

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD MAY 20, 2025

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held May 20, 2025, was called to order by Reeve Drozd at 9:00 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

STAFF

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Tamara Molzahn, Director of Corporate
Dawn Fedorovich, Director of Rural	Services
Development	Layne Mullen, Development Officer
Don Medcke, Agricultural Fieldman	Tara Troock, Development Clerk

ATTENDEES

Michelle Jones – Executive Director CFYE
Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper

RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2025-143 Moved by Councillor Lane that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 6, 2025

2025-144 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 6, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

**SUBDIVISION APPLICATION – MUNICIPAL PLANNING FILE 25-SUB-039
SE 24-61-5-W5 (COLE)**

2025-145 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council approve subdivision application 25-SUB-039 to create a 3.32 ha (8.20 ac) Country Residential Lot out of SE 24-61-5-W5, and further that the approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. That prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan, the grain bins closest to the northern boundary of the proposed lot, within the proposed lot and within the remainder, are moved to meet the required setbacks or removed.
2. That prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting 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. The County's interest will be registered by caveat on title. The caveat will remain on title until such time as the road is widened.
3. That prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan, approaches, including culverts and crossings to the residual of the land, be provided at the owner's and/or

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developer's expense and to the specifications and satisfaction of the County of Barrhead No. 11.

4. 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:
 - a. Real Property Report or Building Site Certificate, prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor, must be submitted. This report shall indicate the location of the improvements, including the private sewage disposal system, potable water sources, shelter belts, driveways, above-ground appurtenances, and the distances between them and demonstrate that all improvements on Proposed Lot 1 and the remainder comply with the required setbacks from existing and proposed property boundaries; and
 - b. 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.
5. That taxes are fully paid when final approval (endorsement) of the instrument affecting the subdivision is requested.

Carried Unanimously.

Layne Mullen and Tara Troock departed the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Don Medcke joined the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF 2025 WEED & PEST INSPECTORS

- 2025-146 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council appoint Chelsea Jaeger, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, as the County of Barrhead Weed Inspector under the *Weed Control Act* and Pest Inspector under the *Agricultural Pest Act* for 2025.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2025-147 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council appoint Jayleana Baron, Agriculture Seasonal staff, as the County of Barrhead Weed Inspector under the *Weed Control Act* and Pest Inspector under the *Agricultural Pest Act* for 2025.

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Stoik left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

ASB BUSINESS PLAN STATUS REPORT

- 2025-148 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council accepts the Status Report for the 2024 ASB Business Plan for information as recommended by the ASB.

Carried 6-0.

Don Medcke departed the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Councillor Stoik rejoined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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BYLAW 5-2025 – RATES & FEES BYLAW

2025-149 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council gives 1st reading to Bylaw 5-2025 – Rates & Fees Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously.

2025-150 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council gives 2nd reading to Bylaw 5-2025.

Carried Unanimously.

2025-151 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council consider 3rd reading for Bylaw 5-2025.

Carried Unanimously.

2025-152 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council gives 3rd reading to Bylaw 5-2025 – Rates & Fees Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously.

2025 CAPITAL BUDGET

2025-153 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council approve the updated 2025 Capital budget as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

2025-154 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt to accept the following Director of Corporate Services reports for information:

- Cash, Investments & Taxes Receivable as of April 30, 2025
- Payments Issued for the month of April 2025
- YTD Budget Report for 4 months ending April 30, 2025
- YTD Capital Recap for period ending April 30, 2025
- Elected Official Remuneration Report as of April 30, 2025

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove joined the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

2025-155 Moved by Councillor Lane that the report from Public Works be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

2025 ROAD REHABILITATION (SHOULDER PULL) PROGRAM TENDER

2025-156 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council awards the 2025 Road Rehabilitation (Shoulder Pull) Program contract to Stuber's Cat Service Ltd. for a total cost of \$116,150 to complete the scheduled 11.5 miles of roadway as per RFQ specifications.

Carried Unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION FOR TENDER AWARD – BF 72815

2025-157 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council awards the construction contract for Bridge File 72815 Bridge Maintenance & Other Work to Griffin Contracting Ltd. for \$172,725 including site occupancy and GST.

