

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD APRIL 15, 2025

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held April 15, 2025, was called to order by Reeve Drozd at 9:02 a.m.

PRESENT

Reeve Doug Drozd
Deputy Reeve Marvin Schatz
Councillor Ron Kleinfeldt
Councillor Bill Lane
Councillor Paul Properzi
Councillor Walter Preugschas
Councillor Jared Stoik (joined at 9:25 a.m.)

STAFF

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Tamara Molzahn, Director of Corporate
Dawn Fedorovich, Director of Rural Development	Services Tara Troock, Development Clerk

ATTENDEES

Public Attendees – as attached
Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper

RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2025-101 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried 6-0.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 1, 2025

2025-102 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 1, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Carried 6-0.

Councillor Stoik joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

**SUBDIVISION APPLICATION – MUNICIPAL PLANNING 25-SUB-037
NE 18-58-2-W5 - (KERCKHOF)**

2025-103 Moved by Councillor Stoik that Council approve subdivision application 25-SUB-037 proposing to create a Country Residential Lot out of NE 18-58-2-W5 with a reduction in parcel size to a maximum of 15 ac, and further that the approval is subject to the conditions as follows:

1. That prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan, the Subdivision Authority and the County of Barrhead No. 11 receive a Real Property Report or a building site certificate, prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor, which indicates the distances between the buildings, the private sewage disposal system, any potable water source, and shelter belts and above-ground appurtenances on the subject lands and the existing and proposed property boundaries on the proposed lot.

That, based on the building site certificate or Real Property Report, the proposed lot boundaries be revised to 4.05 ha (10.0 ac.), plus the land that is required for:

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- a. the surface sewage discharge points are a maximum of 90.0 m from the proposed property boundaries (if applicable);
- b. the existing improvements (buildings, outbuildings, wells, corrals, dugouts) on the site; and
- c. low lying areas or areas unsuitable for development.

Up to a maximum of 6.06 ha (15.0 ac).

With all dimensions being to the satisfaction of the County of Barrhead No.11 and the Subdivision Authority.

2. That prior to the registration of an instrument effecting this plan, the registered owner and/or developer obtain and comply with a development permit with the County of Barrhead No. 11 for the existing shop with living quarters.
3. That prior to endorsement of an instrument effecting this plan, the registered owner and/or developer enter into a development agreement with the County of Barrhead No. 11 pursuant to Section 655 of the *Municipal Government Act*, as amended, which development agreement shall include provision that the County will acquire a 17-foot wide future road widening on the eastern boundary of the quarter section. County's interest will be registered by caveat on title. Caveat will remain on title until such time as the road is widened.
4. That prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan, approaches, including culverts and crossings to the proposed parcel and to the residual of the land, be provided at the owner's and/or developer's expense and to the specifications and satisfaction of the County of Barrhead No. 11.
5. That prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan, and in accordance with section 9(g) of the Matters Related to Subdivision and Development Regulation, AR 84/2022, submit to the County of Barrhead No. 11 and the Subdivision Authority Officer, certification from a Provincially accredited inspector confirming that the function and location of the existing sewage disposal system on the proposed lot, will satisfy the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice, and is suitable for the intended subdivision.
6. That taxes are fully paid when final approval (endorsement) of the instrument affecting the subdivision is requested.

Carried 6-1.

Tara Troock departed the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

2025 JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH PEMBINA HILLS SCHOOL DIVISION

- 2025-104 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council approve Administration to enter into an agreement to conduct the 2025 School Trustee Election on behalf of Pembina Hills School Division.

Carried Unanimously.

RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

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

Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

2025 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET

- 2025-105 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council adopt the 2025 Operating Budget as presented; with 2025 operating expenditures and revenue of \$21,124,510 respectively.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2025-106 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council revise the 2025 Capital Budget from \$6,408,757 to \$9,543,169, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

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Dawn Fedorvich departed the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Councillor Stoik departed the meeting at 10:56 a.m. and rejoined at 11:05 a.m.

3 YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN & 10 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

- 2025-107 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council approve the 3-Year Financial Plan for 2026 – 2028 as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2025-108 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council approve the 10-Year Capital Plan for the County of Barrhead as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Councillor Lane left the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and rejoined at 11:17 a.m.

