

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.0 MINUTES

3.1 REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 6, 2026

[Schedule A](#)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 2026 LOADER REPLACEMENT PURCHASE

Administration recommends that:

- Council directs Administration to purchase a 2026 John Deere 744P from Brand Tractor Ltd. with an 84 month/5,000 hour warranty for the price of \$620,000.
- And further, to trade-in Unit #303 to Brandt Tractor Ltd. for the price of \$86,000 at the time of the new machine delivery.

[Schedule B](#)

4.2 2025 PROJECT DASHBOARD

Administration recommends that:

- Council accepts the Capital & Operational Dashboards as at December 31, 2025, for information.
- Council approves the additional funding sources for the 2025 capital projects as presented.

[Schedule C](#)

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

Administration recommends that Council consider reducing the charges on #IVC00005346.

[Schedule D](#)

4.4 SCHEDULING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Administration recommends that Council discuss options for scheduling Regular Council meetings and provide direction to Administration.

[Schedule E](#)

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Administration recommends that Council accept the County Manager's report for information.

- Resolution Tracking List

[Schedule F](#)

- LIFT Conference – Post Event Report

[Schedule G](#)

- 2026-01-09 Resolution - Emergency Advisory Committee (assignment of DRAFT Livestock Emergency Management Plan to ASB)

5.2 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Administration recommends that Council accept the Director of Corporate Service's report for information.

- Payments Issued for the month of December 2025

[Schedule H](#)

- Elected Official Remuneration Report as at December 31, 2025

[Schedule I](#)

5.3 PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

(9:15 a.m.)

Administration recommends that Council accept the Director of Infrastructure's report for information.

[Schedule J](#)

5.4 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

[Schedule K](#)

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 MCSNet Letter Re: Thunder Lake Fibre Optic Cable Installation

[Schedule L](#)

7.0 PUBLIC HEARING

- 7.1 1:00 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING FOR BYLAW 02-2026, AMENDING LAND USE BYLAW 4-2024 - to add "Data Processing Facility" as a Discretionary Use in Section 12. Agricultural Land Use District (AG), subsection 12.3**

[Schedule M](#)

8.0 DELEGATIONS

- 8.1 11:00 a.m. NEERLANDIA SPORTS COMMITTEE – Daniel van Heyst, Seth Olthius, and Eldon Wierenga**

[Schedule N](#)

- 8.2 11:30 a.m. BRFS - Fire Chief Gary Hove – Quarterly Report**

[Schedule O](#)

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD JANUARY 6, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held January 6, 2026, was called to order by Reeve Munck at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT

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

**THESE MINUTES ARE
UNOFFICIAL AS THEY HAVE
NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE
COUNCIL.**

ABSENT

Councillor Lorrie Jespersen

STAFF

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager
Lindsay Ellwein, Municipal Clerk
Layne Mullen, Development Officer
Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure
Joel Flemmer, Community Peace Officer

Tamara Molzahn, Director Corp. Services
Dawn Fedorvich, Director Rural Dev.
Tara Troock, Development Municipal Clerk
Shae Guy, Supervisor of Enforcement &
Emergency Services

ATTENDEES

Town and Country Newspaper – Barry Kerton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2026-001 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried 5-0.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD December 16, 2025

2026-002 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 16, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Carried 5-0.

PROPOSED LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION – DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES – AXIOM OIL AND GAS INC.

Reeve Munck declared potential conflict of interest under *MGA* sec. 170 and handed gavel to Deputy Reeve Preugschas and exited meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Councillor Chapman enters meeting at 9:12 a.m.

2026-003 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council gives 1st reading of Bylaw 2-2026 amending Bylaw 4-2024 to add “Data Processing Facility” as a Discretionary Use in Section 12. Agricultural Land Use District (AG) subsection 12.3

Carried Unanimously 5-0.

2026-004 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to set Public Hearing for Bylaw 2-2026, amending Land Use Bylaw 4-2024 for February 3, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the County of Barrhead Council Chambers.

Carried Unanimously 5-0.

Layne Mullen and Tara Troock exited the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Reeve Munck re-entered the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD JANUARY 6, 2026

2026 APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES TO ALUS PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

2026-005 Moved by Councillor Chapman to re-appoint Lorrie Jespersen as the County of Barrhead ASB Member on the PAC as recommended by the ASB for a 1-year term.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-006 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to re-appoint Nadine Quedenbaum as the public member from the County of Barrhead for a 2-year term.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-007 Moved by Councillor Ellwein to accept the nominations from Westlock County and County of Athabasca as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

2026 MEMBER-AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT TO SDAB

2026-008 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council appoints Mr. Wilfred Ruhl to the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board for the term January 1 to December 31, 2026.

Carried Unanimously.

2026 MEMBER-AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY BOARD

2026-009 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council appoints Ms. Patricia Noble to the Barrhead Library Board for a term January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028, as recommended by the Barrhead Library Board.

Carried Unanimously.

PROPOSAL TO NAME A GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURE IN THE COUNTY OF BARRHEAD

2026-010 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council directs Administration to respond to the Alberta Geographical Names Program with information that has been gathered and inform them that Council does not object to the proposal that the name Kepke Sny be officially adopted for a wetland water feature located near SE 31-61-5-W5 with the addition of a note to confirm the Dutch interpretation of "Kepke Snye".

Carried Unanimously.

PROVINCIAL AGRITOURISM ADVOCACY

2026-011 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council approve the resolution "Access to Liability Insurance for Agritourism Operators" which requests RMA to request the GOA to review Ontario's *Growing Agritourism Act* and support the GOA in assessing the relevance of this legislation to Alberta Agritourism and the challenges faced by responsible producers trying to access adequate liability insurance and that RMA supports the GOA in developing an action plan to remove this barrier; and further, that this resolution be forwarded to the January 12, 2026 Pembina Zone meeting for consideration.

Carried Unanimously.

RECESS

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

ENGINE 33 DISPOSAL DECISION

2026-012 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council direct CAO to sell Engine 33, a 2007 Freightliner – Rosenbauer Fire Pumper Truck, to the Village of Riverhurst, Saskatchewan for the price of \$45,000 conditional upon their satisfactory inspection.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove entered meeting at 10:59 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD JANUARY 6, 2026

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- 2026-013 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to direct Administration to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Transportation to discuss road maintenance and other concerns regarding highways under the jurisdiction of the province.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2026-014 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council accepts the Director of Infrastructure's report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas exited the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Tamara Molzahn entered the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas re-entered the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE & WRITEOFF OF UNCOLLECTABLE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

- 2026-015 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas write-off the three (3) outstanding Account Receivable accounts as recommended in the amount of \$2,250.76.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2026-016 Moved by Councillor Ellwein to accept for information the allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,453.39 as at December 31, 2025.

Carried Unanimously.

APPROVE 2025 CANCELLED TAXES

- 2026-017 Moved by Councillor Crisler to approve the 2025 cancelled tax transactions as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

GENERAL CONSENSUS TO EXTEND THE MEETING

At 11:50 a.m. the Reeve received general consent from all Councillors present to extend the meeting until completed.

Shae Guy and Joel Flemmer entered the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

CPO Sgt. Guy introduced Joel Flemmer to Council.

ENFORCEMENT SERVICES REPORT

Shae Guy, CPO Sgt., reviewed the Enforcement Services Report, 2025 Winter Edition and answered questions from Council.

- 2026-018 Moved by Councillor Crisler to accept the Enforcement Services Report, 2025 Winter Edition for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Shae Guy and Joel Flemmer exited the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas exited the meeting at 12:03 p.m. and rejoined at 12:04 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD JANUARY 6, 2026

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

2026-019 County Manager, Debbie Oyarzun, reviewed the Resolution Tracking List and noted the following:

- Policy Committee Meeting to be scheduled
- Accepted invitation from RMA to participate in AgriTourism Strategy Working Group
- To support scheduling of meetings, Council requested to provide dates that they were unavailable

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

Carried Unanimously.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors discussed the template for Councillor reports.

Councillors discussed their written reports and the following was added:

Deputy Reeve Preugschas shared a suggestion received about a Snow Clearing Program for Seniors and a discussion at FCSS regarding consideration of the number of elected officials on the board.

2026-020 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Administration research a Snow Clearing Program and bring a report to Council with options for the County to support seniors.

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Bergsma provided statistics on Misty Ridge visitors to the Ski Hill

2026-021 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept Councillor written/verbal reports for information.

Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURN

2026-022 Moved by Councillor Crisler that the meeting adjourns at 12:34 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.



REQUEST FOR DECISION

FEBRUARY 3, 2026

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TO: COUNCIL

RE: 2026 LOADER REPLACEMENT PURCHASE

ISSUE:

Unit #303 is up for replacement in the spring of 2026 as per the 10 Year Capital Equipment Plan. This loader is a 2006 Komatsu WA450L and is now 20 years old, which is the planned lifespan for a loader at the County.

BACKGROUND:

- December 16, 2025 – Council Resolution 2025-424 approved the 2026 Capital Budget of \$10,624,042
 - 2026 Capital Budget included the purchase of a new Loader at a cost of \$625,000 after estimated trade in values.
- Replacement is scheduled for Spring 2026 so the machine can be used during the 2026 Road Graveling Program.
- Pricing for a replacement unit was obtained from 3 vendors through the Sourcewell Purchasing Program.
 - Sourcewell Program, is facilitated by the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), which allows the public sector to obtain government pricing without each municipality having to go through the full public tender process. Process is handled by RMA and is being widely used throughout the Province and is compliant with all current trade regulations.
- County contacted Richie Bros. & Michener Allen Auctions to provide a guaranteed price for Unit #303 with Michener Allen offering the best price at \$60,300.

ANALYSIS:

- Submitted quotations were reviewed for completeness and to ensure that the provided specifications were met. Quotations were evaluated based on the following criteria:
 - Price
 - Machine & Warranty Specifications
 - Past Service Provided
 - Operator Feedback
 - Resale Value
 - Cost of Ownership based on pricing
- During the Fall of 2025 the County had the suppliers provide demo units for operator testing. All the units met the County's needed specifications and loading requirements. Caterpillar provided a 966 XE for demo, not the 966.
 - Difference between these models is the 966 XE has a CVT transmission whereas the 966 has a powershift transmission. Caterpillar claims increased fuel efficiency and smoother operation with the XE model.
- Pricing summary is attached.

- Both SMS Equipment and Finning Canada offered lower trade-in values than the highest auction house price, therefore the Michener Allen price of \$60,300 was used in the summary table below to calculate cost.
- Based on our evaluation, the quotations were ranked as follows:
 1. Brandt Tractor Ltd.
 2. SMS Equipment Ltd.
 3. Finning Canada Ltd. – 966XE Model
 4. Finning Canada Ltd. – 966 Model
- Capital Plan estimated the cost of the new Loader to be \$675,000 with a trade-in value of \$50,000, resulting in a total cost of \$625,000.
- Based on quotations received, actual lowest cost of a new loader is the John Deere 744P from Brandt Tractor Ltd.
 - \$607,000 with a 60-month warranty and a trade-in-value of \$86,000 for a total net cash cost of \$521,000 which is \$104,000 less than the Capital Plan.
 - Due to the savings, consideration could also be given to purchasing the John Deere 744P with the additional warranty period of 84-months for a cost of \$620,000. Total net cash cost of \$534,000 after trade-in which is still \$91,000 less than the Capital Plan
- Capital Plan is a multi-year plan that reflects the planned course of action for the County with the best estimate of costs at the time.
- Capital Budget for the current year is based off the Capital Plan, but is updated based on new information, and decisions of Council.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Planning for equipment replacement aligns with the County 2022 – 2026 Strategic Plan as follows:

PILLAR 2 Municipal Infrastructure & Services

Outcome *2 County has the necessary tools & information to deliver programs and services efficiently.*

Goal 2.1 Infrastructure & services balance County capacity with ratepayer needs.

Strategy Choose an item.

PILLAR 4 Governance & Leadership

Outcome *4 Council is transparent & accountable.*

Goal 4.2 County demonstrates open & accountable government.

Strategy 4.2.1 Council has the tools and information necessary to make informed decisions which are shared publicly.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THAT:

Council directs Administration to purchase a 2026 John Deere 744P from Brand Tractor Ltd. with an 84 month/5,000 hour warranty for the price of \$620,000.

And further, to trade-in Unit #303 to Brandt Tractor Ltd. for the price of \$86,000 at the time of the new machine delivery.



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PUBLIC WORKS

Summary of Quotations for the Purchase of One (1) New Loader

Dealer	SMS Equipment	Finning	Finning	Brandt
Make	Komatsu	Caterpillar	Caterpillar	John Deere
Model	WA475-11	966 XE	966	744P
Base Unit Price	\$595,420.00	\$606,700.00	\$590,300.00	\$602,500.00
Supply & Install Engine Preheat System	\$4,846.75	\$4,450.00	\$4,450.00	\$4,500.00
Total purchase price	\$600,266.75	\$611,150.00	\$594,750.00	\$607,000.00
Warranty				
60 Month/3500 Hr Unlimited	\$26,112.45	\$17,510.00	\$17,510.00	incl.
84 Month/5000 Hr Unlimited	\$39,927.54	\$28,890.00	\$28,890.00	\$13,000.00
Total Price with 60 Month/3500 Hr	\$626,379.20	\$628,660.00	\$612,260.00	\$607,000.00
Total Price with 84 Month/5000 Hr	\$640,194.29	\$640,040.00	\$623,640.00	\$620,000.00
Trade-In Value				
2006 Komatsu WA450-5L	\$60,300.00	\$60,300.00	\$60,300.00	\$86,000.00
Cash Cost with Trade-In (60 Month/3500 Hr)	\$566,079.20	\$568,360.00	\$551,960.00	\$521,000.00
Cash Cost with Trade-In (84 Month/5000 Hr)	\$579,894.29	\$579,740.00	\$563,340.00	\$534,000.00
Value of Unit Under Buyback Option (5 years or 3,500 hours)	\$265,000.00	\$235,000.00	\$224,000.00	-
Value of Unit Under Guaranteed Trade Value (5 years or 3,500 hours)	\$265,000.00	\$235,000.00	\$224,000.00	\$330,000.00
Expected Delivery Dates	April 1, 2026	June 1, 2026	June 1, 2026	May 15, 2026
5-year cost of ownership with guaranteed buy back	\$361,379.20	\$393,660.00	\$388,260.00	-
5-year cost of ownership with guaranteed trade	\$361,379.20	\$393,660.00	\$388,260.00	\$290,000.00
Estimated 20 Year Value (Based on Current Market Value)	\$90,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$110,000.00
20-year cost of ownership with estimated re-sale values	\$489,894.29	\$449,740.00	\$433,340.00	\$424,000.00

**** Warranty coverage 5 year / 3500 hour includes bumper to bumper warranty, hose warranty and travel FOB machine**

Quotation Review Date: 9:00 a.m. January 22, 2026



REQUEST FOR DECISION

FEBRUARY 3, 2026



TO: COUNCIL

RE: 2025 PROJECT DASHBOARD

ISSUE:

Certain purchases or expenditures were approved but require additional funding allocations.

