



Council Brief of the April 20, 2023 Regular Meeting

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DELEGATIONS:

1) KPMG – 2022 Audited Financial Statements

The 2022 financial statements were presented to Council and approved. They are available to view online at <https://lethcounty.ca/p/financial-publications>.

2) James Oudshoorn

Mr. Oudshoorn made a request to Council to rescind an emergency services invoice. Council directed administration to investigate what other municipalities' normal course of action is in terms of crowd and traffic control during protests.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1) Bylaw 23-002 – Country Crossroads Estate Area Structure Plan and Bylaw 23-003 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Rural Agriculture to Grouped Country Residential) – Public Hearing

Council postponed the bylaws to a future meeting to gather further information on availability of potable water, lot sizes listed at under 2 acres, and sewage disposal on the size of the proposed lots. The bylaws would allow for the phased subdivision of parcels for Country Residential use in the SW 5-8-20-W4.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. Planning and Development – 2023 First Quarter Report

The Interim Director of Community Services presented the report to Council. Highlights from January 1 – March 31, 2023 include:

- Completion and approval of Lethbridge County/Town of Coaldale Intermunicipal Development Plan
- Industrial-Commercial Land Use Strategy completed
- 59 development permit applications received (compared to 50 for the same period in 2022)
- 142 safety code permits issued by Park Enterprises
- 5 subdivision applications approved

b. Industrial-Commercial Land Use Strategy

Council approved the Industrial-Commercial Land Use Strategy and directed administration to proceed with its implementation. The Strategy is a document that provides locations and criteria for development and will serve as a guide for Council, administration, developers, and landowners.

c. Bylaw 23-012 – Road Closure, Sale, and Consolidation – First Reading

Council approved first reading of the bylaw, which would close all of 4th Street and the adjacent laneways in Iron Springs. A public hearing is anticipated to be held in June 2023.

d. Proclamation of 'Economic Development Week' – May 8-12, 2023

Council proclaimed May 8-12, 2023 as 'Economic Development Week'.

2) MUNICIPAL SERVICES

a. Water Co-op Liaison Committee Bylaw and Terms of Reference

Council approved first, second, and third readings of the bylaw, which establishes a committee that will work with the water co-ops in the County. Council also approved the Terms of Reference document and appointed Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis and Councillors Mark Sayers and Klaas VanderVeen to sit on the committee.

3) ADMINISTRATION

a. Donation Request – Courageous Companions

Council received a request to purchase advertising space in an upcoming magazine by Courageous Companions, which provides service dogs to veterans and first responders.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Alberta Fire Fighters' Burn Camp for Children

A letter was received from the Alberta Fire Fighters' Burn Camp for Children, requesting a donation for the annual camp for children who are burn survivors.

2) Alberta Association of Nurses – Nursing Week

A letter was received from the Alberta Association of Nurses encouraging municipalities to celebrate National Nursing Week, May 8-14, 2023.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1) Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update – March 2023

Division 1 – Councillor Lorne Hickey

March 1	Family and Community Support Services Meeting
March 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 3	CAO Search Meeting
March 6	CAO Search Meeting
March 9	Industrial Commercial Land Use Strategy Workshop
March 15	Lethbridge County/City of Lethbridge IDP Meeting
March 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 19-22	Rural Municipalities of Alberta Spring Convention
March 22	Green Acres Finance Meeting
March 28	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
March 29	Green Acres Board Meeting
March 31	CAO Search Meeting

Division 2 – Reeve Tory Campbell

March 1	Virtual Meeting with CAO Search Firm
March 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 2	Rotary Scholarship Dinner
March 3	CAO Search Meeting
March 3	Mayors and Reeves
March 3	Canada's Premier Food Corridor Meeting
March 6	CAO Search Meeting
March 7	Meeting re: Draft CAO Contract with Legal Advice
March 7	Virtual Rural Municipalities of Alberta Meeting re: Unpaid Oil & Gas Taxes
March 7	Media
March 8	Exhibition Park Board Meeting

