



MINUTES

Organizational Meeting

9:30 AM - Friday, October 31, 2025
Council Chambers

The Organizational Meeting of the Lethbridge County was called to order on Friday, October 31, 2025, at 9:30 AM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Tory Campbell
John Kuerbis
Lorne Hickey
Mark Sayers
Kevin Slomp
Eric Van Essen
Tony Ankermann
Cole Beck
Director, Development & Infrastructure Devon Thiele
Director, Corporate Services Hailey Pinksen
Director, Operations Ryan Thomson
Legislative Coordinator & Executive Assistant Candice Robison

EXCUSED:

A. CALL TO ORDER BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Chief Administrative Officer Cole Beck called the meeting to order at 9:30 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. OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE FOR ALL COUNCILLORS IN ELECTION YEAR

Councillors for Divisions 1-7 took their official Oath of Office for the 2025-2029 term.

C. VOTING PROCEDURES

C.1. Nominations & Voting by Secret Ballot

289-2025 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, Deputy Reeve and Committees.

CARRIED

C.2. Destruction of Ballots

290-2025 Councillor Sayers MOVED that all the ballots are destroyed at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED

C.3. Appointment of Scrutineer

291-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED that Council appoint Devon Thiele, Director, Development and Infrastructure as Scrutineer.	CARRIED
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D. 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 John Kuerbis

John Kuerbis declined the nomination.
Tory Campbell accepted the nomination.

CAO Cole Beck declared that Tory Campbell is elected Reeve for the 2025/2026 year

292-2025	Councillor Hickey	MOVED that Tory Campbell be appointed as Reeve of Lethbridge County for the 2025/2026 year.	CARRIED
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The Oath of Office was administered by Candice Robison, Commissioner of Oaths to Reeve Tory Campbell for the 2025/2026 year.

Reeve Campbell took the chair.

E. 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 two nominations for Deputy Reeve: John Kuerbis and Mark Sayers

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 2025/2026 year.

293-2025	Councillor Hickey	MOVED that John Kuerbis be appointed as Deputy Reeve of Lethbridge County for the 2025/2026 year.	CARRIED
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The Oath of Office was administered by Candice Robison, Commissioner of Oaths to Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis for the 2025/2026 year

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

Reeve Campbell reconvened the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

F. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL COMMITTEES

Voting Required for each Committee

F.1. *Agricultural Service Board & Chairman (4 Members of Council, 3 Members at Large, 1 Member as Chairman)*

Kevin Slomp, Tony Ankermann, Eric Van Essen, Mark Sayers, Ken Coles, Logan Miller, Dan Chapman

F.2. *Audit Committee (3 Members)*

John Kuerbis, Eric Van Essen, Lorne Hickey

F.3. *Emergency Advisory Committee (3 Members)*

John Kuerbis, Kevin Slomp, Tony Ankermann

F.4. *Bursary Award Committee (3 Members)*

Kevin Slomp, Lorne Hickey, Mark Sayers

F.5. *Water Co-op Liaison Committee (3 Members)*

Tony Ankermann, Eric Van Essen, John Kuerbis

F.6. *Strategic Planning Committee (3 Members)*

Tory Campbell, Mark Sayers, Kevin Slomp

F.7. *HR Governance Committee (3 Members)*

Tory Campbell, John Kuerbis, Lorne Hickey

G. REPRESENTATIVE FOR EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Voting Required for each Committee Voting Required for each Committee

G.1. *ASB Delegates with Voting Privileges (2 Members + 1 Alternate)*

Kevin Slomp, Mark Sayers - Alternate Eric Van Essen

G.2. *Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services (1 Member)*

Mark Sayers

G.3. *Chinook Arch Regional Library (1 Member)*

Kevin Slomp

G.4. *Coaldale Chamber of Commerce (1 Member)*

Tory Campbell

G.5. *Community Futures Lethbridge Region (1 Member)*

John Kuerbis

G.6. *County Irrigation and Alberta Irrigation Projects Association (2 Members)*

Tony Ankermann, Lorne Hickey

G.7. *Economic Development Lethbridge (1 Member)*

Tory Campbell

G.8. *Green Acres (1 Member)*

Lorne Hickey

- G.9. *Intermunicipal Committee - City of Lethbridge (3 Members)*
Tory Campbell, Mark Sayers, Lorne Hickey
- G.10. *Intermunicipal Committee - Town of Coaldale (3 Members)*
Tory Campbell, Mark Sayers, Lorne Hickey
- G.11. *Intermunicipal Committee - Town of Coalhurst (3 Members)*
Tony Ankermann, Kevin Slomp, John Kuerbis
- G.12. *Intermunicipal Committee - Town of Nobleford (2 Members)*
Kevin Slomp, Eric Van Essen
- G.13. *Intermunicipal Committee - Town of Picture Butte (3 Members)*
Eric Van Essen, Tony Ankermann, John Kuerbis
- G.14. *Intermunicipal Committee - Village of Barons (1 Member)*
Eric Van Essen
- G.15. *Lethbridge Regional Waste Management Services Commission (2 Members)*
John Kuerbis, Kevin Slomp
- G.16. *Lethbridge Regional Water Services Commission (2 Members)*
John Kuerbis, Tony Ankermann
- G.17. *Mayors & Reeves (Reeve)*
Tory Campbell
- G.18. *Malloy Drain Steering Committee (2 Members)*
Eric Van Essen, Mark Sayers
- G.19. *Oldman River Regional Services Commission (1 Member)*
Mark Sayers
- G.20. *Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce (1 Member)*
Eric Van Essen
- G.21. *SouthGrow Regional Initiative (1 Member)*
Tory Campbell
- G.22. *Southern Regional Stormwater Drainage Committee (1 Member + 1 Alternate)*
Tory Campbell, Alternate: Tony Ankermann
- G.23. *Link Pathway (1 Member + 1 Alternate)*
Mark Sayers, Alternate: Eric Van Essen

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

H.1. *Internal Committee Appointments*

294-2025	Councillor Sayers	MOVED to approve the internal committee appointments.	CARRIED
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H.2. *External Committee Appointments*

295-2025	Deputy Reeve Kuerbis	MOVED to approve the external committee appointments.	CARRIED
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I. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

I.1. *Acts Appeal Committee (Weed & Pest Control Appeal Committee)*

296-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that County Council appoint the following Members-at-Large to the Acts Appeal Committee (Weed & Pest Control Appeal Committee) beginning January 1, 2026: Bryan Harbers, Rob Van Diemen and Steve Campbell.

CARRIED

I.2. *Soil Conservation Act Appeal Committee*

297-2025 Councillor Sayers MOVED that County Council appoint the Agricultural Service Board Members to the Soil Conservation Act Appeal Committee.

CARRIED

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1.

Rural Municipalities of Alberta District 1

298-2025 Deputy Reeve Kuerbis MOVED that Council support Deputy Reeve Kuerbis's nomination for Rural Municipalities of Alberta District 1 representative.

CARRIED

K. ADJOURN

299-2025 Councillor Hickey MOVED that the Lethbridge County Organizational Meeting adjourn at 10:58 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

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