

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – HELD JUNE 2, 2026**

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Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held June 2, 2026, was called to order by Deputy Reeve Preugschas at 9:02 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Reeve Erik Munck (joined meeting at 9:30 a.m.)  
Councillor Ray Crisler  
Councillor Bill Chapman (joined meeting at 11:15 a.m.)  
Councillor Lorrie Jespersen  
Councillor Chais Ellwein  
Deputy Reeve Walter Preugschas  
Councillor Tyson Bergsma

**STAFF**

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Tamara Molzahn, Dir. Corporate Services
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Ken Hove, Dir. Infrastructure
Dawn Fedorvich, Dir. Rural Development	Anatasia Toporowski, Planning Summer Student

**ATTENDEES**

CFYE – Michelle Jones, Executive Director (via video conference)

Town and Country Newspaper – Daniel Janson

**RECESS**

Deputy Reeve Preugschas recessed the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas reconvened the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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2026-188 Moved by that Councillor Ellwein the agenda be approved as presented. Carried 5-0.

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2026**

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2026-189 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 19, 2026, be approved as circulated. Carried 5-0.

**2026 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT #26-440**

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2026-190 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council directs the Reeve and County Manager to sign the agreements for Crop Damages on Backslope Area, Landscape Borrow Area & Crop Damage on Access Road for 2026 Road Reconstruction Project #26-440 – North of NE 32-58-5-W5, North of 33-58-5-W5 and West of 4-59-5-W5. Carried 5-0.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR TENDER AWARD – BF74972 & BF76144  
BRIDGE CULVERT REPLACEMENT & OTHER WORK**

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2026-191 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council awards the contract for Culvert Replacement & Other Work for Bridge File 74972 and Bridge File 76144 to Saddle Valley Ventures for \$613,420.50 including site occupancy, including GST. Carried 5-0.

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**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.

- 2026-192 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council accepts the Public Works report for information.

Carried 5-0.

Reeve Munck joined the meeting at 9:31 a.m. and took over the role of chairperson.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

**ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD (ARB) ADDITIONAL OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT – CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION (CRASC)**

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- 2026-193 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council appoint Braden Lanctot, Certified Panelist, as a Member of the County of Barrhead Local Assessment Review Board and Composite Assessment Review Board for a 1-year term to expire December 31, 2026, with remuneration to be paid as specified by CRASC.

Carried 6-0.

Councillor Crisler left the meeting at 9:36 a.m. and rejoined at 9:38 a.m.

Anatasia Toporowski joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

**2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

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- 2026-194 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council approve the 2025 Annual Report as presented.

Carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN – NATURAL ASSETS PROJECT**

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- 2026-195 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council approve the Natural Assets Project Public Engagement Plan as presented, in accordance with Public Participation Policy AD-006.

Carried 6-0.

Anatasia departed the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL REMUNERATION POLICY HR-001 AMENDMENT**

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- 2026-196 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council approve Policy HR-001 - Elected Officials Remuneration Policy amendments as recommended by the Policy Committee.

Carried 6-0.

**RECESS**

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

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

**DELEGATION – COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST (CFYE)**

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Michelle Jones, Executive Director of CFYE met with Council at 11:05 a.m. via video conference to present the annual report and answer questions from Council.

Councillor Chapman joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Council thanked Michelle Jones, Executive Director of CFYE, for her presentation and she left the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

- 2026-197 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council receive the presentation from Michelle Jones, CFYE, for information.

Carried Unanimously.

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**COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**

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

- Open Skies Rural Living Expo & Dinner – Post Event Report
- Update on Thunder Lake Subdivision Fire – May 28, 2026

2026-198 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept the County Manager’s report for information.  
Carried Unanimously.

**LUNCH RECESS**

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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2026-199 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council sign the letter of support request from Woodlands County for West Coast Oil Pipeline Project.  
Carried Unanimously.

2026-200 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council sign the letter of support request from ALUS regarding the Provincial Cancellation of Watershed Resiliency & Restoration Program (WRRP).  
Carried Unanimously.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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Councillors discussed their written reports and the following was added:

- Reeve Munck provided his written report at the meeting which included an article on Dunstable School Zone, articles on County wildfire, and provided updates on interviews for the Thunder Lake fire, attendance at the Dunstable School Council meeting and the Hillcrest Lodge 90+ Club birthday event.
- Councillor Chapman did not have a written report, but spoke about the District 4-H Beef & Sheep Achievement Day and opportunities for Councillors to attend
- Deputy Reeve Preugschas added to his written report sharing that he had also toured a film company around the County
- Councillor Ellwein added to his written report sharing the Ag Society’s appreciation for the assistance the County provided when delivering gravel and spoke about opportunities for elected officials to volunteer.
- Councillor Jespersen did not have an update to provide at this time.
- Councillor Bergsma provided his written report.
- Councillor Crisler provided his written report

2026-201 Moved by Councillor Chapman that Council direct Administration to explore options for common branding of Councillor clothing to support promotion of County.  
Carried Unanimously.

2026-202 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept Councillor written/verbal reports for information.  
Carried Unanimously.

**IN-CAMERA SESSION**

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2026-203 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council move in-camera at 1:20 p.m. for discussion on:  
• External Committee – *ATIA Sec. 26 Intergovernmental Relations & Sec. 29 Advice from Officials*  
Carried Unanimously.

Dawn Fedorvich, Pam Dodds, and Daniel Janson exited the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

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2026-204 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council move out of in-camera at 1:31 p.m.  
Carried Unanimously.

2026-205 Moved by Councillor Jespersen to authorize CAO to offer financial assistance to the Town of Barrhead for contract services up to \$13,000 to support the transition of FCSS programs and services under the municipality.  
Carried Unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

2026-206 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that the meeting adjourns at 1:34 p.m.  
Carried Unanimously.

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