meeting

Division 5
Councillor Kevin Slomp
May 20 Regional Waste Commission Branding Workshop
May 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
May 27 Chinook Arch Planning & Facilities Committee Meeting

Division 6
Councillor Eric Van Essen
May 5 ASB Meeting
May 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
May 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
May 22 Chinook Equipment Grand Opening

Division 7
Councillor Tony Ankermann
May 5 ASB Meeting
May 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
May 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
May 22 Chinook Equipment Grand Opening

K. NEW BUSINESS

K.1. *Alberta Municipalities Conference attendance request for the Fall 2026 Convention.*

166-2026	Councillor Sayers	MOVED that Deputy Reeve Kuerbis be sent to the Alberta Municipalities Conference September 23 - 25, 2026 in Edmonton.	CARRIED
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L. CLOSED SESSION

L.1. Contracted Services (ATIA Section 30 - Disclosure harmful to economic & other interests of a public body).

167-2026	Councillor Ankermann	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 30 of the Municipal Government Act, the time being 11:30 a.m. for the discussion on the following:
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Present during the Closed Session:
Lethbridge County Council
Chief Administrative Officer
Senior Management
Administrative Staff
CARRIED

168-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 12:04 p.m.	CARRIED
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L.1. Contracted Services (ATIA Section 30 - Disclosure harmful to economic & other interests of a public body)

169-2026 Deputy Reeve Kurbis MOVED that Council direct administration to issue notice to the Oldman River Regional Services Commission terminating the provision of all services to Lethbridge County, including services associated with the 1995 Planning Commission Agreement, the 2021 Agreement for Regional Assessment Review Services, and the 2019 Agreement for Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, effective December 31, 2026.

CARRIED

170-2026 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that Council enter into the services provider contract.

CARRIED

M. ADJOURN

171-2026 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 12:07 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

CAO