

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – HELD MAY 19, 2026**

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Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held May 19, 2026, was called to order by Deputy Reeve Preugschas at 9:02 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Ray Crisler  
Councillor Bill Chapman (joined meeting at 1:00 p.m.)  
Councillor Lorrie Jespersen  
Councillor Chais Ellwein  
Deputy Reeve Walter Preugschas  
Councillor Tyson Bergsma

**ABSENT**

Reeve Erik Munck

**STAFF**

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Tamara Molzahn, Dir. Corporate Services
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Ken Hove, Dir. Infrastructure
Dawn Fedorvich, Dir. Rural Development	Layne Mullen, Development Officer

**ATTENDEES**

Pembina Hills School Division Trustees and Staff  
Public Attendees – L. Adams and A. Thompson

Town and Country Newspaper – Daniel Janson

**RECESS**

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

Deputy Reeve Preugschas reconvened the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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2026-169 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that the agenda be approved as presented.  
Carried 5-0.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 5, 2026**

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2026-170 Moved by Councillor Crisler that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 5, 2026, be approved as circulated.  
Carried 5-0.

**2026 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT #26-340**

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2026-171 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council directs the Deputy Reeve and County Manager to sign the agreements for Crop Damages on Backslope Area, Landscape Borrow Area & Crop Damage on Access Road and Borrow Area & Crop Damage on Access Road for the 2026 Road Reconstruction Project #26-340 – west of 6 and 7-59-3-W5.  
Carried 5-0.

**2026 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT #26-740**

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2026-172 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council directs the Deputy Reeve and County Manager to sign the agreements for Crop Damages on Backslope Area for 2026 Road Reconstruction Project #26-740 – South of SE 25-62-3-W5.  
Carried 5-0.

ORIGINAL SIGNED – W. PREUGSCHAS

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Deputy Reeve

ORIGINAL SIGNED - D. OYARZUN

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**2026 ROAD REHABILITATION (SHOULDER PULL) PROGRAM QUOTATION**

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- 2026-173 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council awards the 2026 Road Rehabilitation (Shoulder Pull) Program contract to Stuber’s Cat Service Ltd. for a total cost of \$162,000 to complete the scheduled 13.5 miles of roadway as per RFQ specifications.

Carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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

- 2026-174 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council accepts the Public Works report for information.

Carried 5-0.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

**PROCLAMATION – ALBERTA RURAL HEALTH WEEK MAY 25 – 29, 2026**

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- 2026-175 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council proclaims May 25 – 29, 2026, as Alberta Rural Health Week.

Carried 5-0.

**SPONSORSHIP REQUEST – BOREALIS ACRES SHIRES**

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- 2026-176 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council receive the request for sponsorship from Borealis Acres Shires for information.

Carried 5-0.

**SET DATE, TIME & PLACE FOR 2026 PUBLIC AUCTION (TAX SALE)**

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- 2026-177 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council declares that the public auction, pursuant to MGA s. 418(1), be held Wednesday, November 18, 2026, commencing at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the County of Barrhead Administration Office, and further that the CAO for the County of Barrhead will serve as the auctioneer.

Carried 5-0.

**RECESS**

Deputy Reeve Preugschas recessed the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas reconvened the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

**COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**

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

- Intermunicipal Meeting (networking) confirmed with Town of Barrhead on June 30, 2026
- BDSHA 90+ birthday celebration at Hillcrest Lodge on May 30, 2026
- Barrhead & District 4-H Achievement Day on May 25, 2026

- 2026-178 Moved by Councillor Ellwein to accept the County Manager’s report for information.

Carried 5-0.

Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

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**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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2026-179 Moved by Councillor Jespersen to accept the following Director of Corporate Services written reports for information:

- Cash, Investments & Taxes Receivable as of April 30, 2026
- Payments Issued for the month of April 2026
- YTD Budget Report for 4 months ending April 30, 2026
- YTD Capital Recap for period ending April 30, 2026
- Elected Official Remuneration Report as of April 30, 2026

Carried 5-0.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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Councillors discussed their written reports and the following was added:

- Councillor Bergsma reported on his attendance at a Misty Ridge Committee meeting
- Councillor Jespersen reported on his attendance at a FCSS meeting
- Councillor Ellwein reported that the Agricultural Society received the gravel
- Councillor Crisler reported on his attendance at a BARCC workshop
- Deputy Reeve Preugschas reported on his work at the FCSS Senior's Lunch and volunteer activities for Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Committee

2026-180 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept Councillor written/verbal reports for information.

Carried 5-0.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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2026-181 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council direct Administration to invite the Lac Ste. Anne Métis District representatives to a future Council meeting.

Carried 5-0.

2026-182 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council accept the following items for information:

- Invitation from BDSHA to attend 90+ Birthday Celebrations at Hillcrest Lodge on May 30, 2026
- Letter from Lac Ste. Anne Métis District - Métis Nation of Alberta – dated March 9, 2026
- Misty Ridge Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2026

Carried 5-0.

**DELEGATION**

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Linda Adams and Amanda Thompson met with Council at 10:55 a.m. to address their concerns with communication from Council.

Council thanked the delegation for bringing forward their concerns and they left the meeting at 11:23 p.m.

2026-183 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council receive the delegations concerns for information and direct Administration to work with Council to draft a response by mid-June.

Carried 5-0.

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**DELEGATION – PEMBINA HILLS SCHOOL DIVISION**

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Pembina Hills School Division (Brett Cooper – Superintendent, Raime Drake - Deputy Superintendent, Victoria Kane – Board Chair, Judy Lefebvre – Vice Chair, Trustees Nolan Mast, Cindy Carswell and David Truckey) met with Council at 11:30 a.m. to give an overview and update of the school division operations and facilities.

Council thanked the Pembina Hills School Division delegation for their presentation, and they left the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

**LUNCH RECESS**

Deputy Reeve Preugschas recessed the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Councillor Chapman joined the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Councillor Chapman left the meeting at 1:10 p.m. and rejoined at 1:20 p.m.

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

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Administration presented possible amendments to the proposed Land Use Amending Bylaw 2-2026, for Council to consider, based on the feedback received from the public hearing.

- 2026-184 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council directs Administration to bring back 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on Land Use Amending Bylaw No. 2-2026 to Council with amendments as discussed.

Carried 6-0.

Dawn Fedorvich and Layne Mullen departed the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

**IN-CAMERA SESSION**

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- 2026-185 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council move in-camera at 2:15 p.m. for discussion on:
- External Committee – *ATIA Sec. 29 Advice from Officials*

Carried 6-0.

Pam Dodds and Daniel Janson exited the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

- 2026-186 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council move out of in-camera at 2:25 p.m.

Carried 6-0.

**ADJOURN**

- 2026-187 Moved by Councillor Chapman that the meeting adjourns at 2:25 p.m.

Carried 6-0.