

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – HELD JUNE 16, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held June 16, 2026, was called to order by Deputy Reeve Preugschas at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Reeve Erik Munck (joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.
and departed the meeting at 1:34 p.m.)

Councillor Ray Crisler

Councillor Bill Chapman

Councillor Lorrie Jespersen

Councillor Chais Ellwein

Deputy Reeve Walter Preugschas

Councillor Tyson Bergsma

STAFF

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager

Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant

Dawn Fedorovich, Dir. Rural Development

Lisa Card, ALUS Coordinator

Don Medcke, Agricultural Fieldman

Tamara Molzahn, Dir. Corporate Services

Ken Hove, Dir. Infrastructure

Dana Butler, Supervisor of Enforcement
Services

ATTENDEES

STARS – Glenda Farnden, Sr. Municipal Relations Liaison

ALUS - Christine Campbell, Sr. Hub Manager

Town and Country Newspaper – Daniel Janson

RECESS

Deputy Reeve Preugschas recessed the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas reconvened the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Reeve Munck joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m. and took over the role of chairperson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2026-207 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 2, 2026

2026-208 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 2, 2026, be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

DELEGATION – STARS

Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison for STARS, met with Council at 9:10 a.m. to present the annual report and answer questions from Council.

Council thanked Glenda for her presentation, and she left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

2026-209 Moved by Councillor Chapman that Council receive the presentation from Glenda Farnden, Sr. Municipal Relations Liaison of STARS, for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

2026 FORT ASSINIBOINE PIT GRAVEL CRUSHING TENDER

2026-210 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council awards Contract # 2026-01G Excavate, Crush & Stockpile Gravel Fort Assiniboine Pit to 2128222 AB Ltd. O/A Paragon Custom Crushing, for a rate of \$6.23 per tonne for a minimum quantity of 215,000 tonnes of Des 4 Cl 23 and a rate of \$5.94 for a minimum quantity of 35,000 tonnes of Des 4 Cl 40, for a total cost of \$1,547,350.

Carried Unanimously.

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**RECOMMENDATION FOR TENDER AWARD – BF77644
BRIDGE CULVERT REPLACEMENT & OTHER WORK**

- 2026-211 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council awards the construction contract for Bridge File 77644 Bridge Maintenance & Other Work to Volker Stevin Highways Ltd. for \$99,435 including site occupancy and GST.

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Crisler left the meeting at 9:51 a.m. and rejoined at 9:53 a.m.

Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Councillor Bergsma left the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and rejoined at 10:03 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- 2026-212 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council accepts the Public Works report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Reeve Munck left the meeting at 10:26 a.m. and Deputy Reeve Preugschas took over the role of chairperson.

PROJECT DASHBOARD

- 2026-213 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council accepts the Project Dashboard for information.

Carried 6-0.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

RECESS

Deputy Reeve Preugschas recessed the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas reconvened the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

- 2026-214 Moved by Councillor Chapman to accept the following Director of Corporate Services written reports for information:

- Cash, Investments & Taxes Receivable as of May 31, 2026
- Payments Issued for the month of May 2026
- YTD Budget Report for 5 months ending May 31, 2026
- YTD Capital Recap for period ending May 31, 2026
- Elected Official Remuneration Report as of May 31, 2026

Carried 6-0.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

PROCLAMATION – PTSD AWARENESS DAY JUNE 27, 2026

- 2026-215 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council proclaims June 27, 2026, as PTSD Awareness Day in the County of Barrhead.

Carried 6-0.

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BARRHEAD ART GALLERY / PEMBINA ARTS FESTIVAL - COMMUNITY GRANT – FINAL REPORT

- 2026-216 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council receives for information the Final Report from the Barrhead Art Gallery / Pembina Arts Festival as a grant recipient of \$1,600 under the Community Grants Policy.

Carried 6-0.

DELEGATION – ALUS

Christine Campbell, Sr. Hub Manager of ALUS, and Lisa Card, ALUS Barrhead-Athabasca-Westlock Program Coordinator, met with Council at 11:00 a.m. to present the annual report and answer questions from Council.

Reeve Munck rejoined the meeting at 11:05 a.m. and took over the role of chair.

Council thanked the delegation for their presentation and they left the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

- 2026-217 Moved by Councillor Chapman that Council receive the presentation from Christine Campbell, Sr. Hub Manager of ALUS, and Lisa Card, ALUS Barrhead-Athabasca-Westlock Program Coordinator, for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Don Medcke joined the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

2025 ASB BUSINESS PLAN STATUS REPORT

- 2026-218 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council accepts for information the 2025 ASB Business Plan – Status Report as required under the *ASB Act*.

Carried Unanimously.

Don Medcke departed the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Received general consensus from Council to reconvene meeting at 12:45 p.m. after lunch break.

LUNCH RECESS

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

- 2026-219 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council move in-camera at 12:51 p.m. for discussion on:

- External Committees – *ATIA Sec. 26 Intergovernmental Relations & Sec. 29 Advice from Officials*
- Cushman & Wakefield Proposal – *ATIA Sec. 33 Disclosure harmful to economic & other interests of a public body*

Carried Unanimously.

Dawn Fedorovich, Pam Dodds, Dana Butler, and Daniel Janson exited the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

- 2026-220 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council move out of in-camera at 1:30 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Pam Dodds and Daniel Janson rejoined the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

- 2026-221 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council direct CAO to proceed with current County Administrative Building renovations as approved in the 2026 Capital Budget and reject the proposal offered by Cushman & Wakefield.