BACKGROUND:

- Council approved the 2025 Capital & Operational Priority Projects included in the attached Project Dashboard
- Project Dashboard is a summary document provided to Council quarterly.
 - provides a description of the project, start date, estimated completion date, actual completion date, project cost information, and notes/comments.

ANALYSIS:

- Of the 16 Capital projects with total approved spending of \$5,156,980, there are projects that are on budget, under budget and over budget.
 - 7 of the 2025 completed capital projects were under budget by a total of \$357,368
 - 1 of the 2025 capital projects is tentatively on hold until further information is acquired from a municipal partner
 - 3 of the 2025 capital projects (see below) are over budget and require Council approval for additional funding allocation, along with Administration's recommendation of additional funding source

Capital Project	Overbudget	Original Funding Source	Recommended Funding Source for Overbudget
Road Project 2024-640 TWP Rd 604A (Bear Lake West) *roadwork complete with minor fencing & cleanup to be done in 2026; approx. \$3,000	\$190,078	Grant - LGFF	Grant - LGFF
Road Project 2025-240 TWP Rd 583	\$42,778	Operations (Current Year Taxes)	Operations (Current Year Taxes)
Road Project 2024-241 West of 6 & 7-58-4-W5	\$14,663	Reserves	Reserves

- 5 of the 2025 capital projects were partially completed and carried forward to 2026 for a variety of reasons including the allocation of grant funding, contractor warranty, project site conditions, etc. One of the 5 projects not completed in 2025 that has been carried over to 2026 was discussed during 2026 Budget workshop, with the additional funding included in the 2026 Capital Budget.

Capital Project	Original Budget Estimate	Revised Budget Estimate	Approved 2026 Capital Budget
Road Project 225-740 Twp Rd 624A. Completed 1.25 miles in 2025, 0.75 miles included in approved 2026 Capital Budget	\$435,156	\$523,880	\$186,101

- Of the 10 Operational Projects with total approved spending of \$1,653,130, there were no projects over budget.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Council's review of the Project Dashboard aligns with the County 2022 – 2026 Strategic Plan as follows:

PILLAR **4 Governance & Leadership**

Outcome *4 Council is transparent & accountable.*

Goal 4.2 County demonstrates open & accountable government.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THAT:

- Council accepts the Capital & Operational Dashboards as at December 31, 2025, for information.
- Council approves the additional funding sources for the 2025 capital projects as presented.

Projects - At a Glance Reporting

This report is intended to provide a high level overview of the progress of significant activities identified in the Capital & Operating Budgets



As at December 31, 2025

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Project #	Project Name	Dept	Start Date	Est. Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	Total Prior Years Spending	2025 Spending	Total Project Spending	Approved spending (all years)	GRANT FUNDING / OTHER	NET COST TO RATEPAYER	Total \$ Budget Variance	Total % Spent of Budget	Status / Comments
CAPITAL PROJECTS														
	Replace Welcome Sign	DEV/ PW	Jul-19	Dec-25	12-2025	-	5,563	5,563	5,760			197	97%	COMPLETE: Sign delivered; PW to install in spring. Nov: Sign purchased, waiting for delivery & final invoicing; Updated RFQs are being obtained. Sign to be purchased/delivered in 2025. Installation is weather dependent. Budget may need to be increased.
BF# 74974	Bridge File #74974	PW	2024	15-Oct-25		18,761	247,812	266,573	342,000	256,500	85,500	75,427	78%	COMPLETE: Final inspection conducted Sept 9/25 with no deficiencies found. Project has 1 year warranty.
BF# 74538	Bridge File #74538	PW	2024	15-Oct-25		18,797	295,687	314,484	402,000	301,500	100,500	87,516	78%	COMPLETE: Final inspection conducted Sept 9/25 with no deficiencies found. Project has 1 year warranty.
BF# 77360	Bridge File #77360	PW	2024	31-Aug-25		33,719	373,504	407,223	467,000	350,250	116,750	59,777	87%	COMPLETE: Final inspection conducted Sept 9/25 with all deficiencies addressed. Project has a 1 year warranty.
BF# 72815	Bridge File #72815	PW	2024	15-Dec-25		-	165,423	165,423	214,000	-	214,000	48,577	77%	COMPLETE: Project completed Dec 4, 2025 with a 2 year warranty period.
BF #74972	NEW: Bridge File #74972; approved for STIP funding, project to be completed in 2026	PW	2025	2026			21,370	21,370	540,000	405,000	135,000	518,630	4%	Preliminary engineering underway
BF #76144	NEW: Bridge File #76144; approved for STIP funding; project to be completed in 2026	PW	2025	2026			26,030	26,030	540,000	405,000	135,000	513,970	5%	Preliminary engineering underway
24-640	TWP Rd 604A (Bear Lake West) & RR70 - 1.25 miles	PW	Jul-25	2025			430,087	430,087	240,009	240,009	-	(190,078)	179%	Roadwork completed, minor fencing & cleanup remain at cost of \$3,000. When heavy equip. started working on road, base fell apart with large volumes of wet silty clay, this material would not carry weight of scrapers & had to be removed. Extra work was required increased to complete project.
25-741	TWP RD 624A - 2 miles (0.75 miles carried into 2026)	PW	Sep-25	2025			337,779	337,779	435,156	435,156	-	97,377	78%	1.25 miles complete; 0.75 miles carried into 2026. Old road had large volume of black dirt that needed to be removed before new compacted clay could be placed for new road construction. Volume of black dirt significantly incresed work required to rebuild road.
24-740	Thru 9 & S of SW 9-62-4-W5. TWP RD 622 / RGE RD 43 / TWP RD 622A (2024 - 1.5miles; 2025 - 2 miles for total of 3.5 miles)	PW	Jul-24 (Jun -25)	Aug-25		320,367	351,136	671,503	750,812	750,812		79,309	47%	COMPLETE: 2025 Construction started on schedule; Completed 1.5 miles in 2024.
25-240	TWP RD 583 - 1 mile	PW	May-25	2025	June/Jul 2025		234,907	234,907	192,129			(42,778)	122%	COMPLETE: Construction completed June 10, 2025. Fencing completed in July 2025.

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24-241	West of 6 & 7-58-4-W5; Fencing to complete	PW	2024	2024	Oct - 24 with minor cleanup to do	528,764	24,663	553,427	538,764	428,930	109,834	(14,663)	103%	COMPLETE:	
	Salt/sand shed	PW	May-24	Sep-24	Oct - 24 with door left to install	375,987	-	375,987	400,000		400,000	24,013	94%	Jan 22, 2026 - contractor has hung door, door springs need to be replaced. No payment will be made to vendor until door is completed and operational. Building construction was complete Oct 2024.	
	Manola Pump House & Reservoir Upgrading	UTL	Apr-25	2025			62,784	62,784	69,350		69,350	6,566	91%	COMPLETE: Final report received from Associated Engineering Sept 2025. Report provides options for upgrades, which will be brought to Council for discussion in 2026.	
	Lac La Nonne Regional Sanitary Sewer Collection System	UTL	TBD	TBD			-	-		-	-	-	#DIV/0!	Budget & funding sources TBD. Lac Ste. Anne County lead.	
	ADM Building Renovation	ADM	TBD	2026			-	-	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	0%	Budget is for small amount of architect work for project planned in Q3 / Q4 and to develop budget.	
CAPITAL PROJECTS						1,296,395	2,576,746	3,873,141	5,156,980	3,573,157	1,385,934	1,283,839			

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS															
	Sanitary Pre-Treatment - Town of Barrhead Lagoon	UTL	2022	2023		-	-	-		1,500,000		1,500,000	-	0%	Removed from 2026 budget; Project contingent on development of sold lots (1&6) by developer.
	Broadband Scoping	DEV	Jul-21	Dec-22		18,000	-	18,000	-	18,000		18,000	-	100%	DRAFT Strategy complete, PD-001 Rural Broadband Policy reviewed for alignment with Strategy & recent/current initiatives; Working with TANGO, discovery document complete outlining current ISPs, infrastructure and gaps. COB Policy approved. Engaged ISPs. MCSnet partnership approved by Council. Strategy carried forward in Budget as efforts temporarily redirected to implementation.
	Carryforward/multi-yr grant from 2023: AB Crime Prevention Activities (BARCC)	ADM	Jun-23	Mar-25	Mar-25	18,667	6,156	24,823	8,018	26,685	26,685	-	1,862	93%	COMPLETE: 2 out of 3 workshops held with approx. 60 participants, educational materials produced. Excess grant funds of \$1,862 returned to Province.
	Cybersecurity activities	ADM	2023	ongoing		2,277	2,277	4,554	2,277	6,830	6,830	-	-	67%	Cybersecurity training platform (Knowbe4) contract from Sept 2023 - Dec 2026. Proclamation October 2024 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month to Council Sept 17, 2024. Presentation to Council Jun 18/24; Funded from Riskpro insurance credits
	Lagoon Capacity Review - Manola Lagoon Sounding & Report	UTL	2025	2025	Dec-25		27,087	27,087	27,087	27,087			-	100%	COMPLETE: Assessment was carried out Sept 2025. Final report issued November 2025. Some issues have been identified that require further work to determine the potential scope of mitigation.
	Development Permitting system - Transition from PD to PLM	PD	Oct-25	Dec-26			-	-	9,900	9,900			9,900		ON HOLD - more research is going to be done on options for development software & alignment with corporate tools. Nov: Mtg to be scheduled with vendor to dev project plan; Planned for Q4 of 2025 when new Development Officer has capacity to review and participate in design and implementation of software.
	Rural Living Expo; Council Res #2025-064	EC DEV	Mar-25	May-25	May-25	-	2,042	2,042	2,900	2,900	-	2,900	858	70%	COMPLETE: 1st Open Skies - Rural Living Expo May 3/25 in conjunction with County Appreciation Dinner. Expo had 13 exhibitors & 3 presentations. Event provided networking opportunities & opportunity to engage with public. Consider moving event to March or April in 2026.

Projects - At a Glance Reporting

This report is intended to provide a high level overview of the progress of significant activities identified in the Capital & Operating Budgets



As at December 31, 2025

						a	b	c = a + b	d	e	f	g = e - f	d - b	d / b	TBD: Thresholds / Flag for concern:
	2025 Ec Dev Event	EC DEV	Jun-25	Dec-25	11-2025	-	14,184	14,184	24,728	24,728	-	24,728	10,545	57%	COMPLETE: Reconciling invoices - approx 100 businesses/support services attended 2025 LIFT Conference (Nov 6) with theme: Growth Driven by Connection. Conference to feature 2 keynote speakers, panel discussion, service provider showcase & networking. Tickets go on sale Sept. 22. County is partnering with Town of Barrhead, Community Futures YE, Jobs, Economy, Trade & Immigration Dept.
	Misty Ridge Strategic Planning Session	ADM	Jan-25	Apr-25	Apr-25	-	6,568	6,568	7,000	7,000	-	7,000	432		COMPLETE - Strategic Plan
	Misty Ridge Contribution - if conditions met	ADM	Apr-25	Nov-25		-	-	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	0%	Work continues on capital plan & revision of agreement
OPERATIONAL PROJECTS						38,944	58,313	97,257	111,910	1,653,130	33,515	1,582,628	53,597		



REQUEST FOR DECISION

FEBRUARY 3, 2026

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TO: COUNCIL

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

ISSUE:

Administration has received a request to reduce or cancel invoice #IVC00005346 in the amount of \$3,000.

BACKGROUND:

- September 26, 2025 – Barrhead Regional Fire Services responded to a fire in the area of Hwy 651 and Range Road 22.
 - Fire was located at SE 24-57-2-W5 which includes an approximately 3 ac portion of land (island) completely surrounded by water
- October 8, 2025 - Received fire services incident report 25-332-CFR (attached) detailing services provided, totaling \$6,250
- November 3, 2025 - Administration approved invoicing landowner in the amount of \$3,000 in accordance with Bylaw 8-2013 & Policy 23.02
- Administration reviewed the appropriate bylaws, policies and legislation, the incident/invoice 25-332 CFR, discussed incident with Fire Chief and landowner.
 - INV#00005346 is currently on hold (no interest charges, no transfer to tax roll) at the direction of the CAO, until Council has had the opportunity to make a decision on the request.

