

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD DECEMBER 16, 2025**

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Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held December 16, 2025, was called to order by Deputy Reeve Preugschas at 9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Reeve Erik Munck (joined at 9:34 a.m.)  
Councillor Ray Crisler  
Councillor Bill Chapman (joined at 10:38 a.m.)  
Councillor Lorrie Jespersen  
Councillor Chais Ellwein  
Deputy Reeve Walter Preugschas  
Councillor Tyson Bergsma

**STAFF**

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Tamara Molzahn, Director Corp. Services
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Dawn Fedorvich, Director Rural Dev.
Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure	Shae Guy, Community Peace Officer

**ATTENDEES**

RCMP – District Superintendent Tony Hanson, Staff Sgt Jeff Sehn, & Sgt Colin Hack

Town and Country Newspaper – Barry Kerton

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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2025-410 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that the agenda be approved as presented.  
Carried 5-0.

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

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2025-411 Moved by Councillor Crisler that the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held November 4, 2025, be approved as circulated.  
Carried 5-0.

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 27, 2025**

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2025-412 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held November 27, 2025, be approved as circulated.  
Carried 5-0.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 2, 2025**

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2025-413 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 2, 2025, be approved as circulated.  
Carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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

2025-414 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that the report from Public Works be received for information.  
Carried 5-0.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

ORIGINAL SIGNED – E. MUNCK

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Reeve

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. OYARZUN

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**2026 DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT TO BRWC**

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- 2025-415 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council nominates Mr. Ivan Kusal to be recommended to the BRWC for re-appointment to the director-at-large position for the term January 1 to December 31, 2026.

Carried 5-0.

**OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT – BARRHEAD REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION**

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- 2025-416 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council authorizes the Reeve and County Manager to sign the Operational Agreement as presented by the BRWC.

Carried 5-0.

Shae Guy joined the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

**UPDATE TO POLICY PS-012 CPO UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT STANDARDS**

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- 2025-417 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council approve Policy PS-012 CPO Uniform & Equipment Standards as amended.

Carried 5-0.

Shae Guy departed the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Reeve Munck and Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Reeve Munck takes over the Chair for the meeting.

**BYLAW 1-2026 – RATES & FEES BYLAW**

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- 2025-418 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council gives 1<sup>st</sup> reading to Bylaw 1-2026 – Rates & Fees Bylaw.

Carried 6-0.

- 2025-419 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council gives 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to Bylaw 1-2026.

Carried 6-0.

- 2025-420 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council consider 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for Bylaw 1-2026.

Carried 6-0.

- 2025-421 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council gives 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to Bylaw 1-2026 – Rates & Fees Bylaw.

Carried 6-0.

Tamara Molzahn left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

**RECESS**

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

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

**DELEGATION – RCMP**

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RCMP District Officer, Supt. Tony Hanson, District Advisory NCO, Sgt Jeff Seinne, & Barrhead Detachment Commander, Sgt Colin Hack, met with Council at 9:55 a.m. and provided updates on budget, staffing, and services offered by RCMP.

Dawn Fedorvich joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Councillor Chapman joined the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

- 2025-422 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council accept the RCMP report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Council thanked the RCMP delegation for their presentation and they left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

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**RECESS**

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Tamara Molzahn rejoined the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

**2026 INTERIM OPERATING BUDGET & 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET**

2025-423 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council approve the 2026 INTERIM Operating Budget of \$19,181,064 as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

2025-424 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council approve the 2026 Capital Budget of \$10,624,042 as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Dawn Fedorvich departed the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

**GENERAL CONSENSUS TO EXTEND THE MEETING**

At 11:54 a.m. the Reeve received general consent from all Councillors present to extend the meeting until completed.

**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

2025-425 Moved by Councillor Ellwein to accept the following Director of Corporate Services reports for information:

- Cash, Investments & Taxes Receivable as of November 30, 2025
- Payments Issued for the month of November 2025
- YTD Budget Report for 11 months ending November 30, 2025
- YTD Capital Recap for period ending November 30, 2025
- Elected Official Remuneration Report as of November 30, 2025

Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas left the meeting at 12:02 p.m. and rejoined at 12:03 p.m.

**COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**

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

- Office closed December 22-26, 2025, for Christmas Break
- January 12, 2026 - Pembina Zone meeting being held virtually.
- January 29, 2026 - Committee of the Whole meeting
- Administration working with Misty Ridge committee to finalize operating & lease agreement
- AAIP Rural Renewal Stream – October 2025 Stat Report
- Public Auction (Tax Sale) update
- Misty Ridge Ski Club committee appointment reconsideration as requested by elected officials

2025-426 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council rescinds motion appointing Reeve Munck as the Council representative and Councillor Bergsma as the alternate representative on the Misty Ridge Ski Club committee.

Carried Unanimously.

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- 2025-427 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council appoint Councillor Bergsma as the Council representative on the Misty Ridge Ski Club committee.  
Carried Unanimously.
- 2025-428 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council appoint Reeve Munck as the Council alternate representative on the Misty Ridge Ski Club committee.  
Carried Unanimously.
- 2025-429 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that the County Manager's report be received for information.  
Carried Unanimously.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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- 2025-430 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Councillors provide a short form written report to be included in the agenda package for every upcoming Regular Council meeting which is to be submitted no later than end of day the preceding Thursday.  
Carried 5-2.

Councillor Chapman reported on his discussion with the new Executive Director of the Barrhead Public Library, attendance at Strategic Planning Session for Attraction & Retention Committee, and BRWC meeting.

Councillor Bergsma reported on his attendance at the BDSHA meeting, and Misty Ridge meeting.

Councillor Jespersen reported on his attendance at the Seed Cleaning Plant meeting and AGM, a FCSS meeting, and an ASB meeting.

Reeve Munck reported on his attendance at the Regional Airport meeting, the BRWC meeting, and the Barrhead Polar parade.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas provided updates on the provincial ASB, Barrhead Attraction & Retention committee, Twinning committee, Barrhead Museum meeting, and volunteer activities for Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism committee, and attendance at Barrhead Chamber meeting.

Councillor Ellwein reported on his attendance at the Barrhead Ag Society dinner, the Festival of Trees, the Barrhead Polar parade, and the Empowering Minds presentation by Ian Hill, organized by Barrhead Ag Society.

Councillor Crisler reported on his attendance at the Seed Cleaning Plant meeting and AGM, the Barrhead Regional Airport meeting, the BARCC meeting, Meadowview Lutheran Church Christmas concert, and volunteer activities working a Casino for Meadowview Community Club.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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- 2025-431 Moved by Councillor Chapman to receive the following items for information:
- BRFS - 3rd Quarter Statistics – July to September 2025
  - Misty Ridge Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2025
- Carried Unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 2025-432 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that the meeting adjourns at 1:16 p.m.  
Carried Unanimously.

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Reeve

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