

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – HELD MAY 5, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held May 5, 2026, was called to order by Reeve Munck at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Reeve Erik Munck
Councillor Ray Crisler
Councillor Bill Chapman (joined meeting at 10:46 a.m.)
Councillor Lorrie Jespersen
Councillor Chais Ellwein
Deputy Reeve Walter Preugschas
Councillor Tyson Bergsma

ABSENT

STAFF

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Tamara Molzahn, Dir. Corporate Services
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Ken Hove, Dir. Infrastructure
Dawn Fedorvich, Dir. Rural Development	Don Medcke – Ag Fieldman

ATTENDEES

Fire Chief Gary Hove – BRFS
Public Attendee – D. Kasowsky

Town and Country Newspaper – Daniel Janson

RECESS

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 9:01 a.m.
Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 9:12 a.m.
Ken Hove joined the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2026-142 Moved by that Councillor Bergsma the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried 6-0.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 21, 2026

2026-143 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 21, 2026, be approved as circulated.
Carried 6-0.

FALL 2026 MOTOR GRADER REPLACEMENT

2026-144 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council directs administration to purchase one 2026 Caterpillar 150AWD motor grader, with 12-foot snow wing and 5 year / 7,500 hour warranty coverage from Finning Canada Ltd. for the price of \$568,500 per unit as per the quotation provided and agree to the future guaranteed buy-back of \$221,000, and that the purchase be updated in the 2026 Capital Budget, with delivery expected on or before October 20, 2026.

And further, purchase one 2026 John Deere 772GP grader, with 12-foot snow wing and 5 year / 7,500 hour warranty coverage from Brandt Tractor Ltd. for the price of \$571,000 as per the quotation provided and agreed to the future guaranteed trade-in of \$220,000, and the purchase to be updated in the 2026 Capital Budget, with delivery expected on or before October 25, 2026.

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And further, to purchase one 2026 John Deere 772GP grader, with 12-foot snow wing and 5 year / 7,500 hour warranty coverage from Brandt Tractor Ltd. for the price of \$571,000 as per the quotation provided and agreed to the future guaranteed trade-in of \$220,000, and the purchase to be incorporated into the 2027 Capital Budget, with delivery expected on or before January 11, 2027.

And further, to trade-in Units #206, a 2022 John Deere 772GP motor grader with snow wing, and #212, a 2021 John Deere 772GP motor grader with snow wing, to Brandt Tractor Ltd. for the respective prices of \$215,000 and \$225,000.

And further, to trade-in Unit 207, a 2021 John Deere 772GP motor grader with snow wing, to Finning Canada Ltd. for the price of \$210,000.

Carried 6-0.

2026 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – NE 33-60-7-W5 - BF 76144 LAND ACQUISITION

2026-145 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council directs the Reeve and CAO to sign the agreement for Acquisition of Land for Right-of-Way for 2026 Bridge Replacement Project BF 76144 as presented, in order to purchase 0.68 acre from the landowner for the total cost to the project of \$2,000.

Carried 6-0.

2026 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – NW 8-58-3-W5 - BF 74972 LAND ACQUISITION

2026-146 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council directs the Reeve and CAO to sign the agreements for Acquisition of Land for Right-of-Way and for Crop Damage with landowners as presented, for the BF 74972 replacement project identified in the 2026 Capital Budget.

Carried 6-0.

Councillor Crisler departed the meeting at 9:38 a.m. and rejoined at 9:40 a.m.

2026 CRACK SEALING PROGRAM

2026-147 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council directs Administration to enter into a contract with Marshall Lines 2014 to carry out the 2026 Crack Sealing Program on County roadways and the airport for a total cost of \$112,145.

Carried 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

2026-148 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council accepts the Public Works report for information.

Carried 6-0.

Don Medcke joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

HISTORY OF ADDITIONAL LANDFILL LANDS – SOUTH HALF 4-60-4-W5

2026-149 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council accepts the history of additional landfill lands report and the attached correspondence from Mr. Sutherland for information.

Carried 6-0.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

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2026 APPOINTMENT OF WEED & PEST INSPECTORS

2026-150 Moved by Councillor Jespersen 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 2026.

Carried 6-0.

2026-151 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council appoint Payton Sonnenberg, Agriculture Seasonal Staff, as the County of Barrhead Weed Inspector under the *Weed Control Act* and Pest Inspector under the *Agricultural Pest Act* for 2026.

Carried 6-0.

2026-152 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council appoint Michael Smith, Erika Kerckhof, and Grace Nikkel, Agriculture Seasonal Staff as County of Barrhead Pest Inspectors under the *Agricultural Pest Act* for 2026.

Carried 6-0.

2026 AGRICULTURAL SERVICES HERBICIDE PURCHASE

2026-153 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council approve the purchase of herbicide from Advantage VM in the amount of \$112,435.75 to conduct the 2026 spray program.

Carried 6-0.

Don Medcke and Dawn Fedorvich departed the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

RECESS

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES – REQUEST TO CANCEL CHARGES (25-332-CFR)

2026-154 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council let their previous motion stand and there be no further reduction in fire invoice for report 25-332-CFR.

Carried 6-0.

Councillor Chapman joined the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

PROCLAMATION – SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK MAY 4–9, 2026

2026-155 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council proclaims May 4-9, 2026, as Safety & Health Week in the County of Barrhead.

Carried Unanimously.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT BYLAW 5-2026

2026-156 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council gives 1st reading to Bylaw 5-2026 – Records Management Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-157 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council gives 2nd reading to Bylaw 5-2026.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-158 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council considers 3rd reading for Bylaw 5-2026.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-160 Moved by Councillor Chapman that Council gives 3rd reading to Bylaw 5-2026 – Records Management Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously.

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IN-CAMERA SESSION

2026-161 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council move in-camera at 11:00 a.m. for discussion on:

- External Committee – *ATIA Sec. 29 Advice from Officials*

Carried Unanimously.

Pam Dodds, Daniel Janson, and public attendees exited the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

2026-162 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council move out of in-camera at 11:36 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Pam Dodds and Daniel Janson rejoined the meeting at 11:37 p.m.

2026-163 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council accepts the discussion from in-camera as information.

Carried Unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

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

- Communicating with Town of Barrhead about potential dates for IRC meeting
- Met with Town of Barrhead & FCSS subject matter experts regarding FCSS
- Received final plans from architect for office renovations
- Offer extended to CPO candidate (replacing CPO Guy) with anticipated start date of May 25, 2026

2026-164 Moved by Councillor Jespersen to accept the County Manager's report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Fire Chief Hove joined the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

GENERAL CONSENSUS TO EXTEND THE MEETING

2026-165 Moved by Councillor Ellwein at 12:09 p.m. that Council give consent to extend the meeting until completed.

Carried Unanimously.

DELEGATION – BARRHEAD REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES

Fire Chief Gary Hove met with Council to present the quarterly report and gave an update on the process of putting on a fire ban, fires in the area, and staffing.

2026-166 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council accepts the report from BRFS Fire Chief Hove for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Fire Chief Hove left the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors discussed their written reports and the following was added:

- Crop prices are higher and potential concern about leaf diseases
- Northwest of 16 Committee is having upcoming workshops
- Ag Society received confirmation that they would be hosting the WRA finals for 5 years.

2026-167 Moved by Councillor Chapman to accept Councillor written/verbal reports for information.

Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURN

2026-168 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that the meeting adjourns at 12:40 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

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