ANALYSIS:

- Bylaw 8-2013, Section 8 – Extinguishing Fires & Cost outlines the process for the County to recover costs incurred for fire-fighting services
- Policy 23.02 states the “County shall charge a fee, at the rates set from time to time by resolution of Council, to recover expenses and costs incurred”. A cap of \$3,000 per response has been set by resolution of Council
- *MGA s.553(1)(g)* allows Council by bylaw (Bylaw 8-2013) to add expenses and costs related to extinguishing fires to the tax roll of a parcel of land.
- Fire was contained on the island and at the time of the fire it was completely surrounded by water
- BRFS worked on extinguishing the visible fire on the island, however landowner indicates that the fire was in the peat and nothing could be done to contain it
 - BRFS required use of landowners’ canoe to access the island
 - Landowner continued working on extinguishing the fire for 3 days after BRFS fire crew left

Invoice #	Original Amount	Admin Comments & Recommendation	Balance Owning after Admin Review
00005346	\$3,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total fire invoice is \$6,250 • As per Policy 23.02, the first \$3,000 is charged to landowner or owner of property. • Fire services were dispatched by 911 and responded to a call as per normal procedure. • MGA, Bylaw 8-2013, Section 8 – Extinguishing Fires & Cost, and Policy 23.02 Fire Protection Service Charges allow the County to charge for fire-fighting services. • After 60 days the outstanding invoice will be transferred to landowner tax roll. 	<p>\$3,000</p> <p>(based on Administrations authority; however, see options below)</p>
<p>Note – it is not necessary for Council to go incamera unless further information is provided that would qualify as an exclusion under ATIA. This can be determined during the Council meeting.</p>			

- Council could consider any of the following:
 1. Refuse the request to cancel the invoice (balance owing would remain at \$3,000)
 2. Cancel the invoice (balance owing would be \$0)
 3. Cancel any portion of the invoice (balance owing would be < \$3,000 as determined by Council)
 - BRFS did respond to the property for a careless fire that was reported through 911
 - Landowner suggests that the amount of work done was unnecessary as the fire was on an island surrounded by water and unable to spread
 - Landowner suggests that they continued to monitor the fire after the BRFS left the scene with no further concerns

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Considering the request from a landowner to cancel charges for fire-fighting services to SE 24-57-2-W5 aligns with the County 2022 – 2026 Strategic Plan as follows:

PILLAR **4 Governance & Leadership**

Outcome *4 Council is transparent & accountable.*

Goal 4.2 County demonstrates open & accountable government.

Goal 4.3 County demonstrates leadership.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THAT:

Council consider reducing the charges on #IVC00005346.



Barrhead Regional Fire Services

Fire Chief :Chief Gary Hove

Box 4172, 4635-61 Ave Barrhead AB

Barrhead AB T7N 1A2

PH : 780-674-2087 FAX : 780-674-2889

Oct 9 25

Invoice 25-332-CFR

Oct 7 25

County of Barrhead
5306 49 Street
Barrhead, AB T7N 1N5

On September 26th, 2025 Barrhead Regional Fire Services responded to a call for a smoke investigation reported in the area of Hwy 651 and Rge Rd 22, in the County of Barrhead. On scene to SE-24-57-2-W5 and active fire on a treed peninsula only accessible by watercraft. The fire is the result of a careless camp fire burned irresponsibly and not extinguished properly which has allowed the fire to spread unchecked into the ground and surrounding bush and trees. Fire Members use canoes to access the fire and work to extinguish the fire in the trees and in the ground. Fire Members work at extinguishing the fire until dark and Firefighters return the following day to complete mopping up the remaining ground fire. Once the fire is fully out, Units are released, returning to the station and back in service.

Justin Hemmerling

Redacted ATIA Sec. 20
Personal Info

Response Location: SE-24-57-2-W5 ,County of Barrhead
Dispatch: **Date:** Sep 26 25 **Incident #:** 25-332
Number: 19085140

Cause of Emergency: Fire - Grass/Wild Land
Location of Emergency: Off Road - Wilderness Area SE-24-57-2-W5

SERVICE PERFORMED

☒ - used canoes to access the fire, mopped up all heat

Additional Services Performed:
Extinguish Fire

APPARATUS

Unit	Leave Station	Return to Station	Total Time	First 30 min cost	30 min cost	30 min cost after 255 minutes	Total Cost
RAT 1	17:41:49	21:53:54	252 min	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$1,000.00
COMMAND-1	16:35:18	21:53:56	319 min	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TENDER-34	16:29:59	21:53:55	324 min	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$1,375.00
RAT 1	07:08:53	12:33:43	325 min	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$1,375.00
ENGINE 36	16:39:40	21:54:02	314 min	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$2,500.00
PERSONAL VEHICLE	16:24:10	21:54:08	330 min	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Grand Total: \$6,250.00

Paid: \$0.00
Owing: \$6,250.00

Barrhead Regional Fire Services

Invoice 25-332-CFR

Oct 7 25

Fire Chief Gary Hove



REQUEST FOR DECISION

FEBRUARY 3, 2026

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TO: COUNCIL

RE: SCHEDULING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

ISSUE:

Council has requested that Administration bring back information on scheduling of Council meetings.

BACKGROUND:

- Meetings Procedure Bylaw 6-2025 s. 6.3 (b) Regular Meetings of Council requires the following:
 - Dates, times and place of Regular Meetings of Council shall be established by resolution at the annual Organizational Meeting or at a Regular Meeting of Council in which all members of Council are present.
- Oct 28, 2025 – Resolution 2025-240 Council approved the 2026 meeting calendar which includes 21 regular scheduled Council meetings
- Development of the Council Calendar which includes the Regular Meetings of Council follows the rules outlined in Bylaw 6-2025 s. 6.3(c)
 - Unless otherwise decided in Bylaw 6-2025 s. 6.3(a)(b), Council meetings will:
 - Be held in Council Chambers at the municipal office
 - Be held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
 - Commence at 9:00 a.m. and not continue later than 4:30 pm without 2/3 vote of Council to extend
- Summary of Regular and Special meetings of Council from 2017-2025 is below:

Year	Regular	Special	Total
2025	19	3	22
2024	21	2	23
2023	21	1	22
2022	21	3	24
2021	21	1	22
2020	21	5	26
2019	21	4	25
2018	20	4	24
2017	20	4	24

- If additional meetings are required, *MGA s. 194* permits a Special Meeting of Council to be called (see data above).

ANALYSIS:

- To better understand best practices in rural municipalities, Administration surveyed several rural municipalities (and 1 urban) and received the following results:

Municipality Type	Daytime Meetings	Evening Meetings
ICF Partners (5)		
Lac Ste Anne County	✓	
Sturgeon County	✓	
Westlock County	✓	
Woodlands County	✓	
Town of Barrhead		✓
Pembina Zone (non-ICF) (8)		
Athabasca County	✓	
Brazeau County	✓	
Leduc County	✓	
Lesser Slave River, MD	✓	
Parkland County	✓	
Thorhild County	✓	
Wetaskiwin County	✓	
Yellowhead County	✓	
Other Rurals (9)*		
Beaver County	✓	
Big Lakes County	✓	
Camrose County	✓	
Grande Prairie, County	✓	
Lamont County	✓	
Minburn, County	✓	
Stettler County	✓	
Wainwright, MD	✓	
Willow Creek, MD	✓	

100% of rural municipalities surveyed hold day-time Council meetings, while urban municipalities such as the Town of Barrhead hold evening meetings.

82% (18/22) of rural municipalities surveyed generally hold meetings 2x per month with summer months (June, July, Aug or Jul, Aug, Sep) and December with only 1 meeting per month

(3 munis held 1 Regular Council mtg + 1 Committee mtg/month; 1 muni held only 1 Council mtg/month, supplemented by Special meetings as needed)

**previously used comparators for other projects based on population, assessment, etc.*

- To test if there was a difference in best practice across the province, council meeting schedules for several rural municipalities in southern Alberta were also checked – all held their Regular meetings of Council during the day.

- General thoughts on Rural best practices and comments received include the following:
 - *Roads & Safety:*
 - Rural elected officials and staff typically have a longer distance to travel to attend the meetings, whereas in urban municipalities, at least all the Councillors reside near the meeting place, and likely many of the staff do too.
 - In addition to longer distances in rural municipalities, safety concerns on rural roads with adverse weather, visibility, wildlife, etc. were concerns that can be minimized with daytime meetings.
 - *Efficiency, Effectiveness & Cost:*
 - Evening meetings require elected officials and staff to work all day and into the evening with the potential to impact decision-making, attitude, etc.
 - Staff work schedules can be shifted or given time of in-lieu to alleviate the extended hours, however, this has the potential to create challenges during business hours when staff are not available.
 - Inefficient use of staff time having them wait for their timeslot on the agenda. Day-time meetings offer more efficient use of staff as they can continue to work until required in Council.
 - Council meetings during the day typically start at 9 am and can be a ½ day or full day meeting depending on the number and complexity of items on the agenda.
 - Evening meetings starting at 4:00 pm would end at 7:00 - 7:30 pm for ½ day meetings or 11 pm if full length meeting with meal break.
 - Currently if Council needs to break for lunch, Council pays for their own lunch. Many urban municipalities bring in an evening meal for Council that is covered by the municipality.
 - One Council meeting per month reduces costs, whether mileage or per diem for elected officials, however, due to time sensitive business items such as applications (e.g. Planning & Development, Grants, etc.) there may also be the need to supplement with Special Meetings of Council
 - *Attendance*
 - Perception is that more public will attend an evening meeting compared to a day meeting. Informal comments regarding attendance find that public attendance is limited regardless.
 - Opportunities for increased access to information can be addressed by recording meetings.
 - *Commitment*
 - Evening meetings may support elected officials that work full-time during the day with limited flexibility in their work schedule.
 - Evening meetings would require employment contracts to be revised for any staff expected to regularly attend evening meetings and accommodation given to staff that have regularly scheduled evening commitments already in place

- Cancellation and changes to the regular scheduling of Regular meetings of Council requires an amendment to the Meeting Procedures Bylaw 6-2025.
- Based on Council direction to bring back a report on scheduling of Regular Council meetings, Council has the following options:
 - **No Change** – Regular Council meetings are scheduled in accordance with Bylaw 6-2025 (start at 9 am on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month).
 - **Evening Regular Council Meeting** - Council changes current Regular Council meeting schedule to evenings with start and end times to be determined
 - This change requires an amendment to Bylaw 6-2025
 - **Reduce # of Regular Council Meetings Per Month** - Council changes current Regular Council meeting schedule to 1 meeting per month
 - This change requires an amendment to Bylaw 6-2025
 - **Other** - consideration of different arrangements for the schedule of Regular Council meetings

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THAT:

Council discuss options for scheduling Regular Council meetings and provide direction to Administration.



presented to Council on February 3, 2026
(items shaded have changed since last meeting)

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2026 COUNCIL RESOLUTION TRACKING LIST

(Items beyond the normal course of business)

Resol. #	Resolution Topic	Responsible	Comments	Status
2026-020	Administration to bring a report to Council on snow clearing programs & options for County to support seniors.	PW/CAO	Conducted research on rural municipalities in Pembina Zone (13), prep report to Council Mar/26	Underway
2026-018	Accepted Enforcements Services Report, 2025 Winter Edition for info	CPO/Com	Posted to website	Complete Jan 7/26
2026-017	Approve 2025 cancelled tax transactions as presented.	CS/CAO	Complete.	Complete Jan 6/26
2026-016	Accepted allowance for doubtful accts of \$1,453.39 for info.	CS/CAO	Complete.	Complete Jan 6/26
2026-015	Write off 3 outstanding AR accounts for \$2,250.76	CS/CAO	Complete.	Complete Jan 6/26
2026-013	Administration to arrange mtg with Minister of Transportation to discuss road maintenance and other concerns regarding provincial highways	CAO	Call for feedback from staff, Council & public underway	Underway
2026-012	Sell Engine 33 to Village of Riverhurst, SK for \$45,000 conditional upon their satisfactory inspection.	CS/CAO	Village of Riverhurst inspected unit on January 20, 2026, and deemed it satisfactory. Payment received and Village staff drove unit back to Riverhurst.	Complete. Jan 20, 2026
2026-011	Approved resolution "Access to Liability Insurance for Agritourism Operators" to be presented at Pembina Zone	CAO	Presented at Pembina Zone & passed	Underway
2026-010	Respond to Alberta Geographical Names Program, with no objection to naming of water feature	RD/CAO	Reponse submitted	Complete Jan 6/26
2026-009	Appoint Ms. Noble to Barrhead Library Board	EA	Library Executive Director notified	Complete Jan 14/26
2026-008	Appoint Mr. Ruhl to SDAB	EA/DEV	Applicant notified	Complete Jan 14/26
2026-005-007	Appointments made to ALUS PAC	ALUS	Members notified	Complete Jan 8/26
2026-004	Set public hearing for Bylaw 2-2026 for Feb 3 at 1:00 pm in Council Chambers	DEV/CAO	Advertised as per MGA, additional adv also completed.	Underway

2026-003	1st reading Bylaw 2-2026 amending LUB 4-2024 to add Data Processing Facility	EA/CAO	Decision tracked	Complete Jan 14/26
2025-430	Councillors provide written report to be included in agenda pkg for Regular Council mtg to be submitted by end of day preceding Thursday.	EO/CAO	Shared template with Councillors; incl in agenda pkg	Complete Jan 06/26
2025-416	Authorized Reeve & CAO to sign BRWC Operational Agreement	EA/CAO	Agreement finalized; awaiting signature	Complete Jan 24/26
2025-403	Purchase (3) 2026 Cat motor graders, trade in (2) 2021 Cat motor graders to Finning Canada; sell 2016 Cat motor grader to Wallis Bros. Construction	PW/CAO	Suppliers notified	Underway
2025-394-400	Appointed Members-at-large to County Committees	EA/CAO	All applicants notified; website to be updated in January	Complete Jan 7/26
2025-383	New initiatives be brought back to a future Project Priority session with Council to explore consideration for the 2026 Budget.	CAO	Discussed at COW, further discussion to occur during budget workshops; Tent. Sched. COW Jan 29/26	Complete Jan 29/26
2025-377	Approved up to a 90-day extension for offering Council Orientation under the <i>MGA</i> s. 201.1(2)	CAO	Info sharing ongoing, leg req. met. w orientation/info on a variety of programs, assets Jan 29/26; Legal session, Assessment 101, Roads 101, P&D 101, CPO program complete; others planned	Complete Jan 29/26
2025-254	Directed Admin to finalize scheduling with NRCB & ILWG - Stock Talk Initiative in the new year; include ASB members	CAO	NRCB has committed, ILWG has provided possible dates; Email sent to ILWG, looking at dates.	Underway
2025-228	Directed Admin to proceed with prelim geo-technical and develop work plan re partnership project with LSAC.	PW/CAO	Call sched w new LSAC CAO - Feb 2/26; Discussed during budget wrkshp in Nov; LSAC project lead contacted Sep 22/25, Oct 8/25, LSAC advised on July 25/25	Underway
2025-194	Proceed with the acquisition of related vehicle & officer equipment up to \$77,141 to be funded by unrestricted reserves	CPO/CAO	Tentative completion for Mar/26 (last item is Axon in-car camera); Vehicle equipment has been purchased with installation occurring Oct-Jan.	Underway
2025-193	Award the contract to Wolfe Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2025 Chevy Silverado SSV at a cost of \$57,359 excluding GST	CPO/CAO	Expected to be in service Jan/26; Patrol vehicle received Jun 20/25; scheduled for outfitting on Oct 27/25.	Underway
2025-190	Engage legal counsel to explore options for alternative access to SE 26-59-06-W5	CAO	Legal counsel has been engaged, file review underway	Underway
2025-189	Directed Policy Committee to review Policy 32.04 Road Construction Standards.	PW/CAO	Admin has started the review of Policy 32.04 & associated policies	Underway