March 9	Industrial Commercial Land Use Strategy Workshop
March 9	"From the Field" Virtual Oldman Watershed Event
March 13	CAO Search Meeting
March 14	Exhibition Park Ottawa Trade Mission De-brief
March 15	Lethbridge County/City of Lethbridge Intermunicipal Development Plan Meeting
March 15	Economic Development Lethbridge AGM
March 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 17	Safety Audit Interview
March 17	Chinese Consul General Meeting
March 17	Horsefly Regional Emergency Spillway Groundbreaking Ceremony
March 20-22	Rural Municipalities of Alberta Spring Convention
March 23	Virtual Meeting with CAO Search Firm
March 27	Bursary Voiceover Recording
March 28	Highway 3 Infrastructure Virtual Meeting
March 28	Virtual Meeting with CAO Search Firm
March 29	Meeting with McCain Representatives
March 30	Southern Alberta Economic Development Forum
March 31	Virtual Meeting with CAO Search Firm & Council
March 31	Coaldale Deputy Fire Chief Gettman Retirement Send-off

Division 3 – Councillor Mark Sayers

March 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 3	CAO Search Meeting
March 6	CAO Search Meeting
March 11	Coaldale Library Open House
March 19-22	Rural Municipalities of Alberta Spring Convention
March 30	Southern Alberta Economic Development Forum
March 31	CAO Search Meeting

Division 4 – Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

March 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 3	CAO Search Meeting
March 6	CAO Search Meeting
March 9	Industrial Commercial Land Use Strategy Workshop
March 15	Lethbridge County/City of Lethbridge Intermunicipal Development Plan Meeting
March 15	Lethbridge County/Town of Nobleford Intermunicipal Development Plan Meeting
March 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 20-22	Rural Municipalities of Alberta Spring Convention
March 24	Safety Audit Interview
March 28	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
March 31	CAO Search Meeting

Division 5 – Councillor Eric Van Essen

March 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 3	CAO Search Meeting
March 6	CAO Search Meeting
March 9	Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce
March 9	Industrial Commercial Land Use Strategy Workshop
March 15	Lethbridge County/Town of Nobleford Intermunicipal Development Plan Meeting
March 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 20-22	Rural Municipalities of Alberta Spring Convention
March 28	Agricultural Service Board Meeting

March 31 CAO Search Meeting

Division 6 – Councillor Klaas VanderVeen

March 2 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 3 CAO Search Meeting
March 6 CAO Search Meeting
March 16 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 19-22 Rural Municipalities of Alberta Spring Convention
March 20 EOEP Course
March 24 Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association Meeting
March 28 Agricultural Service Board Meeting
March 30 Southern Alberta Economic Development Forum
March 31 CAO Search Meeting

Division 7 – Councillor Morris Zeinstra

March 2 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 3 CAO Search Meeting
March 6 CAO Search Meeting
March 8 Prairie Tractor Club Annual Meeting
March 9 Industrial Commercial Land Use Strategy Workshop
March 16 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
March 19-22 Rural Municipalities of Alberta Spring Convention
March 31 CAO Search Meeting

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) **Agricultural Services Board Remuneration Discussion (*FOIP Section 24 - Advice from Officials*)**
No motion was made.
- 2) **Waterline Installation Borrowing Bylaw 23-016 (*FOIP Section 25 – Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body*)**
Council approved first reading of Water Pipeline Purchase Borrowing Bylaw No. 23-016 in the amount of \$6,000,000.00.
- 3) **Road Closure Compensation Discussion (*FOIP Section 25 – Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body*)**
No motion was made.
- 4) **Drainage Discussion (*FOIP Section 16 – Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party*)**
Council directed administration to discuss drainage infrastructure with the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District.
- 5) **Water Discussion (*FOIP Section 25 – Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body*)**
Council authorized administration to purchase up to 40 acre-feet of water license, to be funded from the Commercial Industrial Land Reserve.
- 6) **Personnel Matter (*FOIP Section 19 – Confidential Evaluations*)**
No motion was made.