

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held September 2, 2025, was called to order by Reeve Drozd at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councillor Jared Stoik

STAFF

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

ATTENDEES

Fire Chief Hove – Barrhead Regional Fire Services
R. Crisler – Public Attendee
Town and Country Newspaper – Barry Kerton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 2025-248 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 19, 2025

- 2025-249 Moved by Councillor Lane that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 19, 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.
- 2025-250 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the report from Public Works be received for information.
Carried Unanimously.

2025 ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT #25-741

- 2025-251 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council directs the Reeve and County Manager to sign the agreements for Crop Damages on Backslope Area, Landscape Borrow Area & Crop Damage on Access Road and Borrow Area & Crop Damage on Access Road for 2025 Road Reconstruction Project #25-741 – through 28 and 29-62-3-W5.
Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Layne Mullen joined the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. DROZD

Reeve

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. OYARZUN

County Manager

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**SUBDIVISION APPLICATION – MUNICIPAL PLANNING FILE 25-SUB-100
NW 17-61-03-W5 - (SYBESMA)**

- 2025-252 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council approve subdivision application 25-SUB-100, to subdivide a developed 2.12 ha (5.24 ac) country residential lot from a previously subdivided quarter section, NW-17-61-03-W5, and further that the approval is subject to the conditions presented.
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 No. 11 pursuant to Section 655 of the MGA, as amended, which land acquisition agreement shall include provision that the County will acquire a 17-foot wide future road widening on the northern and western boundaries 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, be provided at the owner's and/or developer's expense and to the specifications and satisfaction of the County of Barrhead No. 11.
 3. 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:
 - a. Real Property Report or Building Site Certificate, prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor, must be submitted. This report shall indicate the location of the improvements, including the private sewage disposal system, potable water sources, shelter belts, driveways, above-ground appurtenances, and the distances between them and demonstrate that all improvements on Proposed Lot 1 and the remainder comply with the required setbacks from existing and proposed property boundaries; and
 - b. certification from a Provincially accredited inspector confirming that the function and location of the 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.
 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 9:27 a.m.

FCM GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION

- 2025-253 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council direct Administration to apply for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation initiative for *"Valuing Natural Assets for Climate Resilience in the County of Barrhead"*.

Carried Unanimously.

INTENSIVE LIVESTOCK WORKING GROUP (ILWG) – STOCK TALK INITIATIVE

- 2025-254 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council direct Administration to finalize scheduling with the NRCB and ILWG to participate in the ILWG – Stock Talk Initiative, and to include ASB members

Carried Unanimously.

RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

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Reeve

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. OYARZUN

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COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

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

- Held the 2026 Budget Open House on August 27 & 28, 2025 and 2026 Budget Survey with an increase in participation from previous year, however, still reflecting only approximately 3% of the population; What We Heard Report to be presented at a future Council meeting
- AAIP Rural Renewal Stream August 2025 status report
- ICF meeting with Town of Barrhead held on August 21, 2025, with recommendation on an Intermunicipal Relations Committee Bylaw to go to respective Councils.
- Election candidate information session held on August 25, 2025, with 12 attendees

2025-255 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the County Manager’s report be received for information.
Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2025-256 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council accepts the following items for information:
• Misty Ridge Meeting Minutes – dated May 28, 2025
Carried Unanimously.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Properzi reported on his attendance at the 2026 Budget Open House.

Councillor Lane reported on his attendance at the 2026 Budget Open House and Misty Ridge Ski Hill meeting.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at the local Alberta Open Farm Days debrief, Seed Cleaning Plant 65th Anniversary event, the 2026 Budget Open House and an update on NW of 16 as a public member.

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on cancellation of a BARCC meeting due to lack of quorum, ICF meeting with the Town of Barrhead, and the 2026 Budget Open House.

Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on his attendance at a Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, the Seed Cleaning Plant 65th Anniversary event, and the 2026 Budget Open House.

Reeve Drozd reported on cancellation of a BARCC meeting due to lack of quorum, ICF meeting with the Town of Barrhead, Seed Cleaning Plant 65th Anniversary event, FCSS Personnel Committee meeting, and the 2026 Budget Open House.

DELEGATION – BARRHEAD REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES

Fire Chief Gary Hove met with Council at 10:29 a.m. to present the quarterly report and give an update on fires in the area, staffing, and status of new fire truck.

2025-257 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council accepts the report from Chief Hove, BRFS, for information.
Carried Unanimously.

Fire Chief Hove left the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

2025-258 Moved by Councillor Lane that the meeting adjourn at 10:39 a.m.
Carried Unanimously.

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Reeve

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. OYARZUN

County Manager