2025-187	Approve Manola Lagoon Sounding & Assessment Project at a cost of \$27,087 with additional funding coming from current year revenue	PW/CS	Final report received, analysis required to dev proj plan; Sounding completed, awaiting final report; Manola lagoon sounding is scheduled for August 18, 2025.	Complete Dec 1/25
2024-449	Bring back options/recommendations on use of sand/salt on County roads in Thunder Lake.	PW/CAO	Draft report submitted to CAO for review; Preliminary discussions with staff	Underway
2024-398	Directs CAO to move forward with exploring/negotiating options with GOA to become anchor tenant of ADLC.	CAO	Formal project complete; Discussed during budget wrkshps in Nov; Mtgs with AB Infrastructure & a developer; Reeve & CAO engaged Minister Infrastructure at RMA, followed up requested by Minister; Mtg rescheduled Feb 25/25; Preliminary contact made with GOA to schedule mtg in new year; Draft Concept Floor Plans complete	Complete Jan29/26
2024-225	Flag Agriculture, Small Scale Operation for future discussion	CAO		Not started
2024-149, 179	Approved purchase salt/sand storage building incl installation from Coverco Buildings Ltd. for the price of \$395,426.65 excluding GST.	PW	Door hung (Jan 22/26), door springs to be installed, holdback in place. Complete except for door installation; Contractor currently building structure; Pad constructed by COB; Contracts awarded for paving, building; Company notified	Underway
2024-062	Council approved signing the land exchange agreement and to cancel the portion of Road Plan 2000MC north of NW 2-62-4-W5 containing approximately 0.938 ha (2.32 acres).	EA/DEV	Submitted to Land Titles for Registration; Approval received and sent to surveyor to finalize road plan; Alberta Transportation contacted for permission to close portion of road plan	Underway
2023-208	Administration to send a letter of intent to Maykut Farms expressing the County's desire to enter into a lease agreement in 2026 for a portion of the gravel pit located in NE 3-63-4-W5.	PW/CAO	Revisions made & resent to pit owner; Letter of Intent sent to pit owner; Discussion with owner to confirm specifications, letter drafted; Gravel pit owner notified verbally of County's intent	Underway
2022-448	Draft congratulatory letter for Reeve's signature to new Min of MA and provide info on County of Barrhead strategic initiatives.	CAO/EA	New minister, revising message	Underway
2022-166	Preliminary consolidated report on status of wastewater infrastructure	CAO/PW/DF	Manola project approved, to be incorporated into report upon completion; Consolidating all lagoon reports (T.L. received Dec/22); incorporating asset management principles and discussions with LSAC	Underway

2021-174	VSU - letter to MLA re support and current service delivery model	CAO/EA	Met with VSU representative to better understand situation/impact; Rough draft prepared	Underway
2019-352	Follow-up letter to Minister Municipal Affairs	EA/CAO	Notes distributed	Underway
2018-029	Service Contract Review	FIN/EA/CAO	Initial list has been compiled.	Underway
2017-245	Policy for Special Events	CAO/Dev	Discussion with Council at Dec 5/24 Committee of Whole; Reviewing policies from neighbouring municipalities	Underway

Overview:

2nd Annual LIFT Business Conference provided opportunities for businesses in the Barrhead Region to Learn-Inspire-Focus-Thrive. On November 6, 2025, 97 attendees (representing 54 local businesses) engaged with 2 keynote speakers & a local business panel discussion, participated in a business support showcase, and connected at an evening networking mixer.

This event was made possible through Alberta's *Labour Market Partnership Grant*, as well as key partnerships between the County of Barrhead, Town of Barrhead, Community Futures Yellowhead East, and Alberta Ministry of Jobs, Economy, Trade & Immigration.



Project Goals & Objectives:

- GOALS:
- 1) Build on groundwork for municipalities to continue encouraging and supporting economic development in our community.
 - 2) Engage local businesses in capacity-building education, support opportunities to network & collaborate with peers, and provide increased access to additional business resources.

Strategic Alignment:

LIFT Business Conference aligns with County of Barrhead's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan as follows:



Pillar 1: Economic Growth & Diversity

GOAL 1: County attracts & encourages investment.

LIFT helps achieve this goal by educating local businesses in growth strategies, encouraging collaboration & developing new supply chains, and promoting County of Barrhead as a municipality open & ready for new investment & expansion.



Pillar 4: Governance and Leadership

GOAL 3: County demonstrates leadership & engages in collaborative relationships

LIFT demonstrates collaboration with the Town of Barrhead, Community Futures Yellowhead East, Regional Workforce Consultant, as well as the Government of Alberta through the *Labour Market Partnership Grant*.

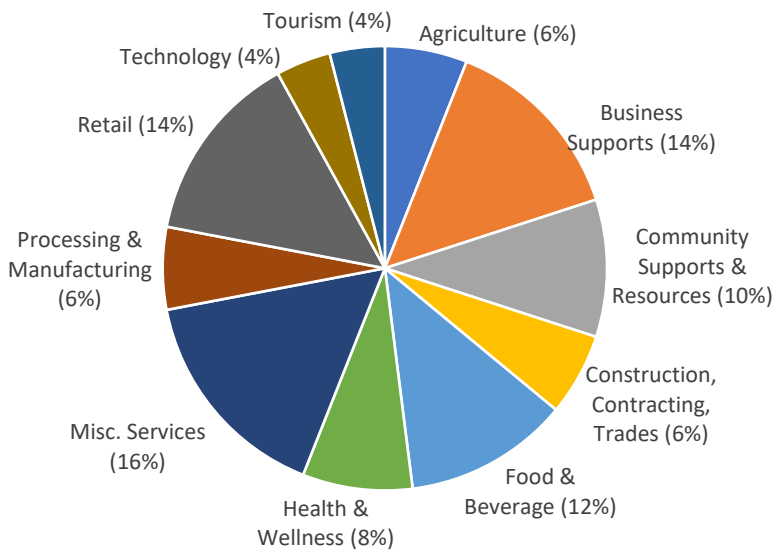
LIFT Business Conference also directly aligns with the County's Economic Development Plan. The event promotes all 3 guiding principles in the Economic Development Plan:

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| ✓ Marketing & Attraction | ✓ Business Retention & Expansion | ✓ Engagement & Partnerships |
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Participating Businesses:

Attendees at the LIFT Business Conference represented a wide range of industries, at every stage of business development (from start-ups to well-established operations).

Businesses in Attendance



Business Support Showcase

Attendees engaged with local, regional, and provincial business support agencies at the tradeshow-style Business Support Showcase.

Participating business support agencies included:

- County of Barrhead Economic Development Team
- Town of Barrhead Economic Development Team
- Community Futures Yellowhead East
- Alberta Jobs, Economy, Trade, & Immigration
- Careers Next Generation
- Business Link
- Barrhead Employment Center
- Barrhead Community Adult Learning
- Barrhead & District Chamber of Commerce
- Alberta Treasury Branch



Keynote Presentations & Panel Discussion

Jennifer Ireson: “From Clock-In to Buy-In: How to LIFT Employee Connection”

Jennifer is the founder of *Balanced Perspectives*, where she works with business leaders to cut through HR noise and focus on what really builds strong teams: Connection, Clarity, & Trust. In her keynote presentation, Jennifer shared her 20+ years in HR as she showed how employee connection is the hidden fuel behind retention, customer loyalty, and community reputation.

Beverlee Rasmussen: “Growth by Design: Systemizing Connection for Sustainable Business Success”

Beverlee is a global authority on small business success, the founder of *Systems Business Coach*, and the bestselling author of *Small Business, Big Opportunity*. She has helped thousands of entrepreneurs reduce chaos, grow with intention, & strengthen their businesses with practical systems that support people, profit, & purpose. Through her keynote presentation, Beverlee showed conference attendees how simple, repeatable systems can foster strong, lasting relationships with customers, teams, and stakeholders.



Panel Discussion: “Beyond Transactions: Building Business Through Connections”

Through a moderated panel discussion, conference attendees discovered how local business owners are creating loyal customer bases and thriving businesses by focusing on authentic relationships. Panelists included:

- **Alois Kerckhof**, COO of *Pine Creek Simmentals*, a locally owned & operated family farm that specializes in high-quality beef cattle.
- **Brittany Schuurman**, Director of Marketing & Member Relations with *Pembina West Co-op*, where she champions the co-operative model as a powerful tool for rural sustainability.
- **Cindy Day**, owner & operator of *Lakeview Lodge*, a year-round destination featuring luxury cabins, spa services, retreats, weddings, and corporate or private stays.





Participant Feedback

Post-Event Survey

Following the event, participants were asked to fill out an anonymous survey. 52 attendees provided a response. Of those that responded:

94%

were satisfied with the event
(on the whole)

69%

were satisfied with 1st
keynote presentation
"From Clock-in to Buy-In"

94%

were satisfied with 2nd
keynote presentation
"Growth by Design"

81%

found benefit in the
panel discussion
"Beyond Transactions"

75%

feel more connected with
peers & support agencies

100%

stated that they will use
knowledge gained from event

Further Learning Opportunities:

Respondents indicated a strong interest in further education & training opportunities for their business. Participants identified a range of potential topics for future training, including:

- ⊕ Further training on marketing & branding (esp. social media & online strategies)
- ⊕ Strategic planning, future-proofing, business transfers
- ⊕ Financial planning, business tax workshops, funding opportunities
- ⊕ Business expansion
- ⊕ Identifying & engaging target demographics, building clientele
- ⊕ Additional casual opportunities to network & collaborate with businesses

Budget Reporting:

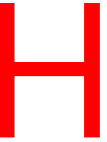
County budgeted \$20,000 to host the 2025 Lift Business Conference. During the planning process, conference expenses were offset by a grant obtained via the Provincial Labour Market Partnership program, as well as partner contributions. As a result, the total cost to the County was only \$3,710, which is \$16,290 underbudget.

Revenue & Grants	Budget
Grants & Partnership Contributions	\$(15,000)
Ticket Sales	\$(2,406)
Overall Expenses	\$21,116
County Contribution	\$(3,710)



County of Barrhead extends gratitude to Government of Alberta, Town of Barrhead, and Community Futures Yellowhead East for their generous support & funding to help make this event such a sweeping success!

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Vendor ID	Vendor Name	Document Date	Document Number	Document Amount	Voided
ALBE003	Alberta Assessors' Association	2025-12-01	912239	210.00	No
ARCT001	Arctec Alloys Limited	2025-12-01	912240	6,029.61	No
BALA001	Balanced Perspectives Inc.	2025-12-01	912241	1,837.50	No
BARR045	Barrhead Exhibition Association & Ag Societ	2025-12-01	912242	400.00	No
BARR051	Barrhead Machine & Welding (2023) Ltd.	2025-12-01	912243	273.13	No
BEAR001	Bearcom	2025-12-01	912244	16,586.85	No
BRAN007	Branden, Marvin	2025-12-01	912245	13,579.30	No
FOUN001	Fountain Tire (Barrhead)	2025-12-01	912246	120.23	No
LACS001	Lac Ste. Anne County	2025-12-01	912247	3,000.00	No
LEGA001	Lega, Kevin	2025-12-01	912248	183.75	No
MEGA001	Mega Tech	2025-12-01	912249	35,192.09	No
PERR002	Perry Law LLP In Trust	2025-12-01	912250	247.76	No
RELI001	Reliable Catering	2025-12-01	912251	3,286.76	No
7229001	722935 AB Ltd.	2025-12-15	912253	357.75	No
ARNEL0001	Arn-El Farms Ltd.	2025-12-15	912254	176.50	No
ATHA001	Athabasca County	2025-12-15	912255	693.96	No
BARR004	Barrhead & District Historical Society	2025-12-15	912256	4,950.00	No
BARR051	Barrhead Machine & Welding (2023) Ltd.	2025-12-15	912257	117.93	No
BEAR001	Bearcom	2025-12-15	912258	91.35	No
BRAN005	Brandl Cattle Co.	2025-12-15	912259	13.01	No
BRAN007	Branden, Marvin	2025-12-15	912260	504.91	No
BYRT001	Byrtus, Ron	2025-12-15	912261	97.50	No
CARY001	Carylon, Rod & Janet	2025-12-15	912262	115.88	No
CJWI001	CJ Wierenga Farms Ltd.	2025-12-15	912263	7,324.00	No
DEEP001	Deep Creek Farms 2020 Inc.	2025-12-15	912264	2,247.20	No
EPPJ001	James Epp	2025-12-15	912265	364.71	No
FISC001	Fischer, Jennifer	2025-12-15	912266	1,974.35	No
FRAN001	Francis, Terry	2025-12-15	912267	237.79	No
GOLD003	Golden Acre Farms Ltd.	2025-12-15	912268	1,663.00	No
JACK001	Jackson, James	2025-12-15	912269	76.50	No

