



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2025

Council Members Present: Reeve Roger Konieczny, Division 3  
Deputy Reeve Kevin Bentley, Division 7  
Councillor Joey Nafziger, Division 1  
Councillor Eric Anderson, Division 2  
Councillor Cliff Wowdzia, Division 4  
Councillor Tara Kuzio, Division 5  
Councillor Carl Ogrodnick, Division 6

Administration Present: Pat Podoborzny, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jason Warawa, Director of Corporate Services  
Mike Fundytus, Director of Protective Services  
Davin Gegolick, Director of Planning and Community 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

#### 2025-045

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Bentley

THAT the February 18, 2025 regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

### 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 January 23, 2025 County Council Meeting

#### 2025-046

**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio

THAT the January 23, 2025 regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

### 4 DELEGATIONS

### 5 COUNCIL PRIORITIES

#### 2025-047

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT the Council Priorities be accepted as information.

**Carried**

### 6 REQUESTS FOR DECISION

6.1 Subdivision File #01-2025

#### 2025-048

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT Council moves to conditionally approve Subdivision File #01-2025 per the recommendations of the report.

**Carried**

6.2 Fire Services Bylaw No. 1362-25

**2025-049**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT County Council give First Reading to Fire Services Bylaw No. 1362-25.

**Carried**

**2025-050**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT County Council give Second Reading to Fire Services Bylaw No. 1362-25.

**Carried**

**2025-051**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio

THAT the County of Minburn Council consider giving unanimous and final consent to Third and Final Reading of Fire Services Bylaw No. 1362-25.

**Carried**

**2025-052**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT Council give Third Reading to Fire Services Bylaw No. 1362-25 amending Fire Services Bylaw No. 1326-22.

**Carried**

6.3 Fire Department Utility Terrain Vehicle

**2025-053**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council approve awarding the Request for Quote to provide a Utility Terrain Vehicle to Rech Tech Power Products in the amount of \$34,710.90.

**Carried**

6.4 RCMP Vermilion Detachment Priorities for 2025

**2025-054**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT Council directs Administration to notify Vermilion RCMP Detachment that our Councils current priorities are:

- Police/Community Relations-Crime Prevention and Community Safety
- Crime Reduction-Violence and Domestic Abuse
- Police/Community Relations-Police Visibility

**Carried**

6.5 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Membership

**2025-055**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT Council decline renewing the FCM membership for 2025.

**Defeated**

**2025-056**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT Council renew the FCM membership for 2025.

**Carried**

**7 REPORTS**

7.1 Reeve

7.2 Council

7.3 CAO

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

**2025-057**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

County Council moved that Operations research how much and what kind of fill is available in the County.

**Carried**

*Councillor Wowdzia left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.*

*Councillor Wowdzia entered the meeting at 10:44 a.m.*

**2025-058**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Bentley

THAT Council accepts the reports as presented.

**Carried**

*Reeve Konieczny adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.*

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

**8 CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**8.1 Vegreville Chamber of Commerce re Pysanka 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Letter received seeking sponsorship for the Pysanka's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on July 26, 2025.

**2025-059**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT Council direct Administration to send a letter of commitment approving gold sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 to Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce for the Pysanka's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Carried**

**8.2 RCMP Transparency and Trust Multi-Stakeholder Form**

Letter received on RCMP's mandates for transparency. Independent company PlaceSpeak launched an online engagement platform that allows participants to be actively involved in decision-making, increase public trust, enhance transparency and accountability within the RCMP.

**8.3 Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) re Canada Post Review**

Letter received from CUPW advising the Canada Post structure is under review by the Industrial Inquiry Commission. The CUPW is requesting County Council provide a resolution by written submission to the Commission requesting they hear CUPW's views on maintaining Canada Post as a public service, and the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures.

**8.4 Lamont County re Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Extension Agreement**

Received letter and signed ICF Amending agreement from Lamont County requesting extending the review of the ICF agreement from every five years to every seven years commencing no later than 2027.

**2025-060**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT Council approve the amending agreement to extend the ICF Agreement with Lamont County from 2024 to 2027.

**Carried**

8.5 **Village of Mannville re ICF Amending Agreement**

Received signed ICF Amending Agreement from the Village of Mannville extending a review of the ICF agreement from every five years to every seven years commencing no later than 2027.

**2025-061**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio

THAT Council approve the amending agreement to extend the ICF Agreement with Village of Mannville from 2024 to 2027.

**Carried**

8.6 **Alberta Municipal Affairs re Joint Use and Planning Agreements**

Letter received advising a 2-year extension was granted to June 10, 2025 for municipalities and school boards operating within municipal boundaries to prepare joint use and planning agreements.

**2025-062**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Bentley

THAT Council accept the correspondence as information.

**Carried**

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

9.1 Action Item List

**2025-063**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT Council accept the Action Item List as information.

**Carried**

10 **CLOSED SESSION**

**2025-064**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio

THAT County Council meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*, specifically *Sections 24 and 16* at 11:30 a.m.

**Carried**

*Davin Gegolick, Mike Fundytus and Audra Kropielnicki left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.*

10.1 **Gravel Contract**

*FOIP Section 16, Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party*

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jason Warawa	Strategic Leader of the Organization

10.2 **2024 Year End Reserve Fund Transfer**

*FOIP Section 24, Advice from Officials*

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jason Warawa	Strategic Leader of the Organization

10.3 **Leasing of County Owned Agricultural Lands**

*FOIP Section 16, Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party*

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jason Warawa	Strategic Leader of the Organization

**11 OPEN SESSION**

**2025-065**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger  
THAT Council revert to open session at 12:07 p.m.

**Carried**

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

12.1 Gravel Contract

**2025-066**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Bentley  
THAT County Council approve a gravel supply and hauling contract with Keith Austin Construction for a 3-year term beginning in 2025 with an overall contract value not to exceed \$333,675.

**Carried**

12.2 2024 Year End Reserve Fund Transfer

**2025-067**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio  
THAT Council approve the re-allocation of \$2M from unrestricted reserves to the Facility Reserve.

**Carried**

**2025-068**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick  
THAT Council approve the re-allocation of the full balance of the Future Expenditures Reserve with \$600,000 being transferred to the Rate Stabilization Reserve and \$954,472 being transferred to the Hamlet Reserve.

**Carried**

12.3 Leasing of County Owned Agricultural Lands

**2025-069**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger  
THAT Council approve awarding the lease tender for PT. SW 6-54-10-W4M for a 3-year term in the amount of \$9,600.

**Carried**

**2025-070**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio  
THAT Council approve awarding the lease tender for SW 36-52-12-W4M for a 3-year term in the amount of \$9,100.

**Carried**

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

Reeve Konieczny declared the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer