



MINUTES

Council Meeting

9:00 AM - Thursday, January 18, 2024
Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., 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 Klaas VanderVeen
Councillor Morris Zeinstra
Chief Administrative Officer, Cole Beck
Director, Operations, Jeremy Wickson
Director, Development & Infrastructure, Devon Thiele
Director, Corporate Services, Jennifer Place
Executive Assistant, Candice Robison

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

Reeve 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 thanked staff who have been working out in the cold during the recent cold snap.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

365-2024 Councillor Sayers MOVED that the January 18, 2024 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

366-2024 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the December 21, 2023 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented. CARRIED

E. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

E.1 ADMINISTRATION

E.1.1. Alberta Birds of Prey Foundation - Request for Letter of Support

367-2024 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that Lethbridge County provide a letter of support to the Alberta Birds of Prey Foundation for their Alberta Lotteries/Community Facility Enhancement Program grant application for the installation of high speed internet. CARRIED

E.2. CORPORATE SERVICES

E.2.1. Coalhurst High School Sponsorship Request - Esports Program Development

368-2024 Councillor Sayers MOVED that County Council deny the request for funding of the Coalhurst High School Esports Program as per County Policy #161.
CARRIED

E.2.1. Stirling Wind Project Applications

369-2024 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that County Council approve the Stirling Wind Project Community Benefit Fund Application and Community Benefit Scholarship Program Application as presented.
CARRIED

E.3. MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

E.4. PUBLIC OPERATIONS

F. CORRESPONDENCE

F.1. Southern Alberta Chinese Association - Year of the Dragon Spring Festival Invitation

Council received an invitation from the Southern Alberta Chinese Association inviting them to their Year of the Dragon Spring Festival being held on February 17, 2024.

F.2. Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Council reviewed correspondence from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police regarding the retirement of Commanding Officer C.M. Zablocki.

F.3. STARS Impact Report 2023 - Lethbridge County

Council reviewed the Lethbridge County STARS Impact Report 2023.

G. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

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

Councillor Lorne Hickey - Division 1

December 6 FCSS Board Meeting
December 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 8 Blackrock Christmas Dinner
December 12 Green Acres Christmas Dinner
December 14 Land Use Bylaw Review Workshop #3
December 15 Lethbridge County Christmas BBQ
December 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

Reeve Tory Campbell – Division 2

December 2 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
December 2 Coaldale & District Emergency Services Awards Ceremony
December 6 Exhibition Park Board Meeting
December 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 7 Chinook Arch Library Board Meeting
December 8 Media
December 14 Land Use Bylaw Review Workshop #3

December 14 Exhibition Park Board Meeting
December 15 Lethbridge County Christmas BBQ
December 16 Exhibition Park Board Meeting
December 18 Exhibition Park Board Meeting
December 20 EDL Board Meeting
December 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

Councillor Mark Sayers – Division 3

December 2 Coaldale & District Emergency Services Awards Ceremony
December 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 12 Regional Water Commission Meeting
December 14 Land Use Bylaw Review Workshop #3
December 15 Lethbridge County Christmas BBQ
December 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis – Division 4

December 5 Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
December 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 11 Regional Waste Commission Meeting
December 12 Regional Water Commission Meeting
December 12 Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
December 14 Land Use Bylaw Review Workshop #3
December 15 Lethbridge County Christmas BBQ
December 19 Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
December 19 Picture Butte Emergency Services Awards Ceremony
December 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

Councillor Eric Van Essen – Division 5

December 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 14 Land Use Bylaw Review Workshop #3
December 15 Lethbridge County Christmas BBQ
December 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

Councillor Klaas VanderVeen – Division 6

December 6 Link Pathway Meeting
December 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 11 Regional Waste Commission Meeting
December 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 22 SAEWA Meeting

Councillor Morris Zeinstra – Division 7

December 4 Solar Open House
December 6 Link Pathway Meeting
December 7 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
December 14 Land Use Bylaw Review Workshop #3
December 15 Lethbridge County Christmas BBQ
December 19 Picture Butte Emergency Services Awards Ceremony
December 21 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

H. CLOSED SESSION

H.1. - CAO Report - C. Beck (FOIP Sections 16, 17, 23 and 24)

370-2024 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 9:41 a.m. for the discussion on the following:

H.1. - CAO Report - C. Beck (FOIP Sections 16, 17, 23 and 24)

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

371-2024 Councillor Sayers MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 10:28 a.m.
CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

D.1. 10:30 a.m. - Darren Bourget, Regulatory Assurance Manager - Current and Predicted Water Situation and Drought Management Plan Presentation

Darren Bourget, Regulatory Assurance Manager with Alberta Environment and Protected Areas was present to provide Council a presentation on the current and predicted water situation as well as the drought management plan. Also, in attendance from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas were Stephen Mathyk and Nathalie Olson.

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372-2024 Councillor VanderVeen MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, the time being 11:41 a.m. for the discussion on the following:

H.1. - CAO Report - C. Beck (FOIP Sections 16, 17, 23 and 24)

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

373-2024 Councillor Sayers MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 12.53 p.m.
CARRIED

J. ADJOURN

374-2024 Councillor Zeinstra MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 12:55 p.m.
CARRIED

Reeve

CAO