

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – HELD AUGUST 18, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held August 18, 2026, was called to order by Reeve Munck at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Reeve Erik Munck
Councillor Ray Crisler
Councillor Bill Chapman
Councillor Lorrie Jespersen
Councillor Chais Ellwein
Councillor Tyson Bergsma (departed at 10:48 a.m.)

ABSENT

Deputy Reeve Walter Preugschas

STAFF

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

ATTENDEES

Fire Chief Gary Hove - BRFS
Town and Country Newspaper – Daniel Janson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 2026-281 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that the agenda be approved as presented with the addition of:
Item 4.5 In-Camera - Personnel – ATIA Sec. 22 Confidential Evaluations
Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 21, 2026

- 2026-282 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 21, 2026, be approved as circulated.
Carried Unanimously.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATION – NW-30-60-3-W5

(KENT W. ENTERPRISES LTD.) - MUNICIPAL PLANNING FILE NO 26-SUB-082

- 2026-283 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council approve subdivision application 26-SUB-082, to subdivide a 1.87 ha (4.62 ac) abandoned farmstead within NW-30-60-3-W5, with the following conditions:
1. That prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan, the registered owner and/or developer enter into a land acquisition agreement with the County of Barrhead pursuant to Section 655 of the Municipal Government Act, as amended, which land acquisition agreement shall include provision that the County will acquire a 17-ft wide future road widening on the western boundary of the quarter section. County's interest will be registered by caveat on title. Caveat will remain on title until such time as the road is widened.
 2. That prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan, approaches, including culverts and crossings to the proposed parcel(s) and to the residual of the land, be provided at the owner's and/or developer's expense and to the specifications and satisfaction of the County of Barrhead.
 3. That prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan, and in accordance with section 9(g) of the Matters Related to Subdivision & Development Regulation, AR 84/2022, submit to the County of Barrhead and the Subdivision Authority Officer:

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- a. confirmation that the dwelling on the property has been demolished and that all demolition materials have been removed from the site; and
 - b. certification from a Provincially accredited inspector or Alberta Land Surveyor confirming that the existing sewage disposal system on the proposed lot has been decommissioned
4. That taxes are fully paid when final approval (endorsement) of the instrument affecting the subdivision is requested.

Carried Unanimously.

Layne Mullen departed the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Ken Hove joined the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

NEERLANDIA SPORTS COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

- 2026-284 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council approves the tax-exempt status for the tax years 2027, 2028, and 2029 for Roll #120405007, 120406006, and 120407005 in accordance with MGA s.362 and AR 281/1998.

Carried Unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- 2026-285 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council accepts the Public Works report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

PENALTY EXEMPT LIST

- 2026-286 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council approves the Property Tax Penalty Exempt List for the 517 tax rolls as identified.

Carried Unanimously.

2027-2031 STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITATION

- 2026-287 Moved by Councillor Chapman that Council tables awarding the contract for 2027-2031 Strategic Plan Facilitation until Council can review the proposals received.

Defeated 3-3.

- 2026-288 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council does not spend an additional \$2,000 for a consulting firm to attend the 2027 Budget Open House for Strategic Plan input.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2026-289 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council awards the contract for 2027-2031 Strategic Plan Facilitation to McCarroll Consulting in the amount of \$31,200 with \$26,200 of additional funds to come from year-end surplus.

Carried 5-1.

RECESS

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

- 2026-290 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council move in-camera at 10:33 a.m. for discussion on:

- Personnel – *ATIA s.22 Confidential Evaluation*

Carried Unanimously.

Dawn Fedorvich, Pam Dodds, and Daniel Janson exited the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

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2026-291 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council move out of in-camera at 10:47 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Dawn Fedorovich, Pam Dodds, and Daniel Janson rejoined the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Councillor Bergsma departed the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

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

- 2026 Admin Bldg Renovation Project Dashboard
- 2026 Flooding Events – Expenses & Conclusion
- Barrhead RCMP Detachment – Stakeholder Engagement Survey

2026-292 Moved by Councillor Crisler to accept the County Manager’s report for information.

Carried 5-0.

DELEGATION – BARRHEAD REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES

Fire Chief Gary Hove met with Council to present the quarterly report and gave an update on local members assisting fire fighters in NWT.

2026-293 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council accepts the report from BRFS Fire Chief Hove for information.

Carried 5-0.

Fire Chief Hove left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors discussed their written reports and the following was added:

- Councillor Chapman did not have a written report, but mentioned the ILWG tour, the need for more candy at the parade, and commented about speakers on the Provincial ASB Tour

2026-294 Moved by Councillor Chapman to delegate to the ASB, the task of exploring the opportunity to offer a “Food for Thought” Event to share innovative ideas in agriculture.

Carried 5-0.

- Councillor Ellwein provided a written report and spoke about the turnout for the Blue Heron parade.
- Reeve Munck did not have a written report but mentioned adding County equipment to the parade and commented on drainage in Idle Hours subdivision.

2026-295 Moved by Reeve Munck to direct Administration to bring back a workplan to study drainage issues in Idle Hours subdivision.

Carried 5-0.

- Councillor Jespersen did not have a written report but spoke about attending the ASB Chairs meeting with the Agricultural Fieldmen regarding weed control and Ag Disasters, attended Alberta Open Farm Days, and FCSS meeting.
- Councillor Crisler provided a written report.

2026-296 Moved by Councillor Ellwein to accept Councillor written/verbal reports for information.

Carried 5-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2026-297 Moved by Councillor Crisler to accept the following items for information:

- Letter from Minister of AEP response to County letter Re: WRRP funding for Agricultural Lands– dated July 22, 2026

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ADJOURN

2026-298 Moved by Councillor Crisler that the meeting adjourns at 12:09 p.m.
Carried Unanimously.

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