



Minutes

Council Meeting | Thursday, April 4, 2024 | 9:00 AM | Council Chambers

The Council Meeting of Lethbridge County was called to order on Thursday, April 4, 2024, 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 Eric Van Essen
- Councillor Klaas VanderVeen
- Councillor Morris Zeinstra
- Chief Administrative Officer Cole Beck
- Director, Development & Infrastructure Devon Thiele
- Director, Corporate Services Jennifer Place
- Executive Assistant Candice Robison
- Manager, Planning & Development Hilary Janzen
- Director, People & Culture Jared Zeller

A. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Tory Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:02 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

423-2024 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the April 4, 2024 Lethbridge County Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1. County Council Meeting Minutes

424-2024 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that the March 7, 2024 Lethbridge County Council Minutes be adopted as presented. CARRIED

E. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

E.1. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

E.1.1. Bylaw 23-014 - Road Closure, Sale and Consolidation- 2nd and 3rd Reading

425-2024 Councillor VanderVeen MOVED that County Council give second reading to Bylaw 23-014. CARRIED

426-2024 Councillor Sayers MOVED that County Council give third reading to Bylaw 23-014.
CARRIED

E.1.2. Bylaw 24-004 - Re-designate Plan 1611089 Blocks 1 Lot 1 and Plan 1611089 Block 2 Lot 1 from Rural Urban Fringe to Direct Control- First Reading

427-2024 Councillor Hickey MOVED that Bylaw 24-004 be read a first time.
CARRIED

E.1.3. Bylaw 24-002 - Chin Grouped Country Residential Area Structure Plan and Bylaw 24-003 Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Rural Urban Fringe to Grouped Country Residential and Business Light Industrial) - First Reading

428-2024 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Bylaw 24-002 (Chin ASP) be read a first time.
CARRIED

429-2024 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Bylaw 24-003 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment - RUF to GCR and BLI) be read a first time.
CARRIED

E.2. CORPORATE SERVICES

E.2.1. 2023 Year End Surplus/Deficit Report

430-2024 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the reallocation of funds from Unrestricted Surplus to Restricted Surplus (Reserve) be transferred to the following reserves:

Public Works Capital Reserve	640,969.20
Provincial Policing Funds Reserve	210,000.00
Emergency Services Contingency Reserve	70,105.82
Commercial/Industrial Land Reserve	500,965.64
Tax Equalization Reserve	408,792.12

CARRIED

E.3. ADMINISTRATION

E.3.1. Appointment of Director of Emergency Management and Deputy Director of Emergency Management

431-2024 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Heath Wright be appointed as the Director of Emergency Management and that Cole Beck be appointed as the Deputy Director of Emergency Management for Lethbridge County.
CARRIED

F. CORRESPONDENCE

F.1. Alberta Municipal Affairs - 2024 Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence

Council reviewed correspondence from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the 2024 Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence.

F.1. Alberta Municipal Affairs - PERC Extension

Council reviewed correspondence from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the extension to the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) program.

F.2. Alberta Municipal Affairs - Assessment Model Review Engagement

Council reviewed correspondence from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the Assessment Model Review Engagement.

F.3. Readymade Community Association - A Celebration of Indigenous Culture

Council reviewed an invitation to the Readymade Community Association's Celebration of Indigenous Culture which is taking place on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

F.4. Lethbridge & District Exhibition - Whoop-Up Day Pancake Breakfast Request

Council reviewed correspondence from Lethbridge & District Exhibition regarding a request to host the 2024 Whoop-Up Days Parade Pancake Breakfast.

F.5. Alberta Environment & Protected Areas

Council reviewed correspondence from Alberta Environment & Protected Areas regarding Alberta's water sharing negotiations.

Reeve Campbell recessed the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS - 10:00 a.m.

D.1. Bylaw 24-007 - Lethbridge County Land Use Bylaw - Public Hearing

Reeve Campbell called a recess to the Council Meeting, for the Public Hearing for Bylaw 24-007 at 10:02 a.m.

432-2024 Councillor Sayers MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 24-007 commence at 10:03 a.m.

CARRIED

The Manager, Planning and Development reviewed Bylaw 24-007.

Reeve Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak in favour or opposition of Bylaw 24-007.

No comments were made.

433-2024 Councillor Van Essen MOVED that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 24-007 adjourn at 10:25 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Campbell reconvened the Council meeting at 10:25 a.m.

434-2024 Councillor Sayers MOVED that County Council give second reading to Bylaw 24-007.

CARRIED

435-2024 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that County Council give third reading to Bylaw 24-007. CARRIED

G. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

G.1. Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - February 2024

Council reviewed the highlights from the Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update for February 2024.

Division 1

Councillor Lorne Hickey

February 1	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 7	FCSS Meeting
February 15	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 17	Year of the Dragon Spring Festival
February 21	Green Acres Finance Meeting
February 28	Green Acres Board Meeting

Division 2

Reeve Tory Campbell

February 1	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 2	Mayors and Reeves
February 15	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 15	Chinook Arch Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting
February 28	Lethbridge County/City of Lethbridge IDP Meeting
February 29	Telephone Town Hall with Minister McIver, Budget 2024

Division 3

Councillor Mark Sayers

February 1	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 7	SouthGrow Meeting
February 15	Lethbridge County Council Meeting

Division 4

Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis

February 1	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 6	Weekly meeting with Community Futures Director
February 13	Weekly meeting with Community Futures Director
February 15	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 20	Weekly meeting with Community Futures Director
February 22	Lethbridge County/Town of Coalhurst IDP Meeting
February 25-28	Community Futures Pan West Conference
February 29	Community Futures Board Meeting

Division 5

Councillor Eric Van Essen

February 1	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 8	Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce AGM
February 15	Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 21	Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

February 23 Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce Best of Butte Awards

Division 6

Councillor Klaas VanderVeen

February 1 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 15 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 22 Lethbridge County/Town of Coalhurst IDP Meeting
February 28-29 Alberta CARES Spring Conference

Division 7

Councillor Morris Zeinstra

February 1 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 5-7 AIDA Conference
February 8 Link Pathway Meeting
February 15 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
February 22 Lethbridge County/Town of Coalhurst IDP Meeting

H. CLOSED SESSION

H.1. - Water Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations)

H.2. - Tax Assessment Information (FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations)

H.3. - CAO Report - C. Beck (FOIP Sections 16, 17, 23 and 24)

436-2024 Councillor Zeinstra MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, the time being 10:46 a.m. for the discussion on the following:

H.1. - Water Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to Intergovernmental Relations)

H.2. - Tax Assessment Information (FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to Intergovernmental Relations)

H.3. - 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

437-2024 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting move out of the closed session at 2:14 p.m.
CARRIED

H.1. Water Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations)

438-2024 Councillor Hickey MOVED that County Council approve entering into the Water Sharing Memorandum of Understanding under the Reeve and CAO signature.
CARRIED

F. **ADJOURN**

439-2024 Councillor Zeinstra MOVED that the Lethbridge County Council Meeting adjourn at 2:15 p.m.
CARRIED

Reeve

CAO