



MINUTES

Organizational Meeting

9:00 AM - Thursday, October 17, 2024

Council Chambers

The Organizational Meeting of the Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 9:00 AM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT:

- Lorne Hickey
- Tory Campbell
- Mark Sayers
- John Kuerbis
- Klaas VanderVeen
- Morris Zeinstra
- Chief Administrative Officer Cole Beck
- Director, Development & Infrastructure Devon Thiele
- Manager, Finance & Administration Kurtis Krizsan
- Director, Operations Ryan Thomson
- Manager, Planning & Development Hilary Janzen
- Executive Assistant Candice Robison

EXCUSED:

A. CALL TO ORDER BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Chief Administrative Officer Cole Beck called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

CAO Beck 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.

B. VOTING PROCEDURES

B.1. Nominations and Voting by Secret Ballot

620-2024 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Council utilize the voting procedure of secret ballot when there is more than the required number of nominations for the Office of Reeve and Deputy Reeve.

CARRIED

Seconded by Councillor Kuerbis

B.2. Destruction of Ballots

621-2024 Councillor Zeinstra MOVED that all the ballots are destroyed at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED

Seconded by Councillor VanderVeen

B.3. Appointment of Scrutineer

622-2024 Councillor Sayers MOVED that Council appoint Devon Thiele, Director, Development and Infrastructure as Scrutineer.

CARRIED

Seconded by Councillor Kuerbis

C. ELECTION OF REEVE FOR ENSUING YEAR AND OATH OF OFFICE

CAO Cole Beck explained the next item on the agenda would be the nomination and election of the Reeve for the ensuing year and called for nominations for Reeve by Secret Ballot.

Nominations were taken by secret ballot. Scrutineer Devon Thiele declared that there were two nominations for Reeve: Tory Campbell and Lorne Hickey

Lorne Hickey declined the nomination.

Tory Campbell accepted the nomination.

CAO Cole Beck declared that Tory Campbell is elected Reeve for the 2024/2025 year.

C.1. Appointment of Reeve

623-2024 Councillor VanderVeen MOVED that Tory Campbell be appointed as Reeve of Lethbridge County for the 2024/2025 year.

CARRIED

The Oath of Office was administered by Candice Robison, Commissioner of Oaths to Reeve Tory Campbell for the 2024/2025 year.

D. ELECTION OF DEPUTY REEVE FOR ENSUING YEAR AND OATH OF OFFICE

Reeve Tory Campbell explained the next item on the agenda would be the nomination and election of the Deputy Reeve for the ensuing year and called for nominations for Deputy Reeve by Secret Ballot.

Nominations were taken by secret ballot, and Scrutineer Devin Thiele declared that there were three nominations for Deputy Reeve: John Kuerbis, Mark Sayers, Morris Zeinstra

Morris Zeinstra declined the nomination.

John Kuerbis and Mark Sayers accepted their nominations.

A vote was held and tallied.

Reeve Tory Campbell declared that John Kuerbis is elected Deputy Reeve for the 2024/2025 year.

D.1. Appointment of Deputy Reeve

624-2024 Councillor Hickey MOVED that John Kuerbis be appointed as Deputy Reeve of Lethbridge County for the 2024/2025 year.

CARRIED

The Oath of Office was administered by Candice Robison, Commissioner of Oaths to Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis for the 2024/2025 year.

E. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL COMMITTEES

No Voting Required No Voting Required

Council reviewed the Internal Committee list for 2024/2025.

F. REPRESENTATIVE FOR EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

No Voting Required No Voting Required

Council reviewed the External Committee list for 2024/2025.

G. REPRESENTATIVE FOR EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Voting Required for each Committee Voting Required for each Committee

Council reviewed the following amendments to external committees:

- Coaldale Chamber of Commerce - Councillor Sayers will remain.
- Highway 3 Twinning Association - Councillor Slomp is appointed, Deputy Reeve Kuerbis will remain as alternate.
- Intermunicipal Committee - City of Lethbridge - Councillor Sayers will replace Deputy Reeve Kuerbis
- Water Co-op Liaison Committee - Councillor Sayers and Deputy Reeve Kuerbis will remain, Councillor VanderVeen will be an alternate.
- Link Pathway - Councillor Zeinstra will remain, Councillor VanderVeen will be an alternate.

625-2024 Councillor VanderVeen MOVED that Councillor Morris Zeinstra be appointed as the representative to the Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED

H. RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE RESULTS OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

H.1. Results of the Council Committee Appointments

626-2024 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the 2024-2025 Internal Committee appointments be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

627-2024 Councillor Hickey MOVED that the 2024-2025 External Committee appointments be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

I. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

I.1. Acts Appeal Committee (Soil Conservation, Weed & Pest Control Appeal Committee)

628-2024 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that County Council appoint the following Members-at-Large to the Acts Appeal Committee (Soil Conservation, Weed & Pest Control Appeal Committee) beginning January 1, 2025: Bryan Harbers, Rob Van Diemen and Steve Campbell.

CARRIED

I.2. Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

629-2024 Councillor Sayers MOVED that County Council appoint the following Members-at-Large to the Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board: Kim Jensen and Evert Van Essen.

CARRIED

J. ADJOURN

630-2024 Councillor Zeinstra MOVED that the Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting adjourn at 9:27 a.m.

CARRIED



Reeve



CAO