

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held September 15, 2026, was called to order by Reeve Munck at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Reeve Erik Munck
Councillor Ray Crisler
Councillor Bill Chapman
Councillor Lorrie Jespersen
Councillor Chais Ellwein
Deputy Reeve Walter Preugschas
Councillor Tyson Bergsma

STAFF

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Layne Mullen, Development Officer
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Bryanna McKay, Dir. Corporate Services
Adam Vanderwekken, Communications Coordinator	Dana Butler, Enforcement Services
Ken Hove, Dir. Infrastructure	Joel Flemmer, Community Peace Officer

ATTENDEES

Town and Country Newspaper – Barry Kerton

RECESS

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

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Ken Hove joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2026-318 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

2026-319 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 1, 2026, be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

ROAD UPGRADE REQUEST – 36-57-4-W5 (RGE RD 41)

2026-320 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council denies the request to upgrade a machinery road to serve the vacant farmland on NW-25-57-4-W5 as there is no development permit.

Carried 6-1.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

2026-321 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council move in-camera at 10:03 a.m. for discussion on:

- Road Upgrade Request – *ATIA Sec. 19 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party*

Carried Unanimously.

2026-322 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council move out of in-camera at 10:12 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Layne Mullen departed the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

ORIGINAL SIGNED – E. MUNCK

Reeve

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. OYARZUN

County Manager

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WINTER SAND & SALT PROCEDURES

- 2026-323 Moved by Reeve Munck that Council accepts the County Winter Sand & Salt Procedures for information with the expectation that the County would continue to monitor and assess viability of new products.

Carried Unanimously.

Reeve Munck left the meeting at 10:29 a.m. and Deputy Reeve Preugschas took over as chairperson.

Dana Butler and Joel Flemmer joined the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Councillor Crisler left the meeting at 10:36 a.m. and rejoined at 10:38 a.m.

REVIEW OF BOAT LAUNCHES AT LAC LA NONNE

- 2026-324 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council accept the report on Boat Launch Repair options at Lac La Nonne for information until more work is completed on the new Strategic Plan.

Carried 5-1.

Reeve Munck rejoined the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- 2026-325 Moved by Councillor Chapman that Council accepts the Public Works report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

RECESS

Deputy Reeve Preugschas recessed the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Adam Vanderwekken joined the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

ENFORCEMENT SERVICES REPORT – SUMMER 2026

- 2026-326 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council support the installation of additional signage at Bloomsbury Subdivision and assessing other similar areas identified by Enforcement Services.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2026-327 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept the following Enforcement Services written reports for information:

- 2026 Summer - Enforcement Services Report
- Bloomsbury Subdivision Traffic/Pedestrian Study

Carried Unanimously.

Dana Butler and CPO J. Flemmer departed the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Received general consensus from Council to continue meeting until items 4.5 & 4.6 on the agenda are completed.

2027 BUDGET PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT – “WHAT WE HEARD” REPORT

- 2026-328 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council accept the 2027 Budget Public Engagement - “What We Heard” Report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

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Reeve

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. OYARZUN

County Manager

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COUNTY BRANDED COUNCILLOR APPAREL

2026-329 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council approve cost of embroidery of the County logo for up to 2 items purchased at the expense of Councillors with the cost of branding to come from the Council Public Relations Budget.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-330 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council approve purchasing 6 hockey jerseys with County logos for use by staff and Council during public events.

Carried Unanimously.

Adam Vanderwekken departed the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

LUNCH RECESS

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Bryanna McKay joined the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS PROCLAMATION

2026-331 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council proclaim October 2026 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Chapman left the meeting at 1:53 p.m. and rejoined at 1:57 p.m.

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

2026-332 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas to accept the following Director of Corporate Services written report for information:

- Cash, Investments, & Taxes Receivable as of August 31, 2026
- Payments Issued for the month of August 2026
- YTD Budget Report for the 8 months ending August 31, 2026
- YTD Capital Recap for period ending August 31, 2026
- Elected Official Remuneration Report as at August 31, 2026

Carried Unanimously.

Bryanna McKay departed the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

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

- 2026 Admin Bldg Renovation Project Dashboard
- CAO is attending ICS 300 Sept 22-24, 2026
- Strategic Planning session scheduled for Sept 29 & 30, 2026

2026-333 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept the County Manager's report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

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COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors discussed their written reports and the following was added:

- Councillor Jespersen did not have a written report, but mentioned he attended a ASB meeting and FCSS meeting.
- Councillor Bergsma provided a written report and elaborated on the Misty Ridge Ski Hill Committee meeting.
- Reeve Munck did not have a written report and did not have anything further to report.
- Deputy Reeve Preugschas provided a written report and spoke further about the ASB meeting, Museum meeting, touring the community with a new Doctor, FCSS meeting, and other volunteer activities with NWof16.
- Councillor Crisler provided a written report and spoke further about his attendance at the Pembina Zone meeting.
- Councillor Ellwein provided a written report and spoke further about the Wild Rose Rodeo finals.
- Councillor Chapman did not have a written report, but mentioned his past attendance at an ARA event with keynote speaker Dr. Lardner and a feedlot tour.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

- 2026-334 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council move in-camera at 2:51 p.m. for discussion on:
- External Committees – *ATIA Sec. 26 Intergovernmental Relations*
- Carried Unanimously.
- 2026-335 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council move out of in-camera at 3:14 p.m.
- Carried Unanimously.
- 2026-336 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept Councillor written/verbal reports for information.
- Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 2026-337 Moved by Councillor Ellwein to accept the following items for information:
- Email from National Police Federation NPF Re: Call to Action – dated August 27, 2026
 - Letter from Pembina Hills School Division Re: New Superintendent – dated September 4, 2026
 - Misty Ridge Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2026
- Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURN

- 2026-338 Moved by Councillor Crisler that the meeting adjourns at 3:16 p.m.
- Carried Unanimously.

ORIGINAL SIGNED – E. MUNCK

Reeve**ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. OYARZUN**

County Manager