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Preugschas left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Ken Hove left the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

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Pam Dodds left the meeting and Lindsay Ellwein joined at 11:13 a.m.

Walter Preugschas rejoined the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Pam Dodds rejoined the meeting and Lindsay Ellwein left at 11:17 a.m.

Dawn Fedorvich rejoined the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

**REQUEST ENTER INTO AGREEMENT TO CONSTRUCT BALL DIAMOND - NE 28-61-3-W5
(NEERLANDIA WASTEWATER LAGOON)**

- 2025-158 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council direct Administration to apply for a Roadside Development Permit from Alberta Transportation, and further upon receipt of a Roadside Development Permit, sign a Use Agreement with the Neerlandia Sports Committee for the construction of a community baseball diamond on NE 28-61-3-W5 near the Neerlandia Wastewater Lagoon as presented

Carried Unanimously.

CFYE ANNUAL REVIEW

Michelle Jones, Executive Director of Community Futures Yellowhead East (CFYE) met with Council at this time being 11:20 a.m. to discuss the annual review and give updates on CFYE.

- 2025-159 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council accepts the Annual Review for CFYE for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Preugschas, Michelle Jones, and Dawn Fedorvich left the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Councillor Preugschas rejoined the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

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

- Council representative for Indigenous Day on June 20, 2025
- June 1, 2025 - Annual Fly-in / Drive-in Breakfast at the Barrhead Johnson Airport
8:00 am - 11:00 am

- 2025-160 Moved by Councillor Lane that the County Manager's report be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 2025-161 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council accepts the following items for information:

- Letter from Municipal Affairs Re: 2025 LGFF Funding – dated May 12, 2025
- RMA Releases Bill 49 Member Resource – dated May 5, 2025
- RMA Email Re: Opportunity for Engagement on Land & Property Rights Tribunal Business Process Review – dated May 12, 2025
- FCSS Invitation to Seniors Week Expo – on June 5, 2025
- Email Re: Feedback on Review of Alberta Police Funding Model – dated May 14, 2025
- 2025 Invitation 526 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron – Annual Ceremonial Review June 10, 2025

Carried Unanimously.

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

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COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Stoik reported that the Seed Cleaning Plant meeting and ASB meeting for May were cancelled.

Councillor Preugschas rejoined the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

At 12:03 p.m. the Reeve received general consent from all Councillors present to extend the meeting until completed.

Councillor Lane reported on his attendance at a Misty Ridge Ski meeting, Committee of the Whole, the County Rural Living Open Skies EXPO and Appreciation Dinner.

Councillor Properzi reported on his attendance at the FCSS AGM and regular meeting, Naples Hall planning meeting for 100th anniversary, Committee of the Whole, and the County Rural Living Open Skies EXPO.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at the Provincial ASB meeting, NW of 16 Regional Tourism meeting, Economic & Community Development Committee (ECDC) meeting, Attraction & Retention Committee meeting, Twinning Committee meeting, Committee of the Whole, and the County Rural Living Open Skies EXPO and Appreciation Dinner.

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on his attendance at a Barrhead Public Library meeting, BRWC meeting, Committee of the Whole meeting, the County Rural Living Open Skies EXPO and Appreciation Dinner, Grad reunion, BARCC meeting, and ECDC meeting.

Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on his attendance at the CFYE meeting, Committee of the Whole meeting, and ECDC meeting.

Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at the FCSS AGM and regular meetings, BRWC meeting, LEPA meeting, Community Volunteer Appreciation event, Committee of the Whole meeting, the County Rural Living Open Skies EXPO and Appreciation Dinner, Dunstable School meeting regarding Highway speed signage, Barrhead Versatiles music festival, BARCC meeting, Dunstable School Spring Tea, ECDC meeting, and office Administration duties.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

2025-162 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council move in-camera at 12:29 p.m. for discussion on:

- External Committee Concerns – *FOIP Sec. 17 Personal Information*

Carried Unanimously.

Pam Dodds and Barry Kerton exited the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

2025-163 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council move out of in-camera at 12:40 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

2025-164 Moved by Councillor Stoik that the meeting adjourn at 12:40 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

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