



## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES August 17, 2026**

Council Members Present: Reeve Konieczny, Division 3  
Deputy Reeve Tara Kuzio, Division 5  
Councillor Joey Nafziger, Division 1  
Councillor Ray Nedzielski, Division 2  
Councillor Allen McCutcheon, Division 4  
Councillor Carl Ogrodnick, Division 6  
Councillor Jerri Ziegler, Division 7

Administration Present: Pat Podoborozny, Chief Administrative Officer  
Norm De Wet, Director of Operations  
Davin Gegolick, Director of Planning and Community Services  
Mike Fundytus, Director of Protective Services  
Audra Kropielnicki, Executive Coordinator

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

#### **2026-198**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ziegler

THAT the August 17, 2026 regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 July 20, 2026 County Council Meeting**

#### **2026-199**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nedzielski

THAT the July 20, 2026 regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

### **4. DELEGATIONS**

### **5. COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

#### **2026-200**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ziegler

THAT the Council Priorities be accepted as information.

**Carried**

### **6. REQUESTS FOR DECISION**

#### **6.1 Minburn Landfill Phase II ESA**

#### **2026-201**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT County Council direct Administration to pursue a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for the Minburn Landfill.

**Carried**

6.2 ATCO Electric Utility Within Road Allowance Special Request

**2026-202**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ziegler

THAT County Council move to approve ATCO Electric's request to install their utility within Range Road 160 as per the plans submitted.

**Carried**

6.3 Repeal Policy PDS 7001-01, Rural Broadband

**2026-203**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT County Council move to repeal Policy PDS 7001-01, Rural Broadband.

**Carried**

6.4 Subdivision File #09-2026

**2026-204**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nedzielski

THAT County Council move to conditionally approve subdivision file #09-2026 per the recommendations of the report.

**Carried**

6.5 Lavoy Homecoming Harvest Funding Request

**2026-205**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT County of Minburn Council approve a financial contribution of \$717.17 to the Lavoy General Store in support of the Lavoy Harvest Homecoming event.

**Motion Defeated**

6.6 2026 Community Centre Grant Funding Program

**2026-206**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogradnick

THAT County Council approve the allocation of \$63,000 to non-profit organizations as presented under the 2026 Community Centre Grant Funding Program.

**Carried**

6.7 2026 Recreation Grant Funding Program

**2026-207**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT County Council approve payment of the 2026 Recreation Funding in the amount of \$243,300 to the 6 external organizations as presented.

**Carried**

6.8 Mannville and District Agricultural Society Funding Request

**2026-208**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT County Council approve Mannville and District Agricultural Society's funding request in the amount of \$50,000 to assist with their emergency roof repairs, with funding to be advanced from their allotted 2027 recreation funding.

**Carried**

6.9 ACE Water Rate Reconsideration Request

**2026-209**

**Moved by:** Councillor McCutcheon  
THAT County Council rescind Resolution No. 2026-185.

**Carried**

**2026-210**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nedzielski  
THAT County Council approve the request from Alberta Central East (ACE) Water Corporation to purchase water through the Minburn truckfill station at a rate of \$4.50 per cubic metre for the duration of the temporary five-day construction project, limited to a maximum of four truckloads per day.

**Carried**

6.10 Vegreville Road Rehabilitation

**2026-211**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick  
THAT County Council directs Administration to include the estimated rehabilitation costs for Vegreville Road in the proposed 2027 budget for Council's consideration.

**Carried**

6.11 2027 Capital Equipment

**2026-212**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger  
THAT County Council approve the purchase of three Cat 160 Graders at a total cost of \$1,950,000 (excluding GST), and that these graders be approved and included in the 2027 Capital Budget; and further, that Units 326, 335, and 336 be sold by tender following delivery of the new graders.

**Carried**

6.12 Motion Following Notice of Motion - Addition of RHPAP Conference as an Approved Council Conference

**2026-213**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio  
THAT County Council add the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) Conference to the list of pre-approved conferences and conventions under the Elected Officials Business Expense Policy CC 3013-03, with consideration of this amendment to occur at the 2026 Organizational Meeting, and authorize two members of Council to attend the conference.

**Carried**

6.13 Advocacy for Flood Recovery Assistance

**2026-214**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger  
THAT County Council direct Administration to prepare and send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food requesting financial assistance and support programs for agricultural producers adversely affected by flooding during the 2026 growing season and advocating for timely relief measures to help address crop losses, increased production costs, and the economic impacts on affected farming operations.

**Carried**

**7               REPORTS**

- 7.1    Reeve
- 7.2    Council
- 7.3    CAO

- 7.4 Operations
- 7.5 Planning and Community Services
- 7.6 Protective Services
- 7.7 Corporate Services

**2026-215**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council accepts the reports as presented.

**Carried**

*Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 11:09 a.m.*

*Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 11:19 a.m.*

**8. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 8.1 Battle River Watershed Alliance Per Capita Funding Request
- 8.2 Innisfree Charter School Society re Financial Support Request

**2026-216**

**Moved by:** Councillor

THAT Council deny Innisfree Charter School Society's request for financial support and direct Administration to provide a reply to the Innisfree Charter School Society advising them.

**Carried**

- 8.3 50th Wedding Anniversary Thank You
- 8.4 Town of Vegreville Request for Rezoning

**2026-217**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogradnick

THAT Council deny the Town of Vegreville's request for rezoning the former museum property and direct Administration to notify the Town of Vegreville accordingly.

**Carried**

**2026-218**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council accept the correspondence as information.

**Carried**

**9 COUNCILLOR REQUESTS** (Information Requests and Notices of Motion)

- 9.1 Action Item List

**2026-219**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ziegler

THAT Council accept the Action Item List as information.

**Carried**

**10 CLOSED SESSION**

**2026-220**

**Moved by:** McCutcheon

THAT County Council meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) specifically Section 26, Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations at 11:35 a.m.

**Carried**

*Davin Gegolick and Audra Kropielnicki left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.*

- 10.1 Fire Services Agreement  
*ATIA Section 26, Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations*

| Name            | Reason/Purpose                       |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Pat Podoborozny | Strategic Leader of the Organization |
| Mike Fundytus   | Strategic Leader of the Organization |
| Norm De Wet     | Strategic Leader of the Organization |

**11 OPEN SESSION**

**2026-221**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger  
THAT County Council move to revert to Open Session at 11:50 a.m.  
**Carried**

**12 MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSED SESSION**

**13 Adjournment**

Reeve Konieczny declared the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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Chief Administrative Officer