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JESP002	Jesperdale Dairy Farm Ltd.	2025-12-15	912270	616.99	No
JSPL001	J's Place Ltd.	2025-12-15	912271	4,388.99	No
KAWU001	Kawulich, Pamela	2025-12-15	912272	138.30	No
KLOP0001	Klopper, Marius	2025-12-15	912273	48.60	No
LETT001	Letts, Neil	2025-12-15	912274	1,533.61	No
LETT003	Letts, Wendy	2025-12-15	912275	490.65	No
LIND003	Lindstrom, Noreen	2025-12-15	912276	60.00	No
MCEW003	McEwan, Mitchell	2025-12-15	912277	2,444.07	No
MCNE001	McNeill, Dana	2025-12-15	912278	754.09	No
MECH001	MechJager Mechanical Ltd.	2025-12-15	912279	145.22	No
MONT002	Montgomery, Edith	2025-12-15	912280	108.50	No
MONT003	Montgomery, Valerie	2025-12-15	912281	95.50	No
NEWP001	New Pine Colony	2025-12-15	912282	233.18	No
NUTZ001	Nutz Trucking Ventures Ltd.	2025-12-15	912283	697.40	No
OLEF001	Ole Farms Ltd.	2025-12-15	912284	2,188.21	No
OLSO001	Olson, Kelly	2025-12-15	912285	1,081.85	No
PARR001	Parrent, Maurice	2025-12-15	912286	43.00	No
RIPA001	Riparian Management Society	2025-12-15	912287	7,000.00	No
ROCK003	Rocky Mountain Phoenix	2025-12-15	912288	2,881.47	No
RYPI001	Rypien, Charles	2025-12-15	912289	1,026.11	No
SMIT003	Smith, Gary	2025-12-15	912290	435.85	No
TURN001	Turner, Cory	2025-12-15	912291	146.78	No
VASS001	Vass IT Professional Services Inc.	2025-12-15	912292	13,576.64	No
WIEG001	Wiegand, Dean	2025-12-15	912293	12.00	No
ZAHA001	Zahara, Roxanne	2025-12-15	912294	12.38	No
HANN001	Hannah, Lori Anne	2025-12-15	912295	838.04	No
VELO001	Velocity Truck Centre, INC	2025-12-15	912296	2,969.90	No
XERO100	Xerox Canada Ltd.	2025-12-02	EFT000000003324	361.27	Yes
AIRN001	Air Navigation Products	2025-12-04	EFT000000003327	84.42	No
ASSO002	Associated Engineering Alberta Ltd.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003328	21,463.52	No

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AURO001	Aurora Flags and Banners Inc.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003329	1,341.85	No
BARR020	Barrhead Ford Sales Inc.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003330	949.85	No
BREA002	Breal Metal Bldgs. Ind.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003331	142.80	No
BROW001	Brownlee LLP	2025-12-04	EFT000000003332	519.75	No
CHAP001	Chapman, Bill	2025-12-04	EFT000000003333	892.80	No
CHAR003	Charissa Cattle Co.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003334	4,377.12	No
CORE001	CorePoint Solutions Inc.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003335	170.63	No
EUNA001	EUNA Solutions Canada	2025-12-04	EFT000000003336	4,128.64	No
GOLD002	Golden Sunset Farms	2025-12-04	EFT000000003337	740.70	No
GREA001	Great West Newspapers LP	2025-12-04	EFT000000003338	765.24	No
GREG001	Gregg Distributors Ltd.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003339	1,418.48	No
ICON001	Iconix Waterworks LP	2025-12-04	EFT000000003340	2,066.87	No
KTIL001	KTI Limited	2025-12-04	EFT000000003341	1,367.21	No
MART005	Martin, Darcy	2025-12-04	EFT000000003342	175.00	No
MCEW001	McEwen's Fuels and Fertilizers	2025-12-04	EFT000000003343	268.88	No
MCLE001	McLean's Auto Parts LTD.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003344	107.92	No
MERL001	Merlin Shredding	2025-12-04	EFT000000003345	93.45	No
MPAE001	MPA Engineering Ltd	2025-12-04	EFT000000003346	41,241.90	No
PEMB002	Pembina Hills School Division	2025-12-04	EFT000000003347	1,099.41	No
PURE001	Pure Glass	2025-12-04	EFT000000003348	315.00	No
QUED003	Quedenbaum, Nadine	2025-12-04	EFT000000003349	488.82	No
REDL002	Red Lion Express Inc.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003350	126.53	No
REID001	Reid's Kitchen	2025-12-04	EFT000000003351	303.93	No
RMAI001	RMA Insurance	2025-12-04	EFT000000003352	209,861.47	No
SMAL001	Small Power Ltd.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003353	1,098.83	No
SMSE001	SMS Equipment (Coneco Equipment) Inc	2025-12-04	EFT000000003354	186.02	No
STEP001	Stephani Motors Ltd.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003355	133.88	No
TOOL002	Tool Solutions Ltd.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003356	410.55	No
TOWN001	Town of Barrhead	2025-12-04	EFT000000003357	22,562.25	No
VECT001	Vector Electric and Controls Inc.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003358	2,898.00	No

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COUN004	Country Comfort Consulting Ltd.	2025-12-04	EFT000000003359	4,354.35	No
GOVE007	Government of Alberta - Loans to Local Autl	2025-12-15	EFT000000003360	140,987.05	No
BENE0001	Benefits By Design	2025-12-04	EFT000000003361	25,258.72	No
LOCA001	Local Authorities Pension Plan	2025-12-04	EFT000000003362	44,946.76	No
RECE001	Receiver General For Canada	2025-12-04	EFT000000003363	65,699.12	No
NEER003	Neerlandia Co-op Association	2025-12-09	EFT000000003364	1,407.50	No
PEMB004	Pembina West Co-op	2025-12-09	EFT000000003365	37,041.94	No
MYHS100	MYHSA	2025-12-05	EFT000000003366	335.51	No
MYHS100	MYHSA	2025-12-12	EFT000000003367	106.59	No
1737001	1737069 Alberta Ltd.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003368	4,620.00	No
ALUS001	ALUS Canada	2025-12-17	EFT000000003369	5,000.00	No
ARLE001	Arlen & Marian Stocking	2025-12-17	EFT000000003370	883.47	No
BARR020	Barrhead Ford Sales Inc.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003371	346.99	No
BARR032	Barrhead Regional Water Commission	2025-12-17	EFT000000003372	8,006.12	No
BERG003	Bergsma, Tyson	2025-12-17	EFT000000003373	140.67	No
BORL002	Borle, Brayden	2025-12-17	EFT000000003374	222.59	No
BRAV001	Brave Nose Septic Service Inc.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003375	1,606.50	No
BREA002	Breal Metal Bldgs. Ind.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003376	2,638.13	No
CARO001	CARO Analytical Services	2025-12-17	EFT000000003377	384.30	Yes
CENT002	Central Square Canada Software Inc	2025-12-17	EFT000000003378	18,432.33	No
CERT002	Certified Tracking Solutions	2025-12-17	EFT000000003379	892.67	No
CHAP001	Chapman, Bill	2025-12-17	EFT000000003380	307.31	No
CHAR003	Charissa Cattle Co.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003381	1,264.88	No
COUN004	Country Comfort Consulting Ltd.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003382	4,449.90	No
CRIS001	Crisler Ray W.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003383	1,048.78	No
DODD001	Dodds, Pamela	2025-12-17	EFT000000003384	199.29	No
DOWN001	Downing, Michael	2025-12-17	EFT000000003385	299.24	No
ELLW002	Ellwein, Chais	2025-12-17	EFT000000003386	945.30	No
EVER001	Evergreen Catholic SRD No. 2	2025-12-17	EFT000000003387	6,852.02	No
FEDO001	Fedorovich, Dawn	2025-12-17	EFT000000003388	231.43	No

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GENT001	Gentry-Burton, Margaret	2025-12-17	EFT000000003389	400.28	No
GOLB002	Golby, Tara	2025-12-17	EFT000000003390	0.80	No
GOLD002	Golden Sunset Farms	2025-12-17	EFT000000003391	57.87	No
GOVE004	Government of Alberta - Forestry & Parks	2025-12-17	EFT000000003392	289.80	No
GREA001	Great West Newspapers LP	2025-12-17	EFT000000003393	1,251.51	No
GREG001	Gregg Distributors Ltd.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003394	4,710.82	No
GUYS001	Guy, Shae	2025-12-17	EFT000000003395	75.00	No
HAYW001	Hayworth Equipment Sales	2025-12-17	EFT000000003396	961.72	No
HOOD001	Hood, Clayton	2025-12-17	EFT000000003397	492.70	No
HUIS001	Huisman, Grace	2025-12-17	EFT000000003398	2,228.46	No
JESP001	Jespersen, Lorrie	2025-12-17	EFT000000003399	343.38	No
JOHN001	John Deere Financial	2025-12-17	EFT000000003400	386.69	No
LAWS001	Lawson Products Inc.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003401	1,606.61	No
LAZY001	Lazy VS Cattle Ltd.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003402	16.91	No
LOND001	London Life	2025-12-17	EFT000000003403	250.00	No
MAGI002	Magill, Ross	2025-12-17	EFT000000003404	160.00	No
MCEW001	McEwen's Fuels and Fertilizers	2025-12-17	EFT000000003405	10,510.66	No
MCLE001	McLean's Auto Parts LTD.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003406	103.08	No
MPAE001	MPA Engineering Ltd	2025-12-17	EFT000000003407	30,321.95	No
MUNC001	Munck, Erik	2025-12-17	EFT000000003408	43.00	No
NSCM001	NSC Minerals Ltd.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003409	14,859.35	No
PARK002	Parkland County	2025-12-17	EFT000000003410	2,017.25	No
PRAI001	Prairie Battery	2025-12-17	EFT000000003411	123.85	No
PREU001	Preugschas, Walter	2025-12-17	EFT000000003412	201.93	No
PURE001	Pure Glass	2025-12-17	EFT000000003413	672.00	No
QUED003	Quedenbaum, Nadine	2025-12-17	EFT000000003414	660.21	No
ROAD001	Roadata Services Ltd.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003415	218.40	No
SCHN001	Kenneth & Maureen Schnirer	2025-12-17	EFT000000003416	415.45	No
SHAZ001	Shazel Cleaning	2025-12-17	EFT000000003417	456.75	No
SMAL001	Small Power Ltd.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003418	270.15	No

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STEP001	Stephani Motors Ltd.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003419	120.89	No
TOTA001	Total Plumbing & Heating	2025-12-17	EFT000000003420	132.30	No
TOWN001	Town of Barrhead	2025-12-17	EFT000000003421	23,700.00	No
WEST001	West Central Forage Association	2025-12-17	EFT000000003422	5,000.00	No
WEST007	Western Star Trucks	2025-12-17	EFT000000003423	2,705.01	No
WEST011	Westlock County	2025-12-17	EFT000000003424	1,510.90	No
XERO100	Xerox Canada Ltd.	2025-12-17	EFT000000003425	598.38	No
TRAN004	TransAlta Energy Marketing	2025-12-01	EFT000000003426	8,583.33	No
DIRE001	Direct Energy Business	2025-12-05	EFT000000003427	1,346.07	No
MYHS100	MYHSA	2025-12-17	EFT000000003428	125.74	No
UFAC001	UFA Co-operative Limited	2025-12-29	EFT000000003429	5,396.52	No
ASSO002	Associated Engineering Alberta Ltd.	2025-12-31	EFT000000003430	1,237.85	No
CARO001	CARO Analytical Services	2025-12-31	EFT000000003431	384.30	No
COUN004	Country Comfort Consulting Ltd.	2025-12-31	EFT000000003432	1,951.95	No
GRAB001	Grabler, Randy	2025-12-31	EFT000000003433	218.66	No
GREG001	Gregg Distributors Ltd.	2025-12-31	EFT000000003434	3,707.27	No
HAYW001	Hayworth Equipment Sales	2025-12-31	EFT000000003435	5,965.81	No
JAEG002	Jaeger, Chelsea	2025-12-31	EFT000000003436	15.95	No
KNMSA0001	KNM Sales & Service Ltd.	2025-12-31	EFT000000003437	61.09	No
LAWS001	Lawson Products Inc.	2025-12-31	EFT000000003438	49.01	No
MEDC001	Medcke, Don	2025-12-31	EFT000000003439	82.98	No
MPAE001	MPA Engineering Ltd	2025-12-31	EFT000000003440	5,565.00	No
PEMB002	Pembina Hills School Division	2025-12-31	EFT000000003441	1,099.41	No
PEMB004	Pembina West Co-op	2025-12-31	EFT000000003442	1,111.63	No
REDL002	Red Lion Express Inc.	2025-12-31	EFT000000003443	35.79	No
SMAL001	Small Power Ltd.	2025-12-31	EFT000000003444	119.49	No
TOWN001	Town of Barrhead	2025-12-31	EFT000000003445	22,000.00	No
WSPC001	WSP Canada Inc.	2025-12-31	EFT000000003446	5,052.08	No
AMSC002	AMSC (BMO PCARD)	2025-12-31	EFT000000003447	11,071.34	No
CANO001	Canoe Procurement Group of Canada	2025-12-31	EFT000000003448	23,606.40	No

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MYHS100	MYHSA	2025-12-22	EFT000000003449	239.48	No
MYHS100	MYHSA	2025-12-24	EFT000000003450	586.27	No
MYHS100	MYHSA	2025-12-26	EFT000000003451	812.99	No
MYHS100	MYHSA	2025-12-31	EFT000000003452	318.21	No
GOVE002	Government of Alberta Land Titles	2025-12-31	EFT000000003454	68.00	No
ASFF001	ASFF	2025-12-31	EFT000000003455	770,292.25	No
XERO100	Xerox Canada Ltd.	2025-12-31	EFT000000003458	361.27	No
TRAN004	TransAlta Energy Marketing	2025-12-29	EFT000000003459	4,695.77	No
TRAN004	TransAlta Energy Marketing	2025-12-29	EFT000000003460	4,281.14	No
BELL001	Bell Canada	2025-12-31	EFT000000003483	698.88	No
VOIDED Payments				-	745.57
Payments Issued					1,835,263.52



COUNTY OF BARRHEAD NO.11
Elected Official Remuneration Report
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

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Division 1

Doug Drozd (Reeve)

	Nov-25 YTD	2025 Budget	Budget Variance	% Variance
<i># of per diems</i>	<i>31.50</i>	<i>31.50</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00%</i>
Base salary	25,626.02	25,626.02	0.00	0.00%
Per diems	9,455.67	9,455.67	0.00	0.00%
Taxable mileage	1,424.16	1,424.16	0.00	0.00%
Benefits	6,864.25	7,453.77	589.52	7.91%
Salary and benefits	43,370.10	43,959.62	589.52	1.34%
Training and conventions	1,857.38	1,857.38	0.00	0.00%
	45,227.48	45,817.00	589.52	1.29%

Erick Munck (Reeve)

<i># of per diems</i>	<i>13.00</i>	<i>19.00</i>	<i>6.00</i>	<i>31.58%</i>
Base salary	5,527.18	5,527.18	0.00	0.00%
Per diems	3,902.34	5,703.42	1,801.08	31.58%
Taxable mileage	417.60	275.84	-141.76	-51.39%
Benefits	1,647.06	1,679.02	31.96	1.90%
Salary and benefits	11,494.18	13,185.46	1,691.28	12.83%
Training and conventions	2,107.07	2,822.62	715.55	25.35%
	13,601.25	16,008.08	2,406.83	15.04%

