

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD MARCH 4, 2025

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held March 4, 2025, was called to order by Reeve Drozd at 9:02 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	Dawn Fedorvich, Director of Rural Development
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Tara Troock, Development Clerk
Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure	Adam Vanderwekken, Corporate Communications Coordinator
Travis Wierenga, Public Works Manager	

ATTENDEES

Henry Stel & Kevin VanderZyl – Barrhead & District Historical Society
Fire Chief Gary Hove – Barrhead Regional Fire Services
Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 2025-059 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the agenda be approved with the following additions:
- Item 4.5 In-Camera – Councillor Committee Concerns – *FOIP Sec. 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party*
 - Item 4.6 In-Camera – Intermunicipal Collaboration – *FOIP Sec 24. Advice from Officials*
- Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2025

- 2025-060 Moved by Councillor Lane that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 18, 2025, be approved as circulated.
- Carried Unanimously.

NEW DIRECTOR OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Council welcomed Dawn Fedorvich to the County of Barrhead team as the new Director of Rural Development.

**SUBDIVISION APPLICATION – MUNICIPAL PLANNING FILE 25-SUB-001
NW 30-56-1-W5 (YOUNG)**

- 2025-061 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council approve subdivision application 25-SUB-001 proposing to create an oversized 6.94 ha (17.14 ac) farmstead separation out of NW 30-56-1-W5 with the conditions as follows:
1. That prior to endorsement of an instrument effecting this plan, the registered owner and/or developer enter into a land acquisition agreement with the County of Barrhead No. 11 pursuant to Section 655 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended, which land acquisition agreement shall include provision that the County will acquire a 17-foot wide road widening on the western boundary of the quarter section.
 2. That prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan, approaches, including culverts and crossings to the proposed parcel and to the residual of the land, be provided

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- 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 effecting this plan, and in accordance with section 9(g) of the Matters Related to Subdivision and Development Regulation, AR 84/2022, submit to the County of Barrhead No. 11 and the Subdivision Authority:
 - a. Real Property Report or a Building Site Certificate, prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor, indicating the location and distances between the buildings, the private sewage disposal system, any potable water source, shelter belts and above-ground appurtenances on the subject lands, and the existing and proposed property boundaries on the proposed lot; and
 - b. certification from a Provincially accredited inspector confirming that the function and location of the existing sewage disposal system(s) on the proposed parcel, will satisfy the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice, and is suitable for the intended subdivision.
 4. That taxes are fully paid when final approval (endorsement) of the instrument effecting the subdivision is requested.

Carried Unanimously.

DELEGATION – BARRHEAD & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Kevin VanderZyl, President, and Henry Stel, Treasurer, for the Barrhead & District Historical Society met with Council at this time being 9:17 a.m. They provided an update on activities, discussions regarding improvements to the museum, future funding and answered questions from Council.

- 2025-062 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the report from the Barrhead & District Historical Society be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

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

**SUBDIVISION APPLICATION – MUNICIPAL PLANNING FILE 25-SUB-018
NE 17-59-4-W5 (687486 ALBERTA LTD - DEKKER)**

- 2025-063 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council approve subdivision application 25-SUB-018 proposing to create a 2.02 ha (5.0 ac) country residential lot within NE 17-59-4-W5 with the conditions as follows:

1. That prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan, approaches, including culverts and crossings to the proposed parcel 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 No. 11.
2. That in accordance with Sections 661, 666, & 667 of the MGA, prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan, money-in-place of Municipal Reserve be provided equal to 10% of the area of the proposed parcel. The amount has been calculated as follows:

Total area of the proposed parcel = 5.00 ac (2.02 ha)

10% of the area of the proposed parcel = 0.50 ac (0.202 ha)

Estimated market value per ac. = \$5,900.00

Money-in-place of reserve = 10% area x market value = \$2,950.00

This sum of money shall be forwarded to the County of Barrhead No. 11 and accounted for by them in accordance with Section 671(4) of the MGA.

