



Council Brief of the

August 3, 2023 Regular Meeting

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DELEGATIONS:

1) Bursary Recipients

Council presented a \$1,500 bursary each to Abigail Giacchetta, Emma Reurink, and Elayna Vucurevich for their post-secondary studies.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1) Bylaw 23-019 - Road Closure, Sale and Consolidation- Public Hearing

Council approved that the road closure be sent to the Alberta Minister of Transportation for approval. The closure is for a portion of Township Road 10-0 east of Range Road 23-3. It has been determined that this road is no longer required as part of the County's road network.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

1) Application #2023-0-075 – Bezooyen - NE1/4 32-08-19-W4M

Council approved the supplication subject to the conditions outlined in the draft resolution. The application is to application is to split a title of 18.6 acres into two titles for country residential use.

2) Subdivision Application #2023-0-083 – Androkovich - NW1/4 30-08-20-W4M

Council approved the supplication subject to the conditions outlined in the draft resolution. The application is to subdivide a 5.74-acre first parcel out subdivision from a title of 158.86 acres for country residential use.

3) Subdivision Application #2023-0-085 – Van Hierden - Block Z, Plan 6150Y within SW1/4 07-10-23-W4M (Hamlet of Monarch)

Council approved the supplication subject to the conditions outlined in the draft resolution. The application is to subdivide 0.07 acres from a title comprised of 0.65 acres for private utility use.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. Joint Use and Planning Agreements - Palliser School Division and Westwind School Division Agreements

Council approved the agreements with both school divisions, which are intended to enable the integrated and long-term planning and use of school sites on municipal reserve, school reserve, and municipal school reserve land. The Province has required that every municipality have a joint use and planning agreement with any school division within its municipal boundary.

b. Planning and Development Department - 2nd Quarter Report 2023

The Supervisor of Planning and Development provided an update on activities in the second quarter of 2023, including:

- Held a Land Use Bylaw review workshop with Council
- Partnered with the Town of Taber on the Rural Renewal Stream (Alberta Advantage Immigration Program)

- Commenced transfer of land process for Riverbrink subdivision pond to the Riverbrink Water Users Co-op Ltd.
- Between January 1 – June 30:
 - o 136 development permit applications received (increase from 111 in 2022)
 - o 8 Land Use Bylaw complaints received and investigated
 - o 387 building/safety codes permits issued
 - o 18 subdivision applications approved by Council

c. April - June 2023 Community Peace Officer Report

The Community Peace Officer provided an update on activities in the second quarter of 2023, including:

- 70 case reports created (34 Highway Protection Bylaw, 13 Dog Control Bylaw, 7 Traffic complaints, 11 commercial vehicle inspections with a 72% failure rate)
- Numerous violations regarding pivot end guns watering roads

2) FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

a. Quarterly Financial Report - April - June 2023

The Director of Finance and Administration provided an update on the County's financial position as of June 30. The full report is available online at <https://lethcounty.ca/p/financial-publications>.

3) ADMINISTRATION

a. Water Co-op Meeting Update

Council approved that a letter be sent to the three potable Water Co-ops to acknowledge the historic challenges that have existed in the past while expressing the County's intention and commitment to work collaboratively together for the betterment of potable water management in the future.

b. AUC Solar Approval

Council approved that a letter be sent under the Reeve's signature to the Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation, Minister of Energy & Minerals, Minister of Affordability & Utilities and the Premier expressing the County's concern with the lack of consideration for local municipalities concerns regarding large scale solar projects on prime agricultural land.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation - Main Canal Repairs

A letter was received from the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation regarding the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District main canal repairs.

2) Southern Alberta Chinese Association - Summer BBQ Invitation

An invitation was received for Council to attend the association's event on August 19.

3) Town of Pincher Creek - Pincher Creek Parade Invitation

An invitation was received for Council to attend the parade and dignitary luncheon on August 19.

4) Shoes for Kids YQL - Sponsorship Request

A request was made to Council to sponsor the Shoes for Kids YQL event on August 19.

5) Town of Coalhurst - Invitation to Miners Days Parade

An invitation was received for Council to attend the parade on August 26.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1) Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - June 2023

Council provided updates on activities in June:

Councillor Lorne Hickey – Division 1

June 1	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 7	Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Meeting
June 10	Lethbridge-Coaldale 4-H Beef Club 100th Anniversary Banquet
June 13	Green Acres Abby Road Terrace Tour
June 15	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 19	Bursary Review Committee Meeting
June 20	FCSS Strategic Planning
June 21	Green Acres Finance Committee Meeting
June 23	Malloy Drain Steering Committee Meeting
June 26	Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Workshop
June 28	Green Acres Board Meeting

Reeve Tory Campbell – Division 2

June 1	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 7	Exhibition Park Board Meeting
June 13	Link Pathway Groundbreaking Ceremony
June 14	Economic Development Lethbridge Board Meeting
June 15	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 22	SRSDC Meeting-Governance and Partnership Formalization Workshop 2
June 22	SouthGrow AGM
June 23	Malloy Drain Steering Committee Meeting
June 26	Exhibition Park Ownership Engagement Committee Meeting
June 30	Virtual Meeting, Rural Medical Education Expansion
June 30	Media, re: Drought Conditions

Councillor Mark Sayers – Division 3

June 1	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 8	Water Co-op Liaison Committee Meeting
June 10	Lethbridge- Coaldale 4-H Beef Club 100th Anniversary Banquet
June 19	Bursary Review Committee Meeting
June 22	SouthGrow AGM

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis – Division 4

June 8	Water Co-op Liaison Committee Meeting
June 15	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 19	Bursary Review Committee Meeting
June 26	ASB Workshop
June 28	Community Futures Meeting

Councillor Eric Van Essen – Division 5

June 1	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 15	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 26	ASB Workshop

Councillor Klaas VanderVeen – Devision 6

June 1	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 1	Link Pathway Meeting
June 8	Water Co-op Liaison Committee Meeting

June 13	Link Pathway Groundbreaking Ceremony
June 15	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 16	Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District 100th Anniversary
June 26	ASB Workshop
June 30	Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association Board Meeting

Councillor Morris Zeinstra – Division 7

June 1	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 8	Highway 3 Twinning Development Association
June 8	Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce
June 15	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
June 26	Picture Butte Ag Society
June 29	Prairie Tractor Parade