

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD OCTOBER 7, 2025

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held October 7, 2025, was called to order by Reeve Drozd at 9:01 a.m.

PRESENT

Reeve Doug Drozd
Deputy Reeve Marvin Schatz
Councillor Ron Kleinfeldt
Councillor Bill Lane
Councillor Paul Properzi
Councillor Walter Preugschas
Councillor Jared Stoik

STAFF

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Adam Vanderwekken, Corporate
Dawn Fedorvich, Director of Rural Development	Communications Coordinator

ATTENDEES

Savannah Belyk and Terri-Lynn Hynes – Barrhead FCSS
R. Crisler – Public Attendee
Town and Country Newspaper – Barry Kerton

RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2025-284 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

2025-285 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 16, 2025, be approved as circulated.
Carried Unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

2025-286 Moved by Councillor Lane that the report from Public Works be received for information.
Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

2025 MEMBER-AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY BOARD

2025-287 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council appoint Cheyenne Tisher as member-at-large to the Barrhead Library Board effective immediately to replace a member-at-large whose term expires December 31, 2026 as recommended by the Barrhead Library Board.
Carried Unanimously.

ORIGINAL SIGNED – E. MUNCK

Reeve

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. OYARZUN

County Manager

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NEERLANDIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY - COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

- 2025-288 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council approves the application from Neerlandia Historical Society for a donation of \$2,500 under the Community Grants Policy to assist with their Windmill Restoration project.

Carried Unanimously.

BARRHEAD ATTRACTION & RETENTION COMMITTEE - FUNDING REQUEST

- 2025-289 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council approves the request from Barrhead Attraction & Retention Committee for a donation of \$1,060 to assist with the Barrhead Hospital Post-Secondary Event BBQ and funding to come from Council Public Relations Budget.

Carried Unanimously.

COMMEMORATIVE NAMING POLICY

- 2025-290 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council approve Policy PD-002 Commemorative Naming as recommended by the Policy Committee with an amendment to include “sports” to section 3a)ii).

Carried Unanimously.

Dawn Fedorovich departed the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

RESCIND POLICIES

- 2025-291 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council rescind the following outdated policies as recommended by the Policy Committee:
- Policy 26.02 Vehicle Weight & Dimension Regulation
 - Policy 26.04 Removal of Rubbish Etc. from Roads
 - Policy 26.05 Regulation & Control of Public Places & Assemblies
 - Policy 26.08 Dog Control
 - Policy 26.11 Use & Regulation of OHVs
 - Policy 26.12 Regulation & Control of Vehicles

Carried Unanimously.

RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Councillor Stoik left the meeting at 10:14 a.m. and rejoined at 10:24 a.m.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager, reviewed the 2025 Resolution Tracking List and provided the following updates to Council:

- Realtors have listed 2 properties that the County holds the Tax Forfeiture Title (did not sell at Public Auction)
- Preparing Council Orientation package for new Council – 1st session to be held November 7, 2025, and offered by M. Solowan from Kingsgate Legal.
- Reminder that current elected officials are still “on duty” until new elected officials are sworn in on October 28, 2025, including attending Regional Fire Services meeting October 8, Landfill meeting October 14, & BRWC meeting October 15.
- AAIP Rural Renewal Steam – September Status Report

- 2025-292 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the County Manager’s report be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

ORIGINAL SIGNED – E. MUNCK

Reeve

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. OYARZUN

County Manager

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COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Lane reported on his attendance at a Misty Ridge meeting, Ag Society meeting, the new Fire Engine Push-In Ceremony, BDSHA meeting, Neerlandia Playground dedication on behalf of the Barrhead Elks, and volunteering at Wild Rose Rodeo.

Councillor Stoik had nothing new to report.

Councillor Properzi reported on his attendance at a FCSS Policy meeting, FCSS AGM, and Athabasca Watershed Council meeting.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at the ECDC meeting, Attraction & Retention Committee meeting, ASB Provincial meeting, Policy Committee meeting, new Fire Engine Push-In Ceremony, and volunteer work on NWof16 and the Barrhead Museum.

REGIONAL ASB REPRESENTATIVE

- 2025-293 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council supports the appointment of Ms. Burton as the Regional ASB representative and directed CAO to include funds in the Ag Services Dept budget for per diems and travel costs.

Carried Unanimously.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS - Continued

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on his attendance at the Public Library meeting, new Fire Engine Push-In Ceremony, ECDC meeting, BARCC meeting, Policy Committee meeting, BCHS Grade 9 student visit to discuss municipal election process, and YRL meeting.

Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on his attendance at an ECDC meeting, Policy Committee meeting, CFYE IRC meeting, and ASB NW Regional Conference.

Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at the new Fire Engine Push-In Ceremony, ECDC meeting, BARCC meeting, Policy Committee meeting, FCSS meeting, Neerlandia Playground dedication, LEPA meeting, offering greetings from the County at the Wild Rose Rodeo finals and volunteering at the event, and BRWC & County Administrative duties.

DELEGATION – FCSS

Savannah Belyk, Executive Director & Terri-Lynn Hynes, Family & Youth Program Coordinator of Barrhead FCSS met with Council at 10:50 a.m. and provided updates on programs and services offered by FCSS.

- 2025-294 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council accept FCSS report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 2025-295 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council accepts the following items for information:
- Press Release from Alberta Association of Ag Societies Re: Northern Farm Family Awards – dated September 15, 2025
 - Canadian Union of Postal Workers request for Municipalities to submit resolution to Federal Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement – dated September 9, 2025
 - Federal Government Attacks Public Postal Service – Stop the Cuts! – dated October 1, 2025
 - RMA Member Briefing - Minister of Municipal Affairs Mandate Letter – dated October 1, 2025

Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- 2025-296 Moved by Councillor Stoik that the meeting adjourn at 11:12 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

ORIGINAL SIGNED – E. MUNCK

Reeve

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. OYARZUN

County Manager