



# Minutes

Council Meeting | Thursday, December 4, 2025 | 9:00 AM | Council Chambers

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The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, December 4, 2025, 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 Mark Sayers
  - Councillor Kevin Slomp
  - Councillor Eric Van Essen
  - Councillor Tony Ankermann
  - Chief Administrative Officer Cole Beck
  - Director, Development & Infrastructure Devon Thiele
  - Director, Corporate Services Hailey Pinksen
  - Director, Operations Ryan Thomson
  - Legislative Coordinator & Executive Assistant Candice Robison

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Tory Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:08 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.*

**B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

318-2025	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that the December 4, 2025 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.	CARRIED
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**C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes**

319-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the November 6, 2025 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented.	CARRIED
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D. DELEGATIONS

D.1. 9:00 a.m. - RCMP - Sgt. Sean Dutch

Sgt. Sean Dutch, RCMP was present to provide Council the quarterly RCMP policing report and statistics.

E. SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

E.1. Subdivision Application #2025-0-133 Slingerland - Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 0811894 within SE1/4 28-10-22-W4M

320-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the Country Residential subdivision of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 0811894 within SE1/4 28-10-22-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 101 165 638), to subdivide a 5.38-acre (2.18 ha) farmyard from a 78.55-acre (31.78 ha) agricultural title for country residential use, and consolidate the remainder 73.17-acres (29.61 ha) to an adjacent east agricultural 78.55-acre (31.78 ha) title; BE APPROVED subject to the following:

CONDITIONS:

1. That, pursuant to Section 654(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act, all outstanding property taxes shall be paid to Lethbridge County.
2. That, pursuant to Section 655(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, the applicant or owner or both enter into and comply with a Development Agreement with Lethbridge County which shall be registered concurrently with the final plan against the title(s) being created, if required.
3. That the remnant 73.17-acre title is consolidated to the adjacent east 78.55-acre (C of T 081159177) title and is to be done by a plan prepared by a certified Alberta Land Surveyor in a manner such that the resulting titles cannot be further subdivided without approval of the Subdivision Authority.
4. That the applicant submits a final plan as prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor for the yard parcel being subdivided as approved, acceptable for registration at Land Titles.
5. That any easement(s) as required by utility companies, or the municipality shall be established.

CARRIED

E.2. Subdivision Application #2025-0-137 De Wilde - W1/2 3-11-23-W4M

321-2025 Councillor Slomp MOVED that the Agricultural subdivision of W1/2 3-11-23-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 251 202 753, 251 202 753 +1), to reconfigure the property boundaries and size of two adjacent titled agricultural properties, by subdividing 64.25-acres (26.04 ha) from the SW¼ 3-11-23-W4 and consolidating it to the north ¼-section (NW¼ 3-11-23-W4) resulting in agricultural titles 224.25-acres (90.75 ha) and 93.18-acres (37.71 ha) in size; BE APPROVED subject to the following:

CONDITIONS:

1. That, pursuant to Section 654(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act, all outstanding property taxes shall be paid to Lethbridge County.

2. That, pursuant to Section 655(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, the applicant or owner or both enter into and comply with a Development Agreement with Lethbridge County which shall be registered concurrently with the final plan against the title(s) being created. This agreement may address access provisions that may be required for the reconfigured 224.25-acre agricultural title.
3. That the titles and portions of land to be subdivided and consolidated to reconfigure the boundaries (property line) of the two adjacent ¼-section parcels is to be done by a plan prepared by a certified Alberta Land Surveyor in a manner such that the resulting titles cannot be further subdivided without approval of the Subdivision Authority.
4. That any easement(s) as required by utility agencies shall be established prior to finalization of the application.

CARRIED

E.3.     Subdivision Application #2025-0-150 – Klok - Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1511177 within NE1/4 29 & SE1/4 32-10-23-W4M

322-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	<p>MOVED that the Country Residential subdivision of Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1511177 within NE1/4 29 &amp; SE1/4 3210-23-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 151 109 929), subdivide 9.54 acres (3.86 ha) from a 167.78 acre (67.9 ha) previously subdivided quarter-section title for county residential use; BE APPROVED subject to the proposed conditions.</p>
		DEFEATED

323-2025	Councillor Van Essen	<p>MOVED that the Country Residential subdivision of Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1511177 within NE1/4 29 &amp; SE1/4 3210-23-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 151 109 929), subdivide 9.54 acres (3.86 ha) from a 167.78 acre (67.9 ha) previously subdivided quarter-section title for county residential use; BE REFUSED for the following reasons:</p>
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REASONS:

