



MINUTES

Council Meeting

9:00 AM - Thursday, March 16, 2023
Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, March 16, 2023, 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 Eric Van Essen
Councillor Klaas VanderVeen
Councillor Morris Zeinstra
Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Larry Randle
Director of Public Operations, Jeremy Wickson
Director of Infrastructure, Devon Thiele
Director of Finance & Administration, Jennifer Place
Interim Director of Community Services, Hilary Janzen
Executive Assistant, Candice Robison
Municipal Intern – Finance, Jeremy Vander Meulen

A. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Tory Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Reeve Campbell acknowledged the recent announcement made by McCain to make their largest global investment in their 65-year history in the amount of \$600 million to their facility in Lethbridge County that will more than double the size of the facility and workforce. The expansion will create 260 new jobs and two new state-of-the-art production lines which is tremendous news for Lethbridge County and Southern Alberta as a whole.

Reeve Campbell congratulated Fire Services Manager, Byron Fraser for receiving a Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal. The award is given to citizens of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth countries who have made a significant impact in their communities. Byron has been the County's Fire Services Manager since 2022 and previously served as Chief of the Barons and District Fire Department, where he was a member for 17 years.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

I.1 - Closed Session - Infrastructure Project Discussion (FOIP Section 24 - Advice from Officials)

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| 67-2023 | Deputy Reeve Kuerbis | MOVED that the March 16, 2023 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended. | CARRIED |
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C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

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| 68-2023 | Councillor Van Essen | MOVED that the March 2, 2023 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented. | CARRIED |
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E. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

E.1. COMMUNITY SERVICES

E.1.1. Bylaw 23-002 - Country Crossroads Estate Area Structure Plan and Bylaw 23-003 Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Rural Agriculture to Grouped Country Residential) - First Reading

69-2023 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Bylaw 23-002 (Country Crossroad Estate ASP) be read a first time.

CARRIED

70-2023 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Bylaw 23-003 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment - RA to GCR) be read a first time.

CARRIED

E.2. CORPORATE SERVICES

E.2.1. 2023 Bursary and Bursary Ad-Hoc Selection Committee

71-2023 Councillor VanderVeen MOVED that County Council increase the number of bursary award recipients to three, receiving \$1,500 each, with the additional funding to come from the Council Discretionary Reserve.

CARRIED

72-2023 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that an Ad Hoc Bursary Selection Committee of three council members be established to review the 2023 bursary applications and that the committee members are Councillor Mark Sayers, Councillor John Kuerbis and Councillor Lorne Hickey.

CARRIED

E.2.2. 2022 Year End Surplus/Deficit Report

73-2023 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the reallocation of funds from Restricted Surplus (Reserves) to Unrestricted Surplus be transferred from the Tax Equalization Reserve in the amount of \$395,000 to offset the 2022 deficit.

CARRIED

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

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

D.1. Bylaw 22-021 - Road Closure, Sale and Consolidation- Public Hearing

Reeve Campbell called a recess to the Council Meeting, for the Public Hearing for Bylaw 22-021 at 10:02 a.m.

74-2023 Councillor Zeinstra MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 22-021 commence at 10:03 a.m.

CARRIED

The Interim Director of Community Services reviewed the Bylaw.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 22-021.

No comments were provided.

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| 75-2023 | Deputy Reeve Kuerbis | MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 22-021 adjourn at 10:09 a.m. | CARRIED |
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Reeve Campbell reconvened the Council meeting at 10:09 a.m.

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| 76-2023 | Councillor VanderVeen | MOVED that Bylaw 22-021 be sent to the Minister of Transportation for Approval. | CARRIED |
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| 77-2023 | Councillor Van Essen | MOVED that County Council waive the land cost fees associated with Bylaw 22-021. | CARRIED |
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E. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

E.2. CORPORATE SERVICES

E.2.3. 2023 Business Tax Bylaw 23-010

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| 78-2023 | Councillor VanderVeen | MOVED that Bylaw 23-010 being the 2023 Business Tax Bylaw be read a first time. | CARRIED |
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| 79-2023 | Deputy Reeve Kuerbis | MOVED that Bylaw 23-010 being the 2023 Business Tax Bylaw be read a second time. | CARRIED |
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| 80-2023 | Councillor Van Essen | MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 23-010 being the 2023 Business Tax Bylaw. | CARRIED |
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| 81-2023 | Councillor Hickey | MOVED that Bylaw 23-010 being the 2023 Business Tax Bylaw be read a third time. | CARRIED |
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E.2.4. 2023 Business Tax Rate Bylaw 23-011

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| 82-2023 | Councillor VanderVeen | MOVED that Bylaw 23-011 being the 2023 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a first time. | CARRIED |
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| 83-2023 | Councillor Van Essen | MOVED that Bylaw 23-011 being the 2023 Business Tax Rate Bylaw be read a second time. | CARRIED |
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| 84-2023 | Councillor VanderVeen | MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 23-011 being the 2023 Business Tax Rate Bylaw. | DEFEATED |
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E.3. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

E.3.1. Road Ban Information

The Director of Public Operations provided Council an update on the Road Ban Bylaw and Policy.

