REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – HELD OCTOBER 20, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held October 20, 2026, was called to order by Reeve Munck at 9:40 a.m.

PRESENT

Reeve Erik Munck (departed at 3:01 p.m.)
Councillor Ray Crisler
Councillor Bill Chapman
Councillor Lorrie Jespersen (departed at 2:59 p.m.)
Councillor Chais Ellwein
Deputy Reeve Walter Preugschas (joined at 10:00 a.m.)
Councillor Tyson Bergsma

STAFF

Rodney Boyko, A/CAO
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant
Dawn Fedorvich, Dir. Rural Development
Moira O'Neill, Municipal Tax Clerk
Bryanna McKay, Dir. Corporate Services
Ken Hove, Dir. Infrastructure
Barb Goettlicher, Sr. Accountant

ATTENDEES

Jon White – Improve Consulting
Town and Country Newspaper – Daniel Janson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2026-402 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that the agenda be approved with the addition of CAO updates.

Carried 6-0.

CAO UPDATES

2026-403 Moved by Councillor Chapman that Council accept the resignation of Debbie Oyarzun, CAO effective October 20, 2026.

Carried 6-0.

2026-404 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council appoint Rodney Boyko at Interim Chief Administrative Officer effective October 20, 2026, with all of the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Carried 6-0.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

INTERIM CAO CONTRACT

2026-405 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council authorized the Reeve to enter into a contract with Rodney Boyko as Interim CAO.

Carried Unanimously.

RECESS

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Mora O'Neill joined the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 6, 2026

2026-406 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 6, 2026, be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

AGRICULTURAL LEASE AGREEMENT – PT. OF S ½ 18-59-03-W5

2026-407 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council authorizes the Reeve and County Manager to renew the Agricultural Lease Agreement for 45 ac within Pt. of S ½ 18-59-03-W5 with the current tenant, Brian and Don Koberstein for the term January 1, 2027, until December 31, 2031, at an annual rate of $4,050 plus GST.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove joined the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

2026 PUBLIC AUCTION (TAX RECOVERY SALE) – RESERVE BID AND TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SALE

2026-408 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council approve the Reserve Bids, as established by County Assessor and as presented, for the three (3) properties scheduled for Public Auction on November 18, 2026.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-409 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council approve the Terms & Conditions of Sale as presented for the 2026 Public Auction scheduled for November 18, 2026.

Carried Unanimously.

Moira O'Neill departed the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Reeve Munck left the meeting at 11:13 a.m. and rejoined at 11:15 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

2026-410 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council accepts the Public Works report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF EDMONTON - APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

2026-411 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council provide exemptions as follows:

- 1-year COPTER exemption – Camp Encounter (4 properties) Roll # 527183010, 527183001, 527184000, & 527183029
- Partial 1-year COPTER exemption to Roll # 527183038 (caretaker residence taxable) Camp Encounter (1 property). Portions of roll already exempt (church, cemetery).

Carried Unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

2026-412 Moved by Councillor Crisler to accept the following Director of Corporate Services written report for information:

- Cash, Investments, & Taxes Receivable as of September 30, 2026
- Payments Issued for the month of September 2026
- YTD Budget Report for the 8 months ending September 30, 2026
- YTD Capital Recap for period ending September 30, 2026
- Elected Official Remuneration Report as at September 30, 2026

Carried Unanimously.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas left the meeting at 11:48 a.m. and rejoined at 11:51 a.m.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Staff reviewed the CAO tracking list and noted the additional following items:

- 2026 Admin Bldg Renovation Project Dashboard
- Upcoming Events Review
- County Christmas Party will be held at Festival of Trees event on November 28, 2026.

2026-413 Moved by Councillor Crisler to accept the County Manager's report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

LUNCH RECESS

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

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Barb Goettlicher joined the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION – COMPENSATION REVIEW & EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Jon White, Improve Consulting, met with Council at 1:01 p.m. to present the Compensation Review Report for Elected Officials & Employees.

2026-414 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council move in-camera at 1:01 p.m. for discussion on:

- Compensation Review Report –S*ec. 29 Advice from Officials*

Carried Unanimously.

Dawn Fedorvich, Bryanna McKay, Barb Goettlicher, and Pam Dodds left the meeting at 1:30 p.m

Councillor Chapman left the meeting at 1:50 p.m. and rejoined at 1:55 p.m.

Dawn Fedorvich, Bryanna McKay, Barb Goettlicher, and Pam Dodds rejoined the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Jon White & Barb Goettlicher left at 2:11 p.m.

Continued in-camera discussion at 2:20 p.m. on:

- External Committees – *ATIA Sec. 26 Intergovernmental Relations & Sec. 29 Advice from Officials*

2026-415 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council move out of in-camera at 2:35 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-416 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council receive the Compensation Review Report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-417 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council direct the CAO to procced as directed in-camera.

Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2026-418 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept the following item for information:

- Email from National Police Federation NPF Re: Call to Action – dated October 6, 2026

Carried 6-1.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Reeve Munck provided a written report and had nothing further to add.

Councillor Jespersen departed the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Councillor Crisler provided a written report and had nothing further to add.

Councillor Chapman provided a written report and had nothing further to add.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas provided a written report and had nothing further to add.

Reeve Munck departed the meeting at 3:01 p.m. and Deputy Reeve Preugschas took over the chair.

Councillor Bergsma provided a written report and spoke further about the request from Misty Ridge Ski Club for funding from the County.

Councillor Ellwein provided a written report and spoke about resident concerns about development south of Twp Rd 580 off of RR 41.

2026-419 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept Councillor written/verbal reports for information.

Carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

2026-420 Moved by Councillor Crisler on that the meeting adjourns at 3:07 p.m.

Carried 5-0.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Deputy Reeve

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Interim CAO