NOTE: Above amount is calculated based on the tentative plan of subdivision submitted to, and conditionally approved by, the Subdivision Authority. All areas are to be verified based on the

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instrument prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor prior to paying the amount to the County. If the amount calculated above is incorrect due to a miscalculation in the area of the parcel, and if the wrong amount is paid, final approval of the plan of subdivision may be delayed pending resolution of the outstanding amount.

3. That prior to endorsement the registered owner and/or developer pay the County of Barrhead No.11 the outstanding appraisal fee of \$100.00.
4. That prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan, and in accordance with section 9(g) of the Matters Related to Subdivision and Development Regulation, AR 84/2022, submit to the County of Barrhead No. 11 and the Subdivision Authority Officer:
 - a. RPR or a Building Site Certificate, prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor, indicating location and distances between buildings, private sewage disposal system, any potable water source, shelter belts and above-ground appurtenances on the subject lands, and the existing and proposed property boundaries on the proposed lot; and
 - b. certification from a Provincially accredited inspector confirming that the function and location of existing sewage disposal system on the proposed lot, will satisfy the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice, and is suitable for the intended subdivision.
5. That taxes are fully paid when final approval (endorsement) of the instrument affecting the subdivision is requested.

Carried Unanimously.

Tara Troock departed the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Adam Vanderwekken joined the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

CELEBRATE RURAL LIVING - RURAL LIVING EXPO

- 2025-064 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council amend the 2025 Operating Budget to include \$2,900 for a Rural Living Expo to be held either April 26, 2025, or May 3, 2025 as determined by Administration, and with the event to be offered in conjunction with the County Appreciation Dinner.

Carried Unanimously.

Adam Vanderwekken departed the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

CANCEL FINANCE CHARGE

- 2025-065 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council cancel finance charges in the amount of \$218.86 on account of customer RIVER0002.

Carried 6-1.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

- 2025-066 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council move in-camera at 10:39 a.m. for discussion on:

- Intermunicipal Collaboration – *FOIP Sec 24. Advice from Officials*
- Councillor Committee Concerns – *FOIP Sec. 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party*

Carried Unanimously.

Barry Kerton departed the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Councillor Lane departed the meeting at 10:46 a.m. and rejoined at 10:48 a.m.

Dawn Fedorvich and Pam Dodds departed the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

- 2025-067 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council move out of in-camera at 11:06 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

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Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Dawn Fedorovich, Pam Dodds, and Barry Kerton rejoined the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Ken Hove and Travis Wierenga joined the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

2025-068 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that the report from Public Works be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove and Travis Wierenga departed the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2025-069 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council accepts the following items for information:

- FCSS Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2025

Carried Unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

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

- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Convention March 17-19, 2025
- Community grants provided to Barrhead Street Festival for \$2,500 and Volunteer Appreciation Event for \$913 in accordance with approved interim budget.
- AAIP Rural Renewal Stream – February 2025 Status Report
- Discussed difficulties with Gravel Pit provincial approval & renewal process

2025-070 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council directed the County to take the following advocacy steps:

- Submit the topic of “Challenges with Gravel Pit Provincial Approval & Renewal Process” to the RMA Mayors & Reeves meeting, and
- CAO to draft a statement to be presented by the Reeve at the RMA Ministerial Bear Pit session

Carried Unanimously.

2025-071 Moved by Councillor Lane that the County Manager’s report be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

DELEGATION – BARRHEAD REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES

Fire Chief Gary Hove met with Council to provide his quarterly and annual reports and answered questions from Council.

2025-072 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council accepts the report from Chief Hove, BRFS, as information.

Carried Unanimously.

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COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Stoik had nothing new to report.

Councillor Properzi reported on his attendance at the FCSS meeting.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at a meeting with potential local hosts for Alberta Open Farm Days, Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism meeting, Barrhead Attraction & Retention Committee meeting, Twinning Committee meeting, Chamber of Commerce meeting, and FCL Conference.

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on his attendance at the Barrhead Public Library meeting, and BARCC meeting.

Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on his attendance at the CFYE meeting.

Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at the FCSS meeting, and office administration duties.

Councillor Lane had nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT

2025-073 Moved by Councillor Stoik that the meeting adjourn at 12:03 p.m.

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