Dawn Fedorvich rejoined the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

2025 PROPERTY TAX BYLAW 4-2025

- 2025-109 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council gives 1st reading to Bylaw 4-2025 – 2025 Property Tax Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2025-110 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council gives 2nd reading to Bylaw 4-2025.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2025-111 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council considers 3rd reading for Bylaw 4-2025.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2025-112 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council gives 3rd reading to Bylaw 4-2025 – 2025 Property Tax Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn and Dawn Fedorvich departed the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Councillor Preugschas departed the meeting at 11:27 a.m. and rejoined at 11:28 a.m.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR TENDER AWARD – TENDER 77360
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & OTHER WORK**

- 2025-113 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council awards the construction contract for Bridge File 77360 Bridge Culvert Replacement and Other Work to Plains Constructors Canada Ltd. for \$348,073, including site occupancy, excluding GST.

Carried Unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure, reviewed the written report for Public Works & Utilities and answered questions from Council.

- 2025-114 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the report from Public Works be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

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DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

- 2025-115 Moved by Councillor Lane to accept the following Director of Corporate Services reports for information:
- Cash, Investments & Taxes Receivable as of March 31, 2025
 - Payments Issued for the month of March 2025
 - YTD Budget Report for 3 months ending March 31, 2025
 - YTD Capital Recap for period ending March 31, 2025
 - Elected Official Remuneration Report as of March 31, 2025

Carried Unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager, reviewed the 2025 Resolution Tracking List and provided the following updates to Council:

- A successful County Food Bank Drive done in coordination with FCSS, Neerlandia Co-op, Campsie Store, and Lac La Nonne Store.
- Upcoming “Celebrating Rural Living – Open Skies Expo & Awards Dinner” on May 3, 2025; a free family event followed by a ticketed dinner
- Discussed potential changes to provincial Legislation with pending Bills

Councillor Preugschas departed the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

- 2025-116 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the County Manager’s report be received for information.
- Carried 6-0.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Properzi reported on his attendance at the Budget Workshop, Pembina Zone meeting and RMA Convention.

Councillor Preugschas rejoined the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Councillor Lane reported on his attendance at the Budget Workshop, Airport meeting, ASHA Convention, Misty Ridge meeting and RMA Convention.

GENERAL CONSENSUS TO EXTEND THE MEETING

At 12:04 p.m. the Reeve received general consent from all Councillors present to extend the meeting until completed.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS (continued)

Councillor Stoik reported on his attendance at the Budget Workshop and ASB meeting.

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on his attendance at the Budget Workshop, RMA Convention, BARCC meeting, and Pembina Zone meeting.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at the Budget Workshop, ASB Provincial Committee meeting, ASB meeting, Farm Women’s Awards banquet, NW of 16 Regional Tourism AGM, Attraction & Retention Committee, Twinning Committee, Women’s Day Conference, and Museum update.

Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on his attendance at the Budget Workshop, RMA Convention, Mayors & Reeves meeting, CFYE meeting, ASB meeting and Pembina Zone meeting.

Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at Twinning Friendship dinner, Budget Workshop, RMA Convention, Mayors & Reeves meeting, FCSS meeting, FCSS Finance Committee meeting, FCSS Personnel Committee meeting, BARCC meeting, meeting with MLA Getson, Reeve Blakeman & Lafarge regarding gravel pit approvals, EQUUS AGM, Hillcrest 90th birthday celebration, UCP Fundraiser, ASB meeting, and Pembina Zone meeting.

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IN-CAMERA SESSION

- 2025-117 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council move in-camera at 12:22 p.m. for discussion on:
- External Committee Concerns – *FOIP Sec. 17 Personal Information*
- Carried Unanimously.
- Pam Dodds and Barry Kerton exited the meeting at 12:22 p.m.
- Councillor Preugschas and Councillor Properzi departed the meeting at 1:04 p.m.
- 2025-118 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council move out of in-camera at 1:10 p.m.
- Carried 5-0.

COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- 2025-119 Moved by Councillor Stoik that Council direct the Reeve to respond to committee concerns as discussed.
- Carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

- 2025-120 Moved by Councillor Stoik that the meeting adjourn at 1:11 p.m.
- Carried 5-0.

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