Division 2

Marvin Schatz (Deputy Reeve)

<i># of per diems</i>	<i>35.00</i>	<i>35.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00%</i>
Base salary	19,700.09	19,700.09	-0.00	0.00%
Per diems	10,506.30	10,506.30	0.00	0.00%
Taxable mileage	777.60	777.60	0.00	0.00%
Benefits	7,165.83	7,165.83	0.00	0.00%
Salary and benefits	38,149.82	38,149.82	-0.00	0.00%
Training and conventions	2,009.53	2,009.53	0.00	0.00%
	40,159.35	40,159.35	-0.00	0.00%

* Budget for Deputy Reeve Monthly pay reallocated from Division 2 to Division 6 for period Oct 21 - Dec 31, 2025

Ray Crisler

<i># of per diems</i>	<i>13.00</i>	<i>29.5</i>	<i>16.50</i>	<i>55.93%</i>
Base salary	2,970.87	2,970.87	0.00	0.00%
Per diems	3,902.34	8,855.31	4,952.97	55.93%
Taxable mileage	527.04	222.40	-304.64	-136.98%
Benefits	1,462.39	1,760.86	298.47	16.95%
Salary and benefits	8,862.64	13,809.44	4,946.80	35.82%
Training and conventions	2,169.45	3,790.47	1,621.02	42.77%
	11,032.09	17,599.91	6,567.82	37.32%

Division 3

Ron Kleinfeldt

<i># of per diems</i>	<i>34.00</i>	<i>34.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00%</i>
Base salary	13,774.05	13,774.05	0.00	0.00%
Per diems	10,206.12	10,206.12	0.00	0.00%
Taxable mileage	993.60	993.60	0.00	0.00%
Benefits	3,854.19	5,254.19	1,400.00	26.65%
Salary and benefits	28,827.96	30,227.96	1,400.00	4.63%
Training and conventions	2,267.50	2,267.50	0.00	0.00%
	31,095.46	32,495.46	1,400.00	4.31%

Bill Chapman

<i># of per diems</i>	<i>11.00</i>	<i>18.50</i>	<i>7.50</i>	<i>40.54%</i>
Base salary	2,970.87	2,970.87	0.00	0.00%
Per diems	3,301.98	5,553.33	2,251.35	40.54%
Taxable mileage	43.20	306.40	263.20	85.90%
Benefits	1,402.87	2,867.00	1,464.13	51.07%
Salary and benefits	7,718.92	11,697.60	3,978.68	34.01%
Training and conventions	2,358.56	2,732.50	373.94	13.68%
	10,077.48	14,430.10	4,352.62	30.16%

Division 4**Bill Lane**

<i># of per diems</i>	<i>33.50</i>	<i>33.50</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00%</i>
Base salary	13,774.05	13,774.05	0.00	0.00%
Per diems	10,056.03	10,056.03	0.00	0.00%
Taxable mileage	1,180.80	1,180.80	0.00	0.00%
Benefits	2,738.76	2,336.36	-402.40	-17.22%
Salary and benefits	27,749.64	27,347.24	-402.40	-1.47%
Training and conventions	1,667.88	1,667.88	0.00	0.00%
	29,417.52	29,015.12	-402.40	-1.39%

Lorrie Jespersen

<i># of per diems</i>	<i>13.50</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>4.50</i>	<i>25.00%</i>
Base salary	2,970.87	2,970.87	0.00	0.00%
Per diems	4,052.43	5,403.24	1,350.81	25.00%
Taxable mileage	806.40	1,069.20	262.80	24.58%
Benefits	1,076.91	625.00	-451.91	0.00%
Salary and benefits	8,906.61	10,068.31	1,161.70	11.54%
Training and conventions	1,904.72	3,832.12	1,927.40	50.30%
	10,811.33	13,900.43	3,089.10	22.22%

Division 5**Paul Properzi**

<i># of per diems</i>	<i>22.50</i>	<i>22.50</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00%</i>
Base salary	13,774.05	13,774.05	0.00	0.00%
Per diems	6,754.05	6,754.05	0.00	0.00%
Taxable mileage	908.64	908.64	0.00	0.00%
Benefits	4,176.05	5,676.05	1,500.00	26.43%
Salary and benefits	25,612.79	27,112.79	1,500.00	5.53%
Training and conventions	1,782.02	1,782.02	0.00	0.00%
	27,394.81	28,894.81	1,500.00	5.19%

Chais Ellwein

<i># of per diems</i>	<i>8.50</i>	<i>18.50</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>54.05%</i>
Base salary	2,970.87	2,970.87	0.00	0.00%
Per diems	2,551.53	5,553.33	3,001.80	54.05%
Taxable mileage	240.48	591.36	350.88	59.33%
Benefits	1,355.70	2,271.04	915.34	40.30%
Salary and benefits	7,118.58	11,386.60	4,268.02	37.48%
Training and conventions	762.40	2,717.98	1,955.58	71.95%
	7,880.98	14,104.58	6,223.60	44.12%

Division 6 - Walter Preugschas (Deputy Reeve)

<i># of per diems</i>	<i>47.00</i>	<i>57.50</i>	<i>22.50</i>	<i>39.13%</i>
Base salary	18,023.07	18,023.07	0.00	0.00%
Per diems	14,108.46	17,260.35	3,151.89	18.26%
Taxable mileage	1,296.00	1,350.00	54.00	4.00%
Benefits	5,878.43	6,160.18	281.75	4.57%
Salary and benefits	39,305.96	42,793.60	3,487.64	8.15%
Training and conventions	2,743.44	5,000.00	2,256.56	45.13%
	42,049.40	47,793.60	5,744.20	12.02%

Division 7**Jared Stoik**

<i># of per diems</i>	<i>13.50</i>	<i>13.50</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00%</i>
Base salary	13,774.05	13,774.05	0.00	0.00%
Per diems	4,052.43	4,052.43	0.00	0.00%
Taxable mileage	1,332.00	1,332.00	0.00	0.00%
Benefits	4,013.89	5,513.89	1,500.00	27.20%
Salary and benefits	23,172.37	24,672.37	1,500.00	6.08%
Training and conventions	283.92	283.92	0.00	0.00%
	23,456.29	24,956.29	1,500.00	6.01%

Tyson Bergsma

<i># of per diems</i>	<i>12.50</i>	<i>33.50</i>	<i>21.00</i>	<i>62.69%</i>
Base salary	2,970.87	2,970.87	0.00	0.00%
Per diems	3,752.25	10,056.03	6,303.78	62.69%
Taxable mileage	740.88	868.00	127.12	14.65%
Benefits	1,490.59	2,611.28	1,120.69	42.92%
Salary and benefits	8,954.59	16,506.18	7,551.59	45.75%
Training and conventions	2,199.85	4,056.08	1,856.23	45.76%
	11,154.44	20,562.26	9,407.82	45.75%



Public Works Director of Infrastructure Report February 3, 2026



Graders

- Graders have been blading gravel roads with sandvik blades, breaking up the ice to improve the driving surface. Operators have also pushed snowbanks back making room for additional snow and mitigating drifting potential.

Sanding Trucks

- Trucks have been snowplowing and sanding highways, hamlets, subdivisions, oiled roads and airport.
- County utilized the sanders on gravel roads to improve icy conditions, while graders worked through the roads.

Brushing

- Burning brush piles should be completed by February 6. County will then start the winter brushing program utilizing the dozer, excavator and mulcher attachment. Program will start with clearing trees on the planned shoulder pull projects.

Airport

- Work moving snow past the runway lights, shoveling and repairing lights and clearing snowbanks back to drainage ditches took place in January. Equipment required was Komatsu loader and grader. This work was completed over a period of 6 days.

2026 Construction Projects

- Backslope and borrow agreements have been developed.
- Utility crossing and encroachment agreements are in progress.

Tenders

- Tenders were sent out for a light duty truck, rubber tire loader and loader backhoe as per 2026 Capital Budget. Results will be brought back to Council for review.

Shop

- Pre-season repair and maintenance of construction equipment. Gravel truck and pup have been prepped and are sent out for repainting of boxes and frame.
- 815 construction packer drum pads are being rebuilt and hard surfaced.
- All other repairs and maintenance as required.

Utilities

- 2025 year end reports for County Water & Wastewater Systems have been developed and submitted to AEP as per our approval conditions.
- Meter reading training has been carried out to ensure redundancy in staff knowledge.
- A service in Neerlandia was temporarily turned off for a resident to make repairs to their system within the house.
- All other testing and monitoring are being carried out as per normal operations.



TO: COUNCIL

RE: COUNCILLOR REPORT – REEVE ERIK MUNCK, DIVISION 1

DATE: January 1-29, 2026

COUNCIL APPOINTED COMMITTEES/ACTIVITIES:

No exceptional items of note

Airport

Economic Development Committee

Policy Committee

Barrhead Regional Water Commission

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

OTHER:

- Jan 5 - Met with TOB Mayor Assaf, TOB CAO and COB CAO, agreed to have both councils meet, looking forward to building a positive cooperative working relationship between COB and TOB.
- Letter sent on behalf of Council to a concerned resident, response received requesting further information



COUNCILLOR REPORT

TO: COUNCIL

RE: COUNCILLOR REPORT – COUNCILLOR CRISLER, DIVISION 2

DATE: January 7 – February 2, 2026

COUNCIL APPOINTED COMMITTEES/ACTIVITIES:

Barrhead Regional Airport Committee

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Athabasca Watershed Council

- Need to get the Water Quality in the Water Basin Report for Councillor Chapman.

Barrhead Regional Crime Coalition

- Talked about the Security Technology Workshop.
- Admin. to lead on Strategic Focus Discussion.
- Bring in training workshop on video surveillance. Martijn Terlouw 780-305-6408
- Meet up with Westlock Security people to discuss how they work.
- Next meeting Feb. 5th 2026 1100-1200

Barrhead District Seed Cleaning Co-op Committee

- Attended the 73rd AGM meeting and conference Jan. 14-16, 2026.
- Attended Professional Development Workshop on Growth Factors.
- Learning opportunities on AED segment.
- Trade show.
- Collaboration: Building Advocacy Connections.
- Awards Luncheon.
- Elections.

- Regular Seed Cleaning Plant regular meeting.

- Looking at bringing in a Seed Treating Mobile Plant for this spring.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

- Attended the Ag Society supper and AGM Jan 23, 2026.

OTHER:



COUNCILLOR REPORT

TO: COUNCIL

RE: COUNCILLOR REPORT – COUNCILLOR ELLWEIN, DIVISION 5

DATE: January 7-,28 2026

COUNCIL APPOINTED COMMITTEES/ACTIVITIES:

Barrhead & District Agricultural Society

- Attended the town meeting on Jan.13 with Ag society to discuss contract renewals
 - o Facility Use & Service Agreement
 - o Wildrose Rodeo Finals Commitment
- Attended the Volunteer Appreciation and AGM on Jan. 23.
- Attended monthly meeting. (highlights were)
 - o New elected directors
 - o Town Finalized the 2 above agreements.

Fire Services Committee

- Nothing to report on.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

OTHER:

- Joined the Pembina River District 3 teams meeting
 - o Where our resolution that was put forward to the group passed.
- Had a few calls regarding the Beef producers and the new CFIA amendments that they were trying to propose.
- Concerns about PROPOSED LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION – DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES



COUNCILLOR REPORT

TO: COUNCIL

RE: COUNCILLOR REPORT – COUNCILLOR PREUGSCHAS, DIVISION 6

DATE: Jan 1 – Feb 1, 2026

ACTIVITIES:

Agriculture Service Board:

- Member orientation.
- Next meeting Feb 13th – develop business plan.
- ASB Conference – Resolutions passed – Change CFIA back to Agriculture ministry, hold off on decisions to change protocols. Discussed with various people at the conference and locally.
- 4 to 6 sites in province for the pilot on silage bags – Barrhead could be a contender with neighboring counties. Westlock already has a bagger that they're not using.
- The Intensive Livestock working Group is keen on meeting with County of Barrhead to Host a Stock Talk.
- Mental Health – AgKnow – still no permanent funding.
- Resolution of Wild Boar farming – very satisfactory – deadline for grandfathering production Jan 31st.
- Veterinary (Megan Bergman) – will connect with RhPaP to see if the vet attraction and retention couldn't be combined with the human Dr attraction committee.
- Farm at Vermilion – very involved with Open Farm Days with over 600 visitors. Also do year-around tours for schools, people from the city, etc. Also do direct beef sales.

Economic Development Committee:

- Member orientation.
- Discussion re business directory and licensing.
- Discussion re focussing Economic Development and regionalizing it.
- Recommend 4 members at large with 2-year terms.
- Next meeting – develop business plan.

Museum:

Barrhead Attraction and Retention Committee (ARC):

FCSS:

Twinning Committee:

- Meeting to plan delegation to Japan in August.
- 3 students coming March 5th to 12th. Supper March 8th

Policy Committee:

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES/OTHER:

- Regional Tourism NW of 16:

- Successful networking sessions – Jan 14 at Tawatinaw, Jan 28 at Whitecourt. Total of 50 participants from across the region.
 - Planning another session. AGM April 1st.
 - Plan to attend TIA conference in February.
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- Attended Soul Sisters event celebrating farmers at Westlock.
 - Helped with 4-H multi-judging in Westlock.
 - Attended Barrhead Ag Society supper and AGM – organization seems well run.
 - Attended zoom call – Zone 3
 - COW Jan 29th – discussed brainstorming items
 - Emergency Measures Committe



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The County Of Barrhead No. 11.
BOX 820
BARRHEAD AB T0G0E0

Dear Neighbour,

MCSnet is pleased to inform you that, with your permission, we are constructing fiber optics to your home or business located in "**Thunder Lake**" in order to provide the most reliable and cutting-edge internet technology available today. Our Fiber packages include speeds of up to 940 Mbps down and 940 Mbps up with competitive rates.

Who is MCSnet?

