

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – HELD JULY 21, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held July 21, 2026, was called to order by Reeve Munck at 9:02 a.m.

PRESENT

Reeve Erik Munck
Councillor Bill Chapman (joined at 9:12 a.m.)
Councillor Lorrie Jespersen
Councillor Chais Ellwein
Deputy Reeve Walter Preugschas
Councillor Tyson Bergsma

ABSENT

Councillor Ray Crisler

STAFF

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Tamara Molzahn, Dir. Corporate Services
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Ken Hove, Dir. Infrastructure
Dawn Fedorvich, Dir. Rural Development	Dana Butler, Supervisor of Enforcement Services

ATTENDEES

Town and Country Newspaper – Daniel Janson

RECESS

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

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Councillor Chapman and Ken Hove joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 2026-256 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that the agenda be approved as presented.
- Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD JUNE 30, 2026

- 2026-257 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 30, 2026, be approved as circulated.
- Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 7, 2026

- 2026-258 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 7, 2026, be approved as circulated.
- Carried Unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- 2026-259 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council accepts the Public Works report for information.
- Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

MEADOWVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE - COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

- 2026-260 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council approve the application from Meadowview Community Centre for a donation of \$2,500 under the Community Grants Policy to assist with the repair of the community centre roof and replacement windows.
- Carried Unanimously.

ORIGINAL SIGNED – E. MUNCK

Reeve

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. OYARZUN

County Manager

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COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER (CPO) – NEW POLICY

- 2026-261 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council approves Policy PS-017 CPO – Rank, Title & Change of Command Structure.

Carried Unanimously.

Dana Butler departed the meeting at 9:41a.m.

2026-2029 ASB BUSINESS PLAN

- 2026-262 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council adopt the 2026–2029 ASB Business Plan to provide strategic direction for the ASB Board and Agricultural Services team over the 2026–2029 term as recommended by the ASB.

Carried Unanimously.

BYLAW 6-2026 AMENDING BYLAW 6-2019 ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

- 2026-263 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council gives 1st reading to Bylaw 6-2026 – Amending Bylaw 6-2019 Establishment of Agricultural Service Board.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2026-264 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council gives 2nd reading to Bylaw 6-2026.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2026-265 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council considers 3rd reading for Bylaw 6-2026.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2026-266 Moved by Councillor Chapman that Council gives 3rd reading to Bylaw 6-2026 – Amending Bylaw 6-2019 Establishment of Agricultural Service Board.

Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

RECESS

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

2027 BUDGET SCHEDULE

- 2026-267 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council approves the 2027 Budget Schedule as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas left the meeting at 10:22 a.m. and rejoined at 10:25 a.m.

PERC / DIRC FUNDING - OUTSTANDING OIL AND GAS PROPERTY TAX ACCOUNTS

- 2026-268 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council directs Administration to apply under the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) and the Designated Industrial Requisition Credit (DIRC) program for an estimated amount of \$22,969.78 and \$642.48, respectively which equals the outstanding uncollectable education and designated industrial property tax eligible for tax credit for 2023, 2024, and 2025 tax year.

Carried 5-1.

Councillor Chapman left the meeting at 10:42 a.m. and rejoined at 10:47 a.m.

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Reeve

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DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

2026-269 Moved by Councillor Jespersen to accept the following Director of Corporate Services written reports for information:

- Cash, Investments & Taxes Receivable as of June 30, 2026
- Payments Issued for the month of June 2026
- YTD Budget Report for 6 months ending June 30, 2026
- YTD Capital Recap for period ending June 30, 2026
- Elected Official Remuneration Report as of June 30, 2026

Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

RECESS

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

County Manager, Debbie Oyarzun, reviewed the CAO tracking list and noted the additional following items:

- 2026 Thunder Lake Wildfire – Expenses & Conclusion Briefing Note
- Pond Days – Post Event Report
- 2026 Admin Bldg Renovation Project Dashboard
- July 23, 2026 – Committee of the Whole meeting
- July 30, 2026 – Policy Committee meeting
- Aug 6, 2026 – County Tour
- Update on Subdivision Appeal – County decision upheld
- Wild TV – County of Barrhead episode (72 hours to survive)
- Alberta Open Farm Days – County of Barrhead information

2026-270 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council accept the 2026 Thunder Lake Wildfire – Expenses & Conclusion Briefing Note for information.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-271 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept the County Manager's report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors discussed their written reports and the following was added:

- Deputy Reeve Preugschas added to his written report that FCSS will be closing the Thrift Shop on August 4, 2026 as part of the transition.
- Councillor Jespersen provided a written report and asked for an update on how the Natural Assets/Green Spaces project is progressing.
- Reeve Munck added to his written report that he has accepted a position on the LEPA board.
- Councillor Ellwein provided a written report and reminded Council of the Open House at John Deere dealership.
- Councillor Chapman did not have a written report, but mentioned his attendance at the ASB Provincial Conference.
- Councillor Bergsma provided a written report.

2026-272 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept Councillor written/verbal reports for information.

Carried Unanimously.

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Reeve

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County Manager

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INFORMATION ITEMS

- 2026-273 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept the following items for information:
- Letter from LSAC to Minister of Agriculture Re: AG Impacts due to Excessive Rainfall – dated July 17, 2026
 - Letter from Orphan Well Association Re: Annual Report – dated July 10, 2026
- Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURN

- 2026-274 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that the meeting adjourns at 11:59 a.m.
- Carried Unanimously.

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Reeve

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County Manager