

Minutes

Council Meeting | Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, May 7, 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 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
 - Director, Growth & Engagement Trevor Lewington
 - Legislative Coordinator & Executive Assistant Candice Robison
 - Coordinator, Payroll & HR Erin Lyster
 - Manager, Planning & Development Kaylyn Franklin
 - Senior Planner Steve Hardy

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.

Reeve Campbell acknowledged Emergency Preparedness Week.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

108-2026	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the May 7, 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

109-2026	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that the April 16, 2026 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented	CARRIED
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D.1.

110-2026

Councillor
Sayers

MOVED that the Country Residential subdivision of SW1/4 36-9-21-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 231 268 452), to subdivide a parcel of 3.02 acres (1.223 ha) from a title of 79.34 acres (32.108 ha) within a previously subdivided quarter-section 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 3.02 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, if required.
3. That the applicant submits a plan as prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor that certifies the exact location and dimensions of the parcel being subdivided as approved.
4. That the applicant has a professional soils analysis done at their expense by an accredited agency or engineer on the 3.02 acre lot in the area of the proposed septic field to ensure that the soil characteristics are capable of supporting a septic system. Analyses of the test must be performed and approved by an approved agency under Alberta Labour, with a copy of the report submitted and deemed acceptable to the Subdivision Authority.
5. That the septic system for the existing dwelling be relocated or a new system installed so the private sewage system is situated entirely within the properly lines of the smaller 3.02 acre parcel being subdivided and it does not encroach over the new property line, with suitable confirmation of such provided to the satisfaction of the Subdivision Authority. (The applicant must provide verification, to the satisfaction of the Subdivision Authority, that the onsite private sewage system complies with the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice (current) and the requirements of the (AR 229/97) in respect of lot size and distances between property lines, buildings, water sources and private sewage disposal systems as identified in section 4(4)(b) and (c).)
6. That any easement(s) as required by FORTIS ALBERTA and ATCO Gas shall be established prior to finalization of the application

CARRIED

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F.1. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

F.1.1. 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)

111-2026 Councillor MOVED that Bylaw 26-003, be read a first time.
Van Essen
CARRIED

F.1.2. 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)

112-2026 Deputy MOVED that Bylaw 26-009, be read a first time.
Reeve
Kuerbis
CARRIED

F.2. CORPORATE SERVICES

113-2026 Councillor MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed
Sayers Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, the
time being 9:20 a.m. for the discussion on the following:

F.2.1 - 2026 Operating Budget Amendment (*ATIA Sections 26 - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations & 30 - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body*)

F.2.2 - Bylaw 26-013 - 2026 Tax Mill Rate Bylaw (*ATIA Sections 26 - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations & 30 - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body*)

Present during the Closed Session:
Lethbridge County Council
Chief Administrative Officer
Senior Management
Administrative Staff
CARRIED

114-2026 Councillor MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the
Van Essen closed session at 9:33 a.m.
CARRIED

Reeve Campbell reconvened the regular meeting at 9:33 a.m.

F.2.1. 2026 Operating Budget Amendment

115-2026 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that County Council increase the 2026 Operating Budget by \$1,080,000 to address operational pressures related to fuel pricing, inflationary uncertainty and anticipated changes in contractual services, in accordance with previous direction of Council.

CARRIED

116-2026 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that the 2026 Operating Budget expenses in the amount of \$43,892,682 be approved.

CARRIED

F.2.2. Bylaw 26-013 - 2026 Tax Mill Rate Bylaw

117-2026 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED That Bylaw 26-013 2026 Tax Mill Rate Bylaw be read a first time.

CARRIED

118-2026 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that Bylaw 26-013 2026 Tax Mill Rate Bylaw be read a second time.

CARRIED

119-2026 Councillor Sayers MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 26-013 2026 Tax Mill Rate Bylaw.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

120-2026 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Bylaw 26-013 2026 Tax Mill Rate Bylaw be ready a third time.

CARRIED

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1. Legion

Council reviewed an invitation from the Legion to attend their 100th Anniversary celebrations on July 18, 2026.

G.2. Whoop Up Days - Pancake Breakfast

Council reviewed an invitation for the Whoop Up Days pancake breakfast being held on August 18, 2026.

G.3. Coaldale Public Library - May-June Newsletter

Council reviewed the Coaldale Public Library May-June Newsletter.

G.4. United Conservatives - Taber Warner Constituency Association Invitation

Council reviewed an invitation from United Conservatives - Taber Warner Constituency Association Invitation to attend a BBQ on July 18, 2026.

G.5. Letter from Jaylene Chrupka

Council reviewed correspondence from Jaylene Chrupka regarding the CFO Expansion Near Hamlet of Turin.

G.6. Shaughnessy Community Association

Council reviewed correspondence from the Shaughnessy Community Association regarding their request for assistance with their playground project.

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS -10:00 A.M.

E.1. Bylaw 26-007 - Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Redesignate Plan 931 2354, Block 1, Lot 1 (within NW-24-9-22-W4M) from Urban Fringe (UF) to Grouped Country Residential (GCR) - Public Hearing

Reeve Campbell called a recess to the Council Meeting, for the Public Hearing for Bylaw 26-007 at 10:04 a.m.

121-2026 Councillor MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 26-007 commence at 10:05
Hickey a.m.

CARRIED

The Manager, Planning and Development reviewed Bylaw 26-007.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 26-007.

Steven Zwarthal, applicant spoke in favor of Bylaw 26-007.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 26-007.

Mark Davis spoke in opposition of Bylaw 26-007.

Dave Clifton spoke in opposition of Bylaw 26-007.

Tyler Watmough spoke in opposition of Bylaw 26-007.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 26-007.

No further comments were made.

122-2026 Councillor MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 26-007 adjourn at 10:18 a.m.
Ankermann CARRIED

Reeve Campbell reconvened the regular meeting at 10:18 a.m.

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| 123-2026 | Councillor
Van Essen | MOVED that Bylaw 26-007, be read a second time. | CARRIED |
| 124-2026 | Councillor
Ankermann | MOVED that Bylaw 26-007, be read a third time. | CARRIED |

I. CLOSED SESSION

I.1. - CAO Report - C. Beck (ATIA Sections 19, 20, 28 & 29)

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| 125-2026 | 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 10:30 a.m. for the discussion on the following:

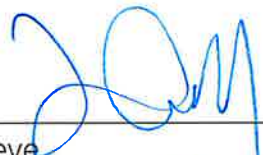
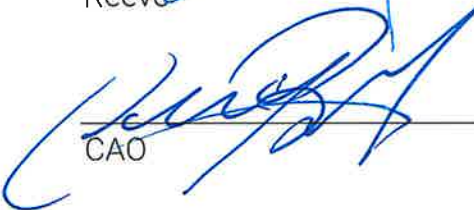
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Lethbridge County Council
Chief Administrative Officer
Senior Management
Administrative Staff
CARRIED

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| 126-2026 | Deputy
Reeve
Kuerbis | MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 12:20 p.m. | CARRIED |
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J. ADJOURN

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| 127-2026 | Deputy
Reeve
Kuerbis | MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 12:21 p.m. | CARRIED |
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