E.3.2. Public Works - 2023 Level of Service

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| 85-2023 | Councillor VanderVeen | MOVED that Council adopt the 2023 Level of Service Policy for Public Works maintenance, this will be the basis for the budget estimated for 2023 operations. |
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E.4. INFRASTRUCTURE

E.5. ADMINISTRATION

F. CORRESPONDENCE

F.1. Minister of Transportation

Council reviewed the correspondence received from the Minister of Transportation regarding reverting the current paved surface of the 19.4 kilometer stretch of Highway 25 from Highway 521 to Highway 526 to gravel.

F.2. Minister of Municipal Affairs

Council reviewed the correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the transition from MSI to LGFF.

F.3. *MP Thomas*

Council reviewed the invitation from MP Thomas's office to set up a meeting during the week of April 11-14, 2023.

F.4. Fortis Alberta Invitation

Council reviewed the invitation from Fortis Alberta to attend the grand opening of their flagship Net-Zero Building in the Town of Coaldale on April 20, 2023.

F.5. SouthGrow's Southern Alberta Economic Development Forum

Council reviewed the invitation from SouthGrow to attend the Southern Alberta Economic Development Forum on March 30, 2023.

F.6. *Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy Invitation*

Council reviewed the invitation from the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy to attend the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation (CRRF) conference on June 20-23, 2023.

F.7. United Way Red Tie Gala Invitation

Council reviewed the invitation from United Way Lethbridge to attend the United Way Red Tie Gala on April 1, 2023.

F.8. *Vimv Dinner Invitation*

Council reviewed the invitation from the 20th Independent Field Battery and 1908 League of Military Associations to attend the 15th Annual Vimy Dinner on April 22, 2023.

F.9. Link Pathway Committee Invitation

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| 86-2023 | Councillor Zeinstra | MOVED to appoint three members of Council and a staff member to the Link Pathway Committee |
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87-2023 Councillor MOVED to direct administration to reach out to the Link Pathway
Van Essen Committee to request that two Councillors sit on the committee and
that administration bring back further information to the next Council
meeting.

CARRIED

G. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

G.1. Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - February 2023

Council reviewed the highlights from the Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update for February 2023.

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

February 1 FCSS Meeting
February 2 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 15 Green Acres Finance Meeting
February 22 Green Acres Board Meeting

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

February 1 Exhibition Park Board Meeting
February 2 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 2 Exhibition Park AGM
February 13 Lethbridge County/City of Lethbridge IDP Meeting
February 14-16 Exhibition Park/Travel Alberta Ottawa Trade Mission
February 28 Meeting with William Wang, Director, Alberta China Offices
February 28 Meeting with Mayor Van Rijn, Coaldale Admin, County Admin

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

February 2 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 16 RMA Asset Management Workshop
February 22 Coaldale Chamber of Commerce AGM

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

February 2 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 3 Mayors and Reeves
February 13 Lethbridge County/City of Lethbridge IDP Meeting
February 16 RMA Asset Management Workshop
February 17 Emperor of Japan Birthday Celebration

Division 5

Councillor Eric Van Essen

February 2 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 7-8 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Conference
February 16 RMA Asset Management Workshop
February 17 Highway 3Twinning Development Association Board Meeting

Division 6

Councillor Klaas VanderVeen

February 2 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 27 SAEWA Board Meeting

Division 7
Councillor Morris Zeinstra
February 2 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 6-8 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Conference
February 28 AgExpo

H. NEW BUSINESS

I. CLOSED SESSION

1.1 - Infrastructure Project Discussion (FOIP Section 24 - Advice from Officials)



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| 88-2023 | Deputy Reeve Kuerbis | MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> , the time being 11:32 a.m. for the discussion on the following: 1.1. - Infrastructure Project Discussion (FOIP Section 24 - Advice from Officials) |
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Present during the Closed Session:
Lethbridge County Council
Chief Administrative Officer
Senior Management
Administrative Staff
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| 89-2023 | Councillor Zeinstra | MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 12:16 p.m. CARRIED |
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J. ADJOURN

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| 90-2023 | Councillor Zeinstra | MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 12:16 p.m. CARRIED |
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