1. The Subdivision Authority has determined that the two adjacent ¼-sections have been previously subdivided and reconfigured in 2015 to accommodate the landowner, as a separate yard title is in the SE1/4 32-10-23-W4M which made the ¼-sections ineligible to be further subdivided to create another country residential yard title.
2. The subdivision is viewed to be a way to circumvent the subdivision policies. A similar proposal, but for vacant land, was refused by the Lethbridge County Subdivision Authority in 2014. The parent agricultural title was enlarged in 2015 on an appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB). This appeal decision allowed subdividing the ¼-section to the north (SE 32-10-23-W4) and consolidating 12.44 acres of land to the ¼-section to the south (former NE 29-10-23-W4, now Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1511177) which is the subject land. The SDAB overturned the refusal, on the reasoning that the Board accepted that with the consolidation the applicant intended the 12.44 acres was to be irrigated and used for agricultural purposes. However,

yard was subsequently developed which is the subject of the latest submitted application.

CARRIED

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

**F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**F.1. CORPORATE SERVICES**

**F.1.1. 2026-2028 Operating Budget & 2026-2030 Capital Budget**

324-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the 2026 Operating Budget expenses in the amount of \$42,812,682 be approved, and that the 2027 and 2028 Operating Budget expenses in the amounts of \$41,835,443 and \$41,904,088 respectively be approved in principle.

CARRIED

325-2025 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that the 2026 Capital Budget expenses in the amount of \$13,750,000 be approved, and that the 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030 Capital Budget expenses in the amounts of \$11,473,000, \$11,073,000, \$13,163,000 and \$6,705,000 respectively be approved in principle.

CARRIED

**F.2. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE**

**F.2.1. Bylaw 25-025 - Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Redesignate 230019 River Ridge Road (Plan 9312230 Block 1 Lot 1) from Grouped Country Residential (GCR) to Direct Control (DC) - First Reading**

326-2025 Councillor Slomp MOVED that Bylaw 25-025, be read a first time.

CARRIED

**F.2.2. Bylaw 25-027 - Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Redesignate SE-1-9-21-W4 from Direct Control to Direct Control - First Reading**

327-2025 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Bylaw 25-027, be read a first time.

CARRIED

**F.2.3. Land Disposition Policy 172 - Amendment**

328-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Council approve the amended Land Disposition Policy 172 as presented.

CARRIED

**F.2.4. Use of Undeveloped Road Rights-of-Way Policy (Replacement of Policy 109 License of Undeveloped Road Allowances Policy)**

329-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Council approve the replacement of Policy 109 - Use of Undeveloped Road Right-of-Way Policy amended as presented.

CARRIED



**F.2.5. Alberta Community Partnership Grant Application - Rural Water Supply Study**

330-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that County Council approve the submission of a 2025/2026 Alberta Community Partnership - Intermunicipal Collaboration grant application as the managing partner for the Rural Water Supply Study.  
CARRIED

**F.2.6. Town of Nobleford Alberta Community Partnership Application - Letter of Support**

331-2025 Councillor Slomp MOVED that County Council supports the Town of Nobleford's (managing partner) submission of a 2025/2026 Alberta Community Partnership grant application for the Regional Service Provider Feasibility Study.  
CARRIED

**F.3. OPERATIONS**

**F.3.1. Appointment of Agricultural Service Board Chair**

332-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that County Council appoint Councillor Eric Van Essen as the Agricultural Service Board Chair for the 2025/2026 year.  
CARRIED

**F.4. ADMINISTRATION**

**F.4.1. Bylaw 25-030 - Bursary Award Committee Bylaw & Terms of Reference**

333-2025 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that Council approves the Bursary Award Committee Terms of Reference as presented.  
CARRIED

334-2025 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that Bylaw 25-030 Bursary Award Committee Bylaw be read a first time.  
CARRIED

335-2025 Councillor Slomp MOVED that Bylaw 25-030 Bursary Award Committee Bylaw be read a second time.  
CARRIED

336-2025 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 25-030 Bursary Award Committee Bylaw.  
CARRIED

337-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Bylaw 25-030 Bursary Award Committee Bylaw be read a third time.  
CARRIED

**F.4.2. Bylaw 25-031 - Strategic Planning Committee Bylaw & Terms of Reference**

338-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Council approves the Strategic Planning Committee Terms of Reference as presented.	CARRIED
339-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Bylaw 25-031 Strategic Planning Committee Bylaw be read a first time.	CARRIED
340-2025	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that Bylaw 25-031 Strategic Planning Committee Bylaw be read a second time.	CARRIED
341-2025	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 25-031 Strategic Planning Committee Bylaw.	CARRIED
342-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Bylaw 25-031 Strategic Planning Committee Bylaw be read a third time.	CARRIED