MCSnet is an internet service provider based out of St. Paul, Alberta and has been in the business of providing high-speed internet since 1995. You may already be one of our customers using our fixed wireless technology. If so, we will upgrade you to fiber at no extra cost. If not, we are happy to bring you fiber internet access.

What to Expect in the Coming Months:

Prior to any construction taking place, we need your permission to enter your property and construct the fiber optic cables to your premises through the use of a **fiber drop form agreement**. Once you give us your consent to contact you, a representative will visit your home or business to complete the fiber drop form agreement.

The fiber optic cable installation will follow the same path as existing utility services within the municipal right of way. We are currently working with the Municipalities on permitting and approvals.

All construction will be performed with the utmost care and attention to safety and all restoration activities will take place during or after the completion of work in the area. Construction will take place through 2026 and into 2027. Stay tuned to our website for updates:

<https://mcsnet.ca/mcsnet-fiber-projects/>

Once the fiber optic construction has been completed, we will be contacting you to schedule your service activation. If you decide not to proceed with a service activation, we highly recommend continuing the fiber installation phase. Since there is no current cost to you, having the infrastructure built now makes future service activation much faster, easier, and less disruptive, ensuring the fiber line is ready and minimizing potential future costs and delays. This project will be completed at no cost to you at this time only!



Next Steps:

MCSnet is requesting your permission to install a fiber optic line to your premises. This can be accomplished in one of three ways:

1. Below is a QR code that you can scan with the camera on your phone to fill out a form and provide your information and consent. When prompted, please use the Project Number: **2026-17**. Once you provide your information, an MCSnet representative will visit your premises to fill out a fiber drop form agreement.
2. As a second option, you can also email MCSnet at projects@mcsnet.ca. As the property owner, your email will need to include your full name, mailing address, email address, phone number, and project number 2026-17 so that we can contact you to complete the fiber drop form agreement.
3. As a last option, we will also have a team representative going door to door to request your permission to install the fiber optic line to your home or business and complete the fiber drop form agreement.

Please note that there will not be any work completed on private property without advance permission. The information collected will be used for our records for fiber construction and for installation purposes.

You can also use the same email address (projects@mcsnet.ca) for any questions related to the fiber optic build, or by calling our toll free number: 1-866-390-3928 ext. 797.

Sincerely,

MCSnet





COUNTY OF BARRHEAD NO. 11

PUBLIC HEARING :

Bylaw 2-2026 – Amending Land Use Bylaw 4-2024

February 3, 2026 1:00 PM – County of Barrhead Council
Chambers



1. CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER

Reeve for the County of Barrhead calls the County of Barrhead Public Hearing to order

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Reeve welcomes everyone and invites Council, Administration and the Applicant (Axiom Oil & Gas) to introduce themselves

3. PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Reeve provides an overview of how Public Hearing will proceed.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE BYLAW

Reeve asks Administration to provide a brief overview and summary of the proposed bylaw amendment and advises Council members that they may ask clarifying questions of Administration.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Reeve invites registered public members attending in person to share their comments regarding the proposed bylaw amendment followed by registered public members attending electronically.

Reeve invites public members that have not registered to share their comments regarding the proposed bylaw amendment

All public members speaking are required to provide their name and given 5 minutes.

Reeves advises Council members that after each speaker they may ask clarifying questions.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Reeve reminds Council members of the written submissions that were received and provided in the Council Agenda Package.

Reeve asks Administration to read into the record any written submissions received after posting the Council Agenda Package.

7. RESPONSE

Reeve asks Administration and the Applicant if they wish to provide any further comments on any of the information provided in the verbal presentations or written submissions.

8. CLOSING REMARKS

Reeve asks Council if they have any final questions of Administration or the Applicant.

Reeve thanks everyone for their attendance and participation.

9. CLOSE/RECESS PUBLIC HEARING

Reeve asks Council if they are satisfied that the information received enables them to discuss and decide on Bylaw 2-2026 at a future Council meeting.

If Council wishes to obtain more input, the Public Hearing is recessed, otherwise, the Public Hearing is Closed, and no further written or verbal feedback can be received.

Reeve declares Public Hearing closed or recessed to a future date and time.

10. WHAT NEXT?

Public members either leave or disconnect from the Public Hearing. Public members attending in person may stay if there are additional items remaining on the Council agenda.



COUNTY OF BARRHEAD NO. 11

Province of Alberta

BYLAW NO. 2-2026

Amending Land Use Bylaw No. 4-2024

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A Bylaw of the County of Barrhead No. 11, in the Province of Alberta, to amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 4-2024.

WHEREAS, the *Municipal Government Act*, of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, and amendments thereto, authorizes the Council to establish and amend a Land Use Bylaw, and

WHEREAS, Council deems it necessary and desirable to amend the Land Use Bylaw to add “Data Processing Facility” as a Discretionary Use in the Agricultural Land Use District;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts as follows:

1. That the Land Use Bylaw of the County of Barrhead No. 11, Bylaw 4-2024, be amended as follows:
 - a) In Section 12. Agricultural Land Use District (AG), subsection 12.3 Discretionary Uses, add “Data Processing Facility” to the list of discretionary uses.
2. Invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this bylaw shall not affect the validity of any other part of this bylaw, which can be given effect with such invalid part or parts.
3. This bylaw comes into force upon third and final reading and signing in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*.

FIRST READING GIVEN the 6 day of January 2026.

SECOND READING GIVEN the day of 2026.

THIRD READING GIVEN the day of 2026.

Reeve

Seal

County CAO

ADVERTISED IN THE BARRHEAD LEADER ON:

- **JANUARY 20 & 27, 2026**

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2026.

From: Valerie Ehrenholz [Redacted ATIA Sec. 20 Personal Info]
Sent: January 26, 2026 6:36 PM
To: COB Info <info@countybarrhead.ab.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Written Submission for Public Hearing for Proposed Bylaw 2-2026

To the Council of the County of Barrhead,

I would like to speak against the Proposed Bylaw No. 2-2026.

According to Bylaw 4-2024, which would be amended by the proposed bylaw, the general purpose of an Agricultural Land Use District is “to permit activities associated with primary production and preserve valuable agricultural land from inappropriate development” (Bylaw 4-2024, Section 12.1). The addition of “Data Processing Facility” to the discretionary use list in this district will violate the stated purpose of the agricultural land use district.

Data processing is not associated in any way with primary production. The building space and increased electricity use required by data processing facilities does not preserve valuable agricultural land and could, in my opinion, be considered inappropriate development on agricultural land.

It seems that the proposed bylaw supports entrepreneurial endeavours, but fails to protect our local agricultural land. It is well known in the agricultural community that valuable agricultural land is swiftly being swallowed up by development and urban sprawl throughout our province and our nation. As a county with deep roots in agriculture, it is our duty to protect our agricultural land, rather than bringing urban-style industry, such as data processing, to our agricultural districts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Valerie Ehrenholz

From: Alan Breitzkreitz [Redacted ATIA Sec. 20]

Sent: January 26, 2026 10:32 PM

To: COB Info <info@countybarrhead.ab.ca>; Chais Ellwein <cellwein@countybarrhead.ab.ca>; Assaf Ty <Ty.Assaf@servus.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Fwd: The Real Safety Risks of Data Centers: What Local Communities Need to Know. – Conimby

From: Alan Breitzkreitz [Redacted ATIA Sec. 20]

Date: January 26, 2026 at 7:05:52 PM

Subject: The Real Safety Risks of Data Centers: What Local Communities Need to Know. – Conimby

It is my understanding that there is discussion for a potential Data Processing Centre to be introduced to the Barrhead county. I personally have concerns about this and am including some pertinent information about this proposed amendment to the land use act. Please read the attachment below and there is also 17 references along with it.

My main concerns are the vast amount of water used and the possible effects the data Center can have on the power grid. These topics are very well documented in the references.

As the negative implications could be strong, I strongly advise all council read the attached information and bring this public for others to be advised of the risks involved. I will also be pleased to hear back with what plans may be in place and if this will be going to the public to vote on.

I also understand that there is Bylaw 4-2024 meeting Tuesday February, 03 at 1:pm which will also be open to the public and look forward to attending this meeting to get more informed.

I look forward to hearing back from all of you with your thoughts.

Best regards,

Alan Breitzkreitz

[Redacted ATIA Sec. 20]

<https://conimby.org/blog/2025/09/12/the-real-safety-risks-of-data-centers-what-local-communities-need-to-know/>

From: Reisha Wallace [Redacted ATIA Sec. 20]

Sent: January 28, 2026 6:07 PM

To: COB Info <info@countybarrhead.ab.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Upcoming meeting on Feb 3

To whom it may concern

I've seen that you are hosting a meeting regarding the crypto processing plant that you plan on putting in or considering putting into Manola by the Pembina

I don't understand why you would have a meeting on a Tuesday afternoon & expect people to attend when it's on a working day in the afternoon

This needs much more community involvement

As these plants can create terrible environmental problems and give little to our community

There needs to be many more community discussions and full disclosure of the impact this facility will have

I assume this is one of many future meetings

Best Regards

Lauren Wallace

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)



BRIEFING NOTE DELEGATION

TO: COUNCIL

RE: NEERLANDIA SPORTS COMMITTEE (NSC) – ARENA ROOF

SUMMARY:

To provide background information on NSC presentation to Council, requesting \$300,000.

BACKGROUND:

- 2018 – County provided a contribution of 1,000 yds of gravel to develop base for Outdoor Arena pad in Neerlandia
- 2020 – County provided a contribution of 1,000 yds of sand for the base of the Outdoor Arena in Neerlandia
- 2025 – County entered into a Use Agreement for Land (NE-28-61-3-W5) for NSC to construct a ball diamond
- Ongoing tax exemption status granted to NSC under *Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation* (COPTER)

ANALYSIS:

- NSC is requesting County contribute \$300,000 from the “Money in Lieu of Municipal Reserves” fund as a matching grant and has identified that this particular Reserve has a balance of \$567,000.
 - NSC also comments that there is currently no formal plan for disbursement and has no policy governing distribution of reserve funds and provides a policy from another municipality as an example
- To clarify, money collected in Lieu of taking reserve land (green space) at the time of subdivision is a legislated process under Division 9 of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*.
 - MGA defines how the money is collected, accounted for and how it can be used.
 - Money in Lieu collected (and interest earned) must be accounted for separately and is held in a Restricted Capital Reserve
 - Below is a snip from the County Reserve Report which is brought to Council twice per year. Within the Reserve Report there are details on purpose, source of funds, use, interest and any additions or deletions from the Reserve.

Name	Classification	Sub-Class	Purpose of Reserve	Source of Funds	Current Yr's Contr. unless as noted	Use of Funds	Interest Ent	2024 Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance Dec 31, 2025	2025 Budgeted Balance
Money in Lieu (of Municipal Reserve)	Restricted - Capital Reserve	Land & Land Improvements	per MGA, money taken in place of reserve land must be accounted for separately, along with any interest accruing on funds. Contributions and usage supported by 10 yr Capital Plan.	Developer	Est. \$20,000 + Interest Income	per MGA 671(2) - a public park, public recreation area	yes	567,240.12	36,127.09		603,367.21	597,240.12

- County also has Reserve Policy FN-002 to maintain consistent standards and guidelines for the management of Reserves and execution of Reserve transactions to ensure that all

Reserve transactions are approved by Council. This policy is not specific to just the Money in Lieu Restricted Capital Reserve.

- A Reserve Policy is important to establish, maintain and manage Reserve funds that:
 - Maintain and improve the County's working capital requirements
 - Provide for future operating and capital funding requirements
 - Provide stabilization for fluctuations in operating and capital activities and
 - Support Council's current and future initiatives in accordance with the Strategic Plan, Capital Plan and Financial Plan.
- Work is scheduled for 2026 to complete the development of a Parks & Open Spaces Master Plan that will support Council with informed decision-making related to the use of green spaces and recreational opportunities in the County.
- 2022-2026 County Strategic Plan is due to be updated for 2027
- Example policy provided by NSC is an effective policy, however, most of the content simply refers back to legislation that already exists.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the presentation from NSC regarding the request for \$300,000 be referred to Administration to present information and a recommendation to Council at a future meeting.



Delegation Request Form

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Name of persons or organization requesting to appear before Council		
Neerlandia Sports Committee		
Council Meeting Date Requested (please provide 1 st and 2 nd choice)		
Dec 16th (First Choice) Jan 20th (2nd Choice)		
Contact Information		
Name	Daniel van Heyst	
Address	Redacted ATIA Sec. 20 Personal Info	
Email		
Phone		
Purpose of Delegation / Presentation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Information sharing		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for action, funds, consideration		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (provide details)		
Topic of discussion (include title and background information)		
<p>Neerlandia Sports Centre</p> <p>Present to council the Neerlandia Sports Committee Phase 1 Plan to construct a Sports Centre, this involves covering the existing outdoor rink with a permanent structure. (Powerpoint Presentation)</p> <p>Discuss the letter provided to Council which outlines our funding request.</p>		
Technical Requirements		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Computer (for use with memory stick)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (what's needed?)		
For Office Use Only		
<input type="checkbox"/> Added to Agenda		<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to:
Other Departments required to be in attendance?		
In Camera?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No



Neerlandia Sports Committee

Est. 1979

November 4, 2025

To:

Council of the County of Barrhead
5306 – 49 Street
Barrhead, AB T7N 1N5

Subject: Funding Request for the Neerlandia Sports Centre Project

Dear Members of Council,


The Neerlandia Sports Committee (NSC) is excited to share that we are fundraising to construct a permanent covering over our outdoor rink — an initiative that will create a year-round hub for recreation, community gatherings, and wellness in our hamlet.

As you may recall, the NSC successfully raised over \$450,000 in 2020 to construct the new concrete-based outdoor rink after the removal of our old rink during the Neerlandia School construction. Since then, the rink has become a popular public facility, used for skating and hockey in the winter and for pickleball and other activities in the summer.

Despite the committee's ongoing volunteer efforts to keep the ice clean and safe, frequent snow removal and thawing during warm spells create significant maintenance challenges. In addition, the loss of the old Co-op Service Centre — our long-time venue for the annual July 1st picnic breakfast — has left the community without a suitable gathering space.

