# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
## October 19, 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 9:33 a.m.

## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**2026-256**
**Moved by:** Councillor Ziegler
THAT the October 19, 2026 regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 September 9, 2026 County Council Meeting

**2026-257**
**Moved by:** Councillor Ziegler
THAT the September 9, 2026 regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

## 4. DELEGATIONS

## 5. REQUESTS FOR DECISION

5.1 Foreign Ownership Exemption Application from Cargill Limited

**2026-258**
**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick
THAT County Council directs Administration to advise the Province of Alberta that the County of Minburn has no objection to Cargill Limited's proposed acquisition of the GrainsConnect Canada grain elevator property within the County of Minburn and the associated exemption required under the Foreign Ownership of Land Regulations.

**Carried**

5.2 Subdivision File #10-2026

**2026-259**
**Moved by:** Councillor McCutcheon

THAT County Council move to conditionally approve subdivision file #10-2026 per the recommendations of the report.

**Carried**

5.3 Letter of Support - Alberta HUB Skyways Project

**2026-260**
**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio
THAT County of Minburn Council provide a letter of support to Northeast Alberta Information HUB (Alberta HUB) to support for their Northern and Regional Economic Development Program (NRED) funding application to advance the Alberta HUB Skyways Project.

**Carried**

5.4 Policy PDS 7006-02, Growing Futures Scholarship

**2026-261**
**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick
THAT County Council move to approve updated Policy PDS 7006-02, Growing Futures Scholarship.

**Carried**

5.5 CALS Breakfast Club Funding Request

**2026-262**
**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio
THAT County of Minburn Council approve a financial contribution of $1,550 to the Community Association for Lasting Success (CALS) in support of their Breakfast Club.

**Carried**

5.6 Viking Health Foundation Funding Request

**2026-263**
**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio
THAT County Council direct administration to advise the Viking Health Foundation that the County is unable to support the Foundation's request for a financial commitment toward physician recruitment at this time.

**Carried**

5.7 Policy PS 8007-02, Fire Department Level of Service

**2026-264**
**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick
THAT County Council approve Policy PS 8007-02 as presented.

**Carried**

5.8 Coyote Harvest Program

**2026-265**
**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger
THAT County Council approve entering into an agreement with Alberta Professional Outfitters Society to continue the Coyote Harvest Incentive Program for fall 2026 and winter/spring 2027 utilizing the remaining funds allocated from the spring 2026 program.

**Carried**

5.9 Lamont County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement

**2026-266**
**Moved by:** Councillor Ziegler
THAT County Council approves the County of Minburn opt-out from the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement between the County of Minburn No. 27 and Lamont County pursuant to Section 708.28(1.1) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

**Carried**

5.10 Bylaw 1381-26 to Amend Committees Bylaw No. 1329-22

**2026-267**
**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger
THAT County Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 1381-26 that amends Committees Bylaw No. 1329-22.

**Carried**

**2026-268**
**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick
THAT County Council give second reading to Bylaw No. 1381-26 that amends Committees Bylaw No. 1329-22.

**Carried**

**2026-269**
**Moved by:** Councillor Nedzielski
THAT County Council consider giving unanimous consent to going to third reading to Bylaw No. 1381-26 that amends Committees Bylaw No. 1329-22.

**Carried**

**2026-270**
**Moved by:** Councillor Ziegler
THAT County Council give third reading to Bylaw No. 1381-26 that amends Committees Bylaw No. 1329-22.

**Carried**

5.11 Public Participation Policy CC 3008-02

**2026-271**
**Moved by:** Councillor McCutcheon
THAT County Council adopt the Public Participation Policy CC 3008-02 as presented.

**Carried**

5.12 Whistleblower Policy AD 1036-01

**2026-272**
**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger
THAT County Council approve Whistleblower Policy AD 1036-01 as presented.

**Carried**

**2026-273**
**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick
TAKE NOTICE that at the next Regular Council Meeting, I intend to introduce the following motion:

THAT Whistleblower Policy AD 1036-01 be brought forward for Council's review and consideration of potential amendments.

**Motion defeated**

**2026-274**
**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick
THAT County Council rescind Resolution #2026-273.

**Carried**

5.13 Assessment Services Request for Proposals - Contract Award

**2026-275**
**Moved by: Councillor Nedzielski**
THAT County Council award the assessment services contract for a 5-year term to Municipal Assessment Services Group for a total contract price of $626,705.

**Carried**

## 6. REPORTS

6.1 Reeve
6.2 Council
6.3 CAO
6.4 Operations
6.5 Planning and Community Services
6.6 Protective Services
6.7 Corporate Services

**2026-276**
**Moved by:** Councillor Ziegler
THAT Council accept the reports as presented.

**Carried**

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Warwick Hall Association re MSI Grant
7.2 Vegreville Elks Hall 100 Years of Community Service Invitation
7.3 Call to Action Strengthening Public Safety in Alberta
7.4 Elk Island Public Schools Joint Meeting Request
7.5 Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors re RMA Convention
7.6 Royal Canadian Legion Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon

**2026-277**
**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick
THAT County Council agree to a joint meeting with Elk Island Public Schools on January 28, 2027, or February 11, 2027.

**Carried**

**2026-278**
**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger
THAT Council accept the correspondence as information.

**Carried**

## 8. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (Information Requests and Notices of Motion)

8.1 Action Item List

**2026-279**
**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio
THAT Council accept the Action Item List as information.

**Carried**

8.2 Notice of Motion
Councillor Ogrodnick - Whistleblower Policy

*Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 10:55 a.m.*

*Mike Fundytus and Audra Kropielnicki left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.*

*Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 11:07 a.m.*

## 9. CLOSED SESSION

**2026-280**
**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger
THAT County Council meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) specifically Section 29, Advice from officials, at 11:08 a.m.

**Carried**

9.1 2027 Capital Equipment
*ATIA Section 29, Advice from officials*

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

*Norm De Wet left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.*

9.2 Notice of Sale of Public Lands
*ATIA Section 29, Advice from officials*

| Name | Reason/Purpose |
|---|---|
| Pat Podoborozny | Strategic Leader of the Organization |
| Davin Gegolick | Strategic Leader of the Organization |

*Davin Gegolick left the meeting at 11:26 a.m.*

## 10. OPEN SESSION

**2026-281**
**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger
THAT County Council move to revert to Open Session at 11:27 a.m.
**Carried**

## 11. MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

11.1 2027 Capital Equipment

**2026-282**
**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger
THAT County Council rescind Resolution No. 2026-212.
**Carried**

**2026-283**
**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger
THAT County Council approves the purchase of one Cat 160NG trial grader for $580,000.00 and two new Cat 160 graders for $650,000.00 each, for a total purchase price of $1,880,000.00, excluding GST, as part of the 2027 Capital Budget;
**Carried**

**2026-284**
**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio
THAT County Council approve Units 326, 335, and 336 be sold by tender following delivery of the replacement graders.
**Carried**

11.2 Notice of Sale of Public Lands

**2026-285**
**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger
THAT County Council accept the bid of $4,000 for tax forfeiture property described as Lot 9, Block 4, Plan 6100R in Minburn.
**Carried**

**2026-286**
**Moved by:** Councillor Nedzielski
THAT County Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the sale of Lot 22, Block 4, Plan 949Q, Lavoy, at a sale price of not less than $3,500.
**Carried**

## 12. Adjournment

Reeve Konieczny declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Original Signed
Reeve

Original Signed
Chief Administrative Officer