

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – HELD SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held September 1, 2026, was called to order by Reeve Munck at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Reeve Erik Munck (departed at 12:22 p.m.)
Councillor Ray Crisler
Councillor Bill Chapman
Councillor Lorrie Jespersen
Councillor Chais Ellwein
Deputy Reeve Walter Preugschas
Councillor Tyson Bergsma (departed at 1:55 p.m.)

STAFF

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Travis Wierenga, PW Manager
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Bryanna McKay, Dir. Corporate Services
Adam Vanderwekken, Communications Coordinator	Dana Butler, Enforcement Services

ATTENDEES

YRL Board Chair Tara Elwood and Director Karla Palichuk
Sgt Colin Hack – Barrhead RCMP Detachment
Town and Country Newspaper – Daniel Janson

RECESS

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 9:00 a.m.
Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 9:17 a.m.
Travis Wierenga joined the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2026-299 Moved by Councillor Chapman that the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 31, 2026

2026-300 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held July 31, 2026, be approved as circulated.
Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 18, 2026

2026-301 Moved by Councillor Crisler that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 18, 2026, be approved as circulated.
Carried Unanimously.

Dana Butler joined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Travis Wierenga, Public Works Manager, reviewed the written report for Public Works & Utilities and answered questions from Council.

2026-302 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council accepts the Public Works report for information.
Carried Unanimously.

Travis Wierenga departed the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Bryanna McKay joined the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

ORIGINAL SIGNED – E. MUNCK

Reeve

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. OYARZUN

County Manager

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AGRICULTURAL LEASE AGREEMENT – NE 27-59-3-W5

- 2026-303 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council authorizes the Reeve and County Manager to renew the Agricultural Lease Agreement for 100 acres within NE 27-59-3-W5 with the current tenant for the term December 1, 2026 until November 30, 2029 at an annual rate of \$110 per acre.

Carried Unanimously.

ICF BYLAW 7-2026 – REPEALING INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK BETWEEN COUNTY OF BARRHEAD AND STURGEON COUNTY

- 2026-304 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council gives 1st reading to Bylaw 7-2026 – Repealing Bylaw 5-2020 an ICF between the County of Barrhead No. 11 and Sturgeon County, as permitted by the MGA.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2026-305 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council gives 2nd reading to Bylaw 7-2026.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2026-306 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council considers 3rd reading for Bylaw 7-2026.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2026-307 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council gives 3rd reading to Bylaw 7-2026 – Repealing Bylaw 5-2020 an ICF between the County of Barrhead No. 11 and Sturgeon County, as permitted by the MGA.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2026-308 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council directs Administration to notify the Minister of Municipal Affairs that intermunicipal services have been and will continue to be adequately provided by other means and to publish on County of Barrhead website the rationale for not having an ICF with Sturgeon County.

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Crisler left the meeting at 10:20 a.m. and rejoined at 10:23 a.m.

FERAL CATS IN GREENDALE (DIVISION 1)

- 2026-309 Moved by Reeve Munck that Council direct Administration to draft a policy stating that County of Barrhead is not responsible for feral cats within the County.

Carried Unanimously.

Dana Butler departed the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

RECESS

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

DELEGATION – YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY (YRL)

YRL Board Chair Tara Elwood and Director Karla Palichuk, met with Council at this time being 11:02 a.m. to present the YRL Annual Report and answered questions from Council.

- 2026-310 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council accepts the report from YRL Board Chair Tara Elwood and Director Karla Palichuk for information.

Carried Unanimously.

YRL delegation left the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

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Reeve

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County Manager

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DELEGATION – BARRHEAD RCMP DETACHMENT

Sgt Colin Hack, Detachment Commander for Barrhead RCMP, met with Council at this time being 11:54 a.m. to discuss the crime severity index, crime stats, and give updates on the local detachment.

- 2026-311 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council accepts the report from Sgt Hack of the Barrhead RCMP Detachment for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Sgt Hack left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

- 2026-312 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept the following Director of Corporate Services written report for information:

- Payments Issued for the month of July 2026

Carried Unanimously.

Bryanna McKay departed the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

RECESS

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Reeve Munck departed the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas reconvened the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Adam Vanderwekken joined the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

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

- Admin Building renovation update
- Neerlandia Public Christian School Pancake Breakfast – Invitation to Council for September 3, 2026
- Meeting with McCarroll Consulting for scheduling Strategic Planning sessions, will require Council availability
- 2026 County Tour Report - Adam Vanderwekken presented the report to Council

- 2026-313 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 Bergsma provided a written report and elaborated on the BDSHA building project and Feasibility Assessment
- Councillor Jespersen provided a written report and added his participation at an AB Open Farm Days Host Farm.
- Councillor Chapman did not have a written report, but mentioned attending a Farming Forward event with keynote speakers, attendance at Feedlot Tour, and finding Tansy by the McGill Estates walking trail.
- Councillor Ellwein provided a written report and spoke further about upcoming Rodeo and the 2nd annual Barrhead Triathlon.
- Councillor Crisler provided a written report and discussed the process of improving roads reminding Councillor's to submit their reports on time for the agenda package.

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Reeve

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County Manager

- 2026-314 **MOTION ARISING** - Moved by Councillor Crisler to direct Administration to coordinate a meeting with the Town of Barrhead IRC in Fall 2026 to discuss recreation and economic development opportunities.

Carried 6-0.

Councillor Bergsma departed the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

- Deputy Reeve Preugschas provided a written report and elaborated on his visit to Japan as part of the Twinning Committee, attended a reception sponsored by MLA Getson as a member of NWof16 regarding economic development opportunities in the film industry, and discussed concerns with speeding through Bloomsbury.

- 2026-315 Moved by Councillor Chapman to accept Councillor written/verbal reports for information.

Carried 5-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 2026-316 Moved by Councillor Crisler to accept the following items for information:

- 2026-08-25 Regional Meeting with AB Transportation - Summary - Follow Up
- Barrhead & District FCSS Board Minutes – July 20, 2026

Carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

- 2026-317 Moved by Councillor Crisler that the meeting adjourns at 2:04 p.m.

Carried 5-0.

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Reeve

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County Manager