To address these needs, we are pursuing a rink covering that would:

- Eliminate snow removal during the winter season
- Provide shade and improve ice quality during warm weather
- Offer a sheltered, multi-use area for summer sports and events
- Serve as a venue for community gatherings such as the July 1st picnic breakfast



Our goal is to start construction in **2026**. Based on preliminary quotes and planning, we are seeking to raise **\$750,000** through a combination of existing savings, community donations, corporate contributions, and grant funding.

As the County of Barrhead plays an important role in supporting local recreation, we respectfully request that the County contribute **\$300,000** from the “**Money in Lieu of Municipal Reserves**” fund as a **matching grant**, whereby each donation would be matched by the County, up to that amount.

According to the 2025 County budget, approximately \$567,000 is currently held in this reserve. We understand these funds are collected from local ratepayers during subdivision processes to support future public recreation, and that there is currently no formal plan for disbursement. Allocating a portion to this project would allow the County to make a meaningful investment in community recreation without creating any ongoing service or maintenance obligations.

While the County of Barrhead does not currently have a policy governing distribution of these reserve funds, we have attached a copy of the County of Vermilion River’s policy for reference. Their policy explicitly allows for capital installations to community facilities (page 5, section 2.e), which we believe provides a reasonable precedent for our request.

The NSC is committed to maintaining the rink as a publicly accessible facility for years to come. Currently, the hamlet of Neerlandia has no County-supported park or green space, and this project represents an opportunity for the County to strengthen recreation in our community in a lasting and cost-effective way.

We believe this project offers an excellent opportunity for the County of Barrhead to partner in developing lasting, low-maintenance recreation for your ratepayers. By supporting this initiative, the County would help transform the rink into a year-round gathering place that promotes health, activity, and connection across all ages.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with Council to discuss this proposal further and explore how we can work together to make this vision a reality. Thank you for your consideration and your ongoing commitment to community recreation.

Warm regards,

Seth Olthuis
Neerlandia Sports Committee President



POLICY # PD 012
MUNICIPAL RESERVES

APPROVAL DATE:	10-12-13 (December 2013)	CROSS-REFERENCE	FI 004 – Reserve Policy
RESPONSIBILITY:	Planning & Development		
APPROVER:	Council	APPENDICES:	
REVISION DATE (s):	July 27, 2021 2021-07-14; March 29, 2022 2022-03-45	REVIEW DATE:	March 2023

POLICY STATEMENT

The County of Vermilion River strives to remain consistent and transparent in its process regarding the subdivision of lands and the legislated requirements for applicants.

BACKGROUND

The County of Vermilion River recognized the need to establish a policy regarding the legislated options under the Alberta Municipal Government Act (MGA) with regards to Municipal and School Reserves. Under Section 671(2) of the MGA, the use of reserve monies collected can only be used:

“Municipal Reserve, school reserve or municipal and school reserve may be used by a municipality or school board or by them jointly only for any or all of the following purposes:

- a) A public park;*
- b) A public recreation area;*
- c) School board purposes;*
- d) To separate areas of land that are used for different purposes.”*

OBJECTIVE

To provide the process and guidelines as to the collection and distribution of municipal and school reserve funds as per MGA section 666(1) and 271(2). Some examples are, but not limited to, public park development, recreational use, assist schools in land or capital in growing and expanding educational needs, and providing land for affordable usage.

SCOPE

INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS	EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS
Administration	Ratepayers / Non-Profit Organizations
Council	Local School Boards

DEFINITIONS

Council is the whole of the elected officials for the County of Vermilion River in the Province of Alberta.

County is the County of Vermilion River.

MGA is the Municipal Government Act including amendments made thereto.

Park Trust Fund means the use or disposal of municipal reserve land or monies

Public Park means an area of green space, with or without apparatus (i.e. playground, courts etc.), that is municipally owned and accessible by the public for use.

Public Recreation Area means an outdoor or indoor area that allows the public to enjoy recreational activities (i.e. soccer fields, baseball diamonds, campgrounds, day use areas, community halls etc.)

Public Use as defined in this Policy shall mean the use of municipally owned facilities and lands and facilities and lands that are managed by nonprofit organizations and/or associations. It does not include the use of privately owned facilities and lands that are for profit that the public also can access. (Privately owned facilities and lands can access funding via Policy PD 021 – Community Enhancement Funding)

Ratepayer(s) are taxpaying residents of the County of Vermilion River.

Reserve Land means environmental reserve, conservation reserve, municipal reserve, community services reserve, school reserve, or municipal and school reserve and as defined under Part 17, Division 8 of the MGA

School Board Purpose means requests from a recognized School Board for funds to be used only for school educational needs within the County.

Subdivision Authority means a subdivision authority established under Part 17, Division 3 of the MGA.

COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL RESERVE FUNDS

1. Historically, the County has opted to take money instead of land when dealing with Municipal Reserves. In select cases, the County's Subdivision Authority decides, with consultation of County staff and/or Council, that land be provided. County Administration works with the Subdivision Authority and the subdivision applicant in determining the appropriate form of Municipal Reserve to be provided.
 - a. A proposed subdivision of land may be subject to providing reserve land or money in place of land;
 - i. Reserves may not exceed 10% of the parcel of land, less the land required to be provided as Environmental Reserve and the land made subject to an Environmental Reserve Easement.
 - ii. Any combination of land or money in place of land shall follow Section 666 of the MGA.
 - b. If money is requested in lieu of land, it shall be in accordance with Section 667 of the MGA or shall be decided upon the Subdivision Authority in consultation with the Director of Planning and Development.
 - c. The amount of money in place of land will be equal to 10% of the lands being subdivided and subject to Part 3 of this Policy. Should it not meet any of Part 3 of this Policy then a market value appraisal shall be completed and 10% of the appraisal provided based on the approved subdivision titled parcel(s), determined in accordance with Section 667 of the MGA.
 - d. Lands dedicated for the provision of roads or utilities, including stormwater management systems, shall be considered developable lands and will be included in the calculation of the Municipal Reserve.
 - e. Where applicable, policies found within an Intermunicipal Development Plan, between the County and its neighbour, relating to the collection and/or deferment of Municipal Reserves, shall be adhered to.

Reserves or money in place of land may be deferred in accordance with Section 669 of the MGA where deemed appropriate by County Administration and the County's Subdivision Authority.

2. A Subdivision Authority, as per Section 663 of the MGA, may not require reserve land or money in-lieu of land if one lot is created from a quarter section, land has been subdivided into larger lots for agricultural purposes, creation of smaller lot (2 acres or less) and if reserves have already been provided on title.
3. Where it is determined that, in accordance with this policy, money shall be provided to satisfy the Municipal Reserve requirements for a subdivision, the following process shall be utilized:
 - a. On parcels being subdivided (which are not affected by Section 663 of the MGA), that DO NOT fall within a designated Area Structure Plan or an Intermunicipal Development Plan Area of the County, and DO NOT have exceptional circumstances that could impact value, the valuation of Municipal Reserve calculation shall be **\$1,500/acre**.
 - b. On parcels being subdivided for multi-lot residential purposes, which are:
 - i. Within an approved Area Structure Plan
 - ii. Which are within the allowable limit of single-lot subdivisions as per the County's

Municipal Development Plan, and which further

1. DO NOT fall within the Intermunicipal Development Plan Areas of the County, and
2. DO NOT have exceptional circumstances that could impact Value,

The valuation for Municipal Reserve allocation shall be the County's assessed value unless the applicant contests the County's assessed value. If the County's assessed value is contested by the applicant, then the applicant will be required to provide an appraisal completed by a qualified assessor per Section 667 of the MGA. If an appraisal is received, then the Municipal Reserve calculation shall be the value as indicated in the appraisal.

c. For subdivisions occurring on lands that are:

- i. Business, commercial and industrial zoned;
- ii. Fall within an Intermunicipal Development Plan Area; or
- iii. Have exceptional circumstances that could impact value,

The calculation for money in place of land for Municipal Reserve shall be in accordance with Section 667(1) of the MGA, with all costs incurred borne by the applicant in their entirety, and shall be based on the total acreage amount shown on the final plan of survey approved by the County's Subdivision Authority.

d. Should the final submitted plan of survey be altered prior to registration at Land Titles, the revised survey plan shall be submitted to the County and the Subdivision Authority and a re-calculation of the Municipal Reserve shall occur.

4. Payment of Municipal Reserve shall be required prior to final conditions release and registration of the newly created parcel(s) at Land Titles.

DISTRIBUTION OF MUNICIPAL RESERVE FUNDS

As per Section 671(2) of the Municipal Government Act:

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- a) A public park;
- b) A public recreation area;
- c) School board purposes;
- d) To separate areas of land that are used for different purposes."

PARK TRUST (MUNICIPAL) RESERVE FUNDS

1. Park Trust funds can be used for any of the other purposes, besides school, that are identified in Section 671(2) of the MGA, and provide a benefit to the region within the County of Vermilion River municipal boundary.
2. These funds may be used for **capital projects** for Public Use facilities and/or lands, including but

not limited to:

- a. Soccer field development (not operational)
- b. Ball diamond development (not operational)
- c. Installation or replacement of playground equipment
- d. Development of natural area (i.e. development of trails, initial clean-up of area for safety purposes, installation of apparatus (playground equipment, picnic tables etc.))
- e. Capital installation or repairs (not operational) to community facilities (i.e. replacement of necessary utilities (gas, water, etc.), repair/replacement of structural portions (walls, floors, roofs) etc.)
- f. Separation of the lands to accommodate any of the above.

3. Funds will be distributed based on the following criteria:

- a. One-time payments towards larger facility projects:
 - i. Payment of up to 50% maximum of a project value, up to \$100,000.
 - ii. Payment of up to a maximum of \$75,000 for project valued over \$100,000 to a maximum project value of \$2,500,000.
 - iii. Council shall determine allotment of funding for projects valued over \$2,500,000.
- b. Smaller projects may apply once during a five (5) year period and must benefit County residents or the majority of residents in the region within the municipal boundary of the County:
 - i. Payment of 50% of the total cost of the smaller project to a maximum of \$10,000 per project in a five (5) year period.
- c. The following conditions apply to both of parts (a) and (b) above:
 - i. The organization/association must specify the party responsible for the maintenance of the equipment and grounds and include specifications in the agreement.
 - ii. The project plan and budget must be included with the application for review and consideration by administration and recommendation to Council.
 - iii. The project must be started within 90 days of receiving the funds from the County and must be completed within two (2) years.

4. A project report must be submitted to the County, within thirty (30) days, upon completion of the project detailing the project and funding used.
5. Recognition will be coordinated through the County and organization/association directly.
6. If Park Trust funds are received for a capital project, Community Enhancement Funding (Policy PD #021) funds cannot be used for the same project. Only one source of funding (either Park Trust or Community Enhancement Funding) will be accessible for the same project in the same year, unless approved by recommended department and /or approved by Council.

SCHOOL RESERVE FUNDS

1. Money collected in place of School Reserve will be accounted for separately and interest earned on the accumulated funds shall be added back into the School Reserve.
2. The County will establish with the School Board(s), each year, the number of schools in the County and the available funding to each of the schools.
3. Priority will be given to projects that enhance the long-term educational value and provide a direct benefit to the children.
4. Each school may receive a maximum of \$5,000 every two (2) years or over a two (2) year period, dependent on available funding.
5. All schools must submit requests for funding to their respective school board.
6. Upon endorsement, the School Board will forward the request along with the background information to the County for approval.
7. Once approval is obtained, funds for all school applications will be distributed to the sponsoring School Board. The School Board will then distribute the funds to the individual schools. The school will need to submit a project completion report within twelve (12) months of receiving the funds.
 - a. No additional funding will be provided until reporting has been completed.
8. Recognition will be coordinated through the sponsoring school board and school applying for funding and shall adhere to Policy PD 021 (Community Funding Policy), part 8, that the school board or individual school recognize the County for funding within 90 days of receiving approval from the County.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ROLE/TASK	TITLE (s) OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE
HANDLING INQUIRIES	Community Services Coordinator
MONITORING REVIEWS AND REVISIONS	Director of Planning and Development
IMPLEMENTING POLICY	Council
COMMUNICATING POLICY	Chief Administrative Officer



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2025 - 4th Quarter Fire Services Incidents

		COUNTY			COUNTY Total 2025	TOTAL 2024	TOWN			TOWN Total 2025	TOTAL 2024	TOTALS
Incident Type	Data	OCT	NOV	DEC			OCT	NOV	DEC			
ALARMS RINGING	Number of Incidents	9	8	4	21	8	10	4	2	16	12	37
	Time Total	7hr 34min	6hr 10min	3hr 3min	16h 47min	6hr 40min	3hr 15min	1hr 27min	1hr 55min	6hr 37min	6hr 9min	23hr 24min
AMBULANCE ASSIST	Number of Incidents	3	7	8	18	15	17	10	13	40	46	58
	Time Total	3hr 35min	9hr 23min	9hr 3min	22hr 1min	17hr 46min	8hr 54min	5hr 7min	7hr 42min	21hr 43min	28hr 43min	43hr 44min
FIRE RESPONSE	Number of Incidents	4	1	4	9	1	1	1		2	1	11
	Time Total	12hr 48min	4hr 11min	8hr 23min	25hr 22min	3hr 20min	42min	1hr 0min		1hr 42min	2hr 41min	27hr 4min
GRASS/ WILDLAND	Number of Incidents	1			1							1
	Time Total	5hr 12min			5hr 12min							5hr 12min
OTHER	Number of Incidents			1	1				2	2	2	3
	Time Total			1hr 7min	1hr 7min				51min	51min	1hr 27min	1hr 58min
RESCUE	Number of Incidents											
	Time Total											
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	Number of Incidents											
	Time Total											
Total Count	Number of Incidents	17	16	17	50	24	28	15	17	60	61	110
		29hr 9min	19hr 44min	21hr 36min	70hr 29min	27hr 46min	12hr 51min	7hr 34min	10hr 28min	30hr 53min	39hr	101hr 22min
					Q#4 GRAND TOTAL Incidents							120
MOTOR VEH COLLISION (Alberta Transportation)	Number of Incidents	2	2	6	10	6						
	Time Total	3hr 10min	2hr 37min	11hr 20min	17hr 7min	12hr 42min						
MUTUAL AID Neighbours (Non-Billed)	Number of Incidents					2						
	Time Total					1hr 30min						
MUTUAL AID Provincial (Billed)	Number of Incidents											
	Time Total											



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