REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – HELD OCTOBER 6, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held October 6, 2026, was called to order by Reeve Munck at 9:03 a.m.

PRESENT

Reeve Erik Munck
Councillor Ray Crisler
Councillor Bill Chapman
Councillor Lorrie Jespersen (departed at 2:03 p.m.)
Councillor Chais Ellwein
Deputy Reeve Walter Preugschas

ABSENT

Councillor Tyson Bergsma

STAFF

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant
Dawn Fedorvich, Dir. Rural Development
Don Medcke, Ag Fieldman
Layne Mullen, Development Officer
Ken Hove, Dir. Infrastructure
Bryanna McKay, Dir. Corporate Services

ATTENDEES

Public Attendee – H. Hemmerling
Town and Country Newspaper – Daniel Janson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2026-339 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

2026-340 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 15, 2026, be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATION – MUNICIPAL PLANNING FILE 26-SUB-097
NW 16-58-5-W5 - (WHITE)

2026-341 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council approve subdivision application 26-SUB-097, to subdivide a 6.59 ha (16.28 ac) county residential lot from a previously unsubdivided quarter section within NW 16-58-5-W5, and further that the approval is subject to the following conditions:

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 MGA, 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 and northern boundaries of the quarter section. The County's interest will be registered by caveat on title. The caveat will remain on title until such time as the road is widened.
2. 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 proposed Lot 1; and

b) certification from a Provincially accredited inspector confirming that the function and location of the existing sewage disposal system(s) on proposed Lot 1, will satisfy the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice, and is suitable for the intended subdivision.

3. That taxes are fully paid when final approval (endorsement) of the instrument affecting the subdivision is requested.

Carried Unanimously.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATION – MUNICIPAL PLANNING FILE 26-SUB-101
NE 11-61-4-W5 - (DEKKER SASKATCHEWAN FARMS LTD.)

2026-342 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council approve subdivision application 26-SUB-101, to subdivide a 2.88 ha (7.12 ac) county residential lot from a previously unsubdivided quarter section within NE-11-61-4-W5, and further that the approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. That prior to endorsement of an instrument effecting 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 No. 11.
2. 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 proposed Lot 1; and

   b) certification from a Provincially accredited inspector confirming that the function and location of the existing sewage disposal system(s) on proposed Lot 1, will satisfy the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice, and is suitable for the intended subdivision.

3. 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 9:22 a.m.

2026 VALUING NATURAL ASSETS ENGAGEMENT – WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

2026-343 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council accept the 2026 Valuing Natural Assets Project Public Engagement – “What We Heard” Report as information.

Carried Unanimously.

ICF BYLAW 8-2026 – REPEALING INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK BETWEEN COUNTY OF BARRHEAD AND LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY

2026-344 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council gives 1st reading to Bylaw 8-2026 – Repealing Bylaw 3-2021 an ICF between the County of Barrhead No. 11 and Lac Ste. Anne County, as permitted by the MGA.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-345 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council gives 2nd reading to Bylaw 8-2026.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-346 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council considers 3rd reading for Bylaw 8-2026.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-347 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council gives 3rd reading to Bylaw 8-2026 – Repealing Bylaw 3-2021 an ICF between the County of Barrhead No. 11 and Lac Ste. Anne County, as permitted by the MGA.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-348 Moved by Councillor Crisler 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.

Ken Hove joined the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

RECESS

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

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

2026-349 Moved by Councillor Chapman that Council accepts the Public Works report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

THUNDER LAKE LAGOON DESLUDGING PROJECT

2026-350 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council directs Administration to enter into an agreement with Mourits Trucking Limited to carry out desludging at the Thunder Lake Lagoon in 2026, removing the maximum amount of sludge for land application utilizing the pumping rate of $0.0298 per gallon and an agitation cost of $280 per hour, with costs not to exceed $90,000 total.

Carried Unanimously.

2026 PROJECT DASHBOARD

2026-351 Moved by Councillor Chapman that Council accepts the 2026 Project Dashboard for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Don Medcke joined the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

DELEGATION – RESIDENTIAL FLOODING - NE 13-57-2-W5

Hilda Hemmerling attended Council at 11:39 a.m. to discuss flooding on her property at NE 13-57-2-W5.

2026-352 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council direct Administration to investigate flooding concerns at NE 13-57-2-W5 and share findings with Council at a future Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove & Don Medcke departed the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Council thanked Ms. Hemmerling for her presentation and she departed the meeting at 12:08 a.m.

2026-353 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council receive the presentation from H. Hemmerling regarding property flooding on NE 13-57-2-W5 for information.

Carried Unanimously.

LUNCH RECESS

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

ADMIN BUILDING ROOF REPAIR (RENO)

2026-354 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council approves the roof repair project at a cost of $27,173.75 plus gst (50% of total cost) as part of the County Administration Building Renovations.

Carried Unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO BUDGET CALENDAR

2026-355 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council approve the proposed changes to the 2027 Budget Schedule to ensure the County is on track to complete a 2027 Interim budget before the end of 2026.

Carried Unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

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

- 2026 Admin Bldg Renovation Project Dashboard
- CAO completed ICS 300
- Strategic Planning next steps
- Preparation for October Organizational meeting regarding Council Committtee Appointments
- Consideration of potentially eligible community projects for Federal Grant
- Summary of October Events – Lift Conference, Council Tour, Wildlife Disease workshop
- Committee of the Whole meeting to be rescheduled to October 27, 2026

Reeve Munck departed the meeting at 2:02 p.m. and Deputy Reeve Preugschas took over the chair.

2026-356 Moved by Councillor Crisler to accept the County Manager's report for information.

Carried 5-0.

Councillor Jespersen departed the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

ORIGINAL SIGNED – E. MUNCK **ORIGINAL SIGNED – R. BOYKO**

Reeve **Interim CAO**

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors discussed their written reports and the following was added:

- Councillor Chapman did not have a written report but mentioned that the Library extends an invitation to elected officials to visit

Reeve Munck rejoined the meeting at 2:06 p.m. and resumed the chair.

- Councillor Ellwein provided a written report and spoke further about impact of agricultural traffic on roadways, concerns regarding road conditions at RR 25 & RR 34 north of Highway 18
- Councillor Crisler provided a written report and spoke further about the Athabasca Watershed meeting, and BARCC meeting.
- Deputy Reeve Preugschas provided a written report and spoke futher about his volunteer activities with NWof16, update on Barrhead Attraction & Retention Committee activities and shared thoughts on what should be included in Councillor reports.
- Reeve Munck did not have a written report and shared comments about resident concerns about unsightly properties after Thunder Lake fire, and question received about consolidation of property and taxes.

2026-357 Moved by Councillor Crisler to accept Councillor written/verbal reports for information.

Carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

2026-358 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that the meeting adjourns at 2:17 p.m.

Carried 5-0.

ORIGINAL SIGNED – E. MUNCK **ORIGINAL SIGNED – R. BOYKO**

Reeve **Interim CAO**