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

**F.4.3. Bylaw 25-032 - Governance & Human Resources Committee Bylaw & Amended Terms of Reference**

343-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Council approves the Governance & Human Resources Committee Terms of Reference as amended.	CARRIED
344-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Bylaw 25-032 Governance & Human Resources Committee Bylaw be read a first time.	CARRIED
345-2025	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that Bylaw 25-032 Governance & Human Resources Committee Bylaw be read a second time.	CARRIED
346-2025	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 25-032 Governance & Human Resources Committee Bylaw.	CARRIED
347-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Bylaw 25-032 Governance & Human Resources Committee Bylaw be read a third time.	CARRIED

**F.4.4. Bylaw 25-033 - Access to Information Act (ATIA) Bylaw & Bylaw 25-034 Protection of Privacy Act (POPA) Bylaw**

348-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Bylaw 25-033 Access to Information Act Bylaw be read a first time.	CARRIED
349-2025	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that Bylaw 25-033 Access to Information Act Bylaw be read a second time.	CARRIED
350-2025	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 25-033 Access to Information Act Bylaw.	CARRIED
351-2025	Councillor Hickey	MOVED that Bylaw 25-033 Access to Information Act Bylaw be read a third time.	CARRIED
352-2025	Councillor Hickey	MOVED that Bylaw 25-034 Protection of Privacy Act Bylaw be read a first time.	CARRIED
353-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Bylaw 25-034 Protection of Privacy Act Bylaw be read a second time.	CARRIED
354-2025	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 25-034 Protection of Privacy Act Bylaw.	CARRIED
355-2025	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that Bylaw 25-034 Protection of Privacy Act Bylaw be read a third time.	CARRIED

**F.4.5. Bylaw 25-035 - 2026 Schedule of Fees Bylaw**

356-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Bylaw 25-035 - 2026 Schedule of Fees Bylaw be read a first time.	CARRIED
357-2025	Councillor Slomp	MOVED that Bylaw 25-035 - 2026 Schedule of Fees Bylaw be read a second time.	CARRIED
358-2025	Councillor Van Essen	MOVED that Council consider third reading of Bylaw 25-035 - 2026 Schedule of Fees Bylaw.	CARRIED





365-2025      Councillor      MOVED that County Council provide a letter of support to the  
Van Essen      Lethbridge Polytechnic regarding their Modernization of Centre Core.  
CARRIED

G.6.      Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce

Council reviewed correspondence from the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce in which they thanked Lethbridge County for their continued membership.

H.      COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

H.1.      Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - October 2025

Council reviewed the highlights from the Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update for October 2025.

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

- October 1              FCSS Board Meeting
- October 2              Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- October 6              Picture Butte Dr. Recruitment Meeting
- October 7-8           South Region ASB Conference – Medicine Hat
- October 9              Stock Talk Initiative
- October 16             Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- October 22             Green Acres Finance Meeting
- October 29             Green Acres Board Meeting
- October 31             Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

- October 2              Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- October 9              Stock Talk Initiative
- October 15             EDL Board Meeting
- October 16             Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- October 31             Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

- October 2              Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- October 9              Stock Talk Initiative
- October 16             Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- October 31             Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

- October 6              Telephone interview with Southgrow
- October 7              Lethbridge Regional Waste Commission Meeting
- October 7              Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
- October 7-8           South Region ASB Conference
- October 9              Stock Talk Initiative
- October 14             Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director

October 16	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 21	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
October 23	Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce Awards Celebration
October 28	Weekly Meeting with Community Futures Executive Director
October 31	Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting

**Division 5**

**Councillor Kevin Slomp**

October 2	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 31	Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting

**Division 6**

**Councillor Eric Van Essen**

October 31	Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting
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**Division 7**

**Councillor Tony Ankermann**

October 31	Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting
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**I. CLOSED SESSION**

*J.1. Community Group Insurance Coverage Request (ATIA Section 19 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party.*

*J.2. Potable Water (ATIA Section 19 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)*

366-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, the time being 1:00 p.m. for the discussion on the following:
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J.1. - Community Group Insurance Coverage Request (ATIA Section 19 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)

J.2. - Potable Water (ATIA Section 19 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)

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

367-2025	Councillor Hickey	MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 1:33 p.m.
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CARRIED

I.1. Community Group Insurance Coverage Request (ATIA Section 19 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)

368-2025 Deputy Reeve Kurbis MOVED that Council direct Administration to develop a list of non-owned buildings that should be removed from the County's insurance policy and take the necessary steps to end insurance coverage at the end of the current insurance year and further that Administration engage with impacted community groups or building owners to develop a transition plan.

CARRIED

I.2. Potable Water (ATIA Section 19 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)

369-2025 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that County Council approve administration to proceed with the acquisition of assets to allow for future development of Lethbridge County, up to \$1,650,000 funded from the Utility Reserve.

CARRIED

J. ADJOURN

370-2025 Deputy Reeve Kurbis MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 1:35 p.m.

CARRIED

  
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