Carried 6-1.

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Reeve Munck departed the meeting at 1:34 p.m. and Deputy Reeve Preugschas took over the role of chairperson.

JOINT USE PLANNING AGREEMENT (JUPA) WITH PEMBINA HILLS SCHOOL DIVISION

- 2026-222 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council authorizes the Reeve and CAO to enter into the Joint Use Planning Agreement with Pembina Hills School Division.

Carried 6-0.

Dawn Fedorvich and Dana Butler rejoined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Layne Mullen joined the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING RENOVATIONS

- 2026-223 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council authorize the CAO to enter into a contract with Premier Fire & Flood Restoration Inc. for Building Renovations in the amount of \$658,800.19 plus GST, and in addition, have access to a 10% contingency of \$65,880 if required.

Carried 6-0.

PROPOSED LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION (2ND READING) – DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES – AXIOM OIL AND GAS INC.

In addition to what is already included in the Land Use Bylaw 4-2024, Council proposed further amendments as follows:

- 2026-224 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council gives 2nd 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 with amendments as follows:

- a) In Section 12. Agricultural Land Use District (AG), subsection 12.3 Discretionary Uses, add “Data Processing Facility (Minor)” to the list of discretionary uses.
- b) In Section 3.1 Definitions, add
“DATA PROCESSING FACILITY (MINOR)” means a data processing facility consisting of modular or portable structures. Such facilities include on-site power generation systems less than 10 MW, as part of the development and do not require the use of water-based cooling systems. These are generally for temporary, mobile or lower capacity operations;”
AND
“DATA PROCESSING FACILITY (MAJOR)” means a data processing facility that requires 10 MW or more regardless of whether that power is supplied by the electrical grid, on-site generation, or a combination thereof;”
- c) In Section 10.11 Data Processing Facilities, amend subsection 10.11.7 to read as follows:
“Any development shall be designed to mitigate all off-site nuisance factors including excessive noise, odour, traffic dust, light pollution and other impacts to the satisfaction of the Development Authority. A Mitigation Plan shall be provided at the time of development permit application to demonstrate that these nuisance factors have been mitigated.”
- d) In Section 10.11 Data Processing Facilities, add
“10.11.8 A Data Processing Facility (Minor) shall not involve the use of water based cooling systems.
10.11.9 A Data Processing Facility (Minor) is permitted as a discretionary use only where on-site energy generation is utilized and where the facility is co-located with an existing oil and gas facility.
10.11.10 A development permit for a Data Processing Facility (Minor) shall not be issued until any necessary permits/licenses/approvals are obtained from the Provincial Government and any applicable provincial regulatory agencies, where required.

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- 10.11.11 Proponent of a Data Processing Facility (Minor) may be required to submit a Reclamation Plan to the County for its ratification and approval, prior to, or as a condition of, a development permit approval.
- 10.11.12 Proponent of a Data Processing Facility (Minor) may, at the discretion of the Development Authority, be required to post with the County, security in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit to ensure that reclamation will be completed to the satisfaction of the County's Development Authority.
- 10.11.13 A disturbed area shall be reclaimed to:
- At least its former capability; or
 - Any other use, which the Development Authority feels, will be beneficial to the County.
- 10.11.14 Public consultation shall be completed within 1,500 m of the proposed site, and details included with the application."

Carried 5-1.

RECESS

Deputy Reeve Preugschas recessed the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas reconvened the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

ENFORCEMENT SERVICES REPORT – SPRING 2026

Dana Butler, Supervisor of Enforcement Services, reviewed the Enforcement Services 2026 Spring Report and answered questions from Council.

- 2026-225 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council accepts the Enforcement Services 2026 Spring Report for information.

Carried 6-0.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

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

- Responded to Council email regarding feral cats

- 2026-226 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept the County Manager's report for information.

Carried 6-0.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors discussed their written reports and the following was added:

- Councillor Chapman did not have a written report but mentioned that he and Councillor Jespersen will be attending the provincial ASB Tour during the July 14th ASB meeting.
- Deputy Reeve Preugschas added to his written report by sharing further positive comments about his attendance at the FCM conference.
- Councillor Ellwein added to his written report that there are opportunities for elected officials to volunteer with the Ag Society.
- Councillor Jespersen did not have a written report but reported on his attendance at a Seed Cleaning Plant meeting and shared concerns about the lack of weed control along provincial highways.
- Councillor Bergsma did not have an update at this time.
- Councillor Crisler provided his written report and elaborated on a project being discussed at BARCC.

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2026-227 Moved by Councillor Chapman to accept Councillor written/verbal reports for information.

Carried 6-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2026-228 Moved by Councillor Chapman to accept the following items for information:

- Letter from Neerlandia Sports Committee Re: Update on arena roof & invitation to 50th Anniversary Celebration – dated June 6, 2026
- PERC Extension Letter from Municipal Affairs Re: PERC Extension – dated May 26, 2026
- Letter from Town of Athabasca to Minister Schow Re LIMA 15% Exemption Cap – dated May 13, 2026

Carried 6-0.

ADJOURN

2026-229 Moved by Councillor Crisler that the meeting adjourns at 3:41 p.m.

Carried 6-0.

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