

FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS



BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2129-26 Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Data Centres - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2130-26 Land Use Bylaw Text Amendments - Agricultural Buildings & Agricultural Structures - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Call for Volunteers - Bassano Rodeo Pancake Breakfast
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Convention

DELEGATIONS

- Recreation Facility Improvement Funding Request - Scandia Hall - **Motion to approve the request for \$59,960 from the Recreation Facilities Improvement Grant Fund was carried.**
- Grasslands Regional Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) - **Presented County of Newell employee, Brad Biette, the 2026 Community Impact Award for his dedicated service in volunteerism within the Brooks Newell Region. Congrats, Brad!!**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Grasslands Regional FCSS
- Recreation Board (Rolling Hills & Area)
- Palliser Economic Partnership
- Crop Diversification Centre South - CDC Newell Ag Summit Event Recap

You can watch the meeting here > [June 25 Council Meeting](#)
The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 9, 2026.**
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DELEGATIONS

- Silver Sage Agricultural Society Funding Request - A motion to approve the amount of \$153,797 towards the replacement of the roof surface on the Silver Sage Arena, with funding provided from the Recreation Fund was carried.
- Southern Alberta Summer Games Funding Request - A motion to approve additional spending of \$3,870 from the County's unrestricted surplus to purchase T-Shirts for the Team Newell Southern Alberta Summer Games participants as requested by the City of Brooks Recreation Services Department was carried.
- Grasslands Soccer Association Funding Request - A motion to approve a grant in an amount equal to 25% of eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$145,875, with funding provided from the Recreation Fund was carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Newell Micro Gen Project Request for Proposal Award - A motion to approve the construction of the project be awarded to CBI Solar for the amount of \$886,848 was carried.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Officers issued 13 warnings, 31 tickets, and conducted 24 investigations.
- Bicycle patrols continue on County pathways, in partner communities, and campgrounds (Emerson Bridge Park, Rolling Hills Reservoir, and Crawling Valley Reservoir). Three of 20 planned patrols have been completed.
- Municipal Enforcement Supervisor and Officer attended the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association (AMEA) Conference.
- Grader Operators completed grading.
- Crack Sealing is complete.
- Dust Abatement Program is underway.
- JBS Access / Township Road 192N / HWY 873 construction continues, asphalt has been placed on the new access road. Preparations for work at the Hwy 873 intersection continue and plans are coming together for traffic accommodation and timing of improvements. Public advertisement will be completed in due time.
- Industrial Backhoe is completing the final landscaping at Lake Newell Resort from disturbed areas during last years road improvements.
- Engineering design is underway for all paved road projects Council approved in budget. This work also includes work at CDC on the parking lot and access road.
- A leak on the Hamlet of Lake Newell Resort sewer forcemain was reported and repaired during the week of May 20. The break occurred on Township Road 182, just east of the Hamlet access road, and appears to have been caused by poor bedding material, similar to previous nearby breaks.

You can watch the meeting here > [June 11 Council Meeting](#)
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FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS



BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2125-26 Road Closure & Lease - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2112-26 Road Closure & SALE- **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2127-26 Access to Information & Protection of Privacy - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading with consent was carried.**
- Bylaw 2128-26 Records Management - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading with consent was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- STARS Update & the 2025 Ally Impact Report.
- Brooks & District Health Foundation Update

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Roadside spraying will begin on the North side of the TransCanada highway on our about June 10.
- Emerson Bridge Park is open for business.
- First pass of mowing of all the Hamlets, subdivisions, airports and CDC is underway.
- We helped plant 300 new trees at the Brooks Fish and Game habitat site at the Aqueduct. There was just about 30 volunteers there to do the planting and adding the weed barrier

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- City of Brooks Request to Acquire Ownership of Land within the County - **Motion to provide consent for the City of Brooks to acquire tax roll 0000451000 was carried.**
- County-Brooks Recreation, Parks & Culture Services Agreement - **Motion to approve the Recreation, Parks & Culture Services Agreement between the County of Newell and the City of Brooks for the term commencing January 1, 2026 was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Joint Use and Planning Agreement – Grasslands School Division - **Motion to approve the Joint Use and Planning Agreement with Grasslands School Division was carried.**

You can watch the meeting here > [May 21 Council Meeting](#)
The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday June 11, 2026.**
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FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS



BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2111-26 Road Closure & Lease - **Motion to approve**
- **2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2126-26 Newell Regional Emergency Management Partnership - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading with consent, and 3rd reading was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- **Funding Request - The Brooks Housing Society** asked for \$500,000 to put towards Phase 3 of their Affordable Housing Project. **Motion to approve \$300,000 in funding was carried.**

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Rural Beautification Awards - Review Policy & Assign Council Judge - **Motion to approve the policy as presented was and have Councillor Christman judge was carried.**
- Agricultural Services Board Program Review - **Motion to approve July 9, 2026 for the Field Visit was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement - Vulcan County - **Motion to approve the updated Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement with Vulcan County as presented was carried.**
- Funding Request - Alcoma School Performance Stage - **Motion to accept as information and request details on Alcoma's school fundraising efforts was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Officers issued 19 warnings, 19 tickets, and conducted 38 investigations.
- Bicycle patrols commenced with the first patrol being conducted April 22 in the Village of Duchess in the morning as well as along the Kinbrook Connection Pathway in the afternoon.
- The Municipal Enforcement Supervisor and Officer partnered with Wheatland County Community Peace Officers, Alberta Sheriffs, and City of Brooks Community Peace Officers on two joint operations targeting commercial truck concerns along the shared municipal boundary and on Silver Sage Road at Range Road 145.
- Officer attended an Experienced Officer Legal Studies course to assist with development and understanding of the Community Peace Officer role in the municipality with respect to bylaw enforcement.
- Dust Abatement machinery and equipment are being prepared for a June 9th start date (weather pending).
- Crack sealing has begun & line painting will follow shortly after.
- Construction on the JBS Access / Township Road 192N / Hwy 873 project continues, with most of the access road from Township Road 192N (Gun Club) to the JBS employee parking lot now built, including culvert installations across EID infrastructure, while preparations for work at the Hwy 873 intersection are underway.
- Proclamation - National Public Works Week (May 17-23, 2026) - **Motion to proclaim May 17 – 23, 2026 as National Public Works Week was carried.**

You can watch the meeting here > [May 7 Council Meeting](#)
The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday May 21, 2026.**
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You can watch the meeting here > [**April 23 Council Meeting**](#)
The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday May 7, 2026**.
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BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2124-26 LUA (A-GEN to A-SML) - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2125-26 LUA (A-GEN to R-RUR) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2116-26 Loan - Rolling Hills Agricultural Society Post Office Project - **Motion to approve 2nd reading was defeated (no longer needed).**
- Bylaw 2123-26 Tax Rates - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- **RCMP Quarterly Report (Jan/Feb/Mar) - Brooks**
 - Event/Calls for Service = 402 total
 - Proactive Rural Patrols = 1825 total
 - Criminal Record Checks = 112 total
 - Violation Tickets = 128 total
 - Noteworthy events: Break & Enter into a business; theft of vehicle/suspect arrested; Operation Street Sweep (a crime reduction initiative) resulted in 24 traffic tickets, 17 traffic warning, 11 compliance checks on persons bound by court conditions, and 12 outstanding warrants executed on 8 persons; multiple thefts of copper wire; theft from farmyard; break & enter
- **RCMP Quarterly Report (Jan/Feb/Mar) - Bassano**
 - Event/Calls for Service = 149
 - Proactive Bassano Patrols = 388
 - Criminal Record Checks = 42
 - Violation Tickets = 38
 - Noteworthy events: Vehicle theft; vehicles falling through lakes; robbery
- **Global Village - Mental Health Program**

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Legislative Appointments - Weed Inspectors - **Motion to appoint Remy Strach, Ashley Koenning, and Claudia Pardy as Weed Inspectors was carried.**
- Legislative Appointments - Pest Inspectors - **Motion to appoint Remy Strach, Ashley Koenning, and Claudia Pardy as Pest Inspectors was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- 2025 Annual Report - **Motion to approve the 2025 Annual Report as presented was carried.**
- Adoption of Strategic Priorities - **Motion to adopt the strategic priorities and follow up action items included in the Strategic Priority Setting Session report as presented was carried.**
- Newell Pro Rodeo Pancake Breakfast - **Motion to accept invitation from the City of Brooks to participate in the Newell Pro Rodeo Pancake Breakfast and County of Newell to cover 50% of the costs was carried.**

You can watch the meeting here > [April 23 Council Meeting](#)
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BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2114-26 Loan - Fundraising Society of Rolling Hills School - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2119-26 Special Tax - Eastern Irrigation District (EID) - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading with consent, and 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2120-26 Special Tax - Rolling Hills Irrigation - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading with consent, and 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2121-26 Special Tax - Scandia Irrigation - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading with consent, and 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2122-26 Special Tax - Rainier Raw Water Irrigation - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading with consent, and 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2123-26 Tax Rates - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- Presentation of Audited Financial Statements - Avail CPA
- Financial Contribution - Brooks Junior High School Community Sports Field - Motion to approve the requested \$750,000 was carried. Monies will come from the Recreation Fund and the request met all criteria necessary as laid out in the County's Recreation Facility Improvement Funding Policy (POL-O29-23).

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- **Motion to approve the 2026 Final Budget was carried.**
- Requests for Functions of Council
 - Premier's Summit on Fairness for Newcomers - **Motion to approve as a function of Council was carried.**
 - Board Leadership Training Event - **Motion to approve as a function of Council was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Officers issued 15 warnings, 28 tickets, and conducted 28 investigations.
- Municipal Enforcement Supervisor participated in the Newell Regional Emergency Management exercise.
- Municipal Enforcement Supervisor and Officer attended two specialized training sessions delivered by the Taber Police Service - Human Trafficking and Hate Crimes.
- JBS Access / TR192N / HWY 873 construction continues.
- Engineering Supervisor has begun professional development toward obtaining a Certificate in Professional Asset Management Planning.
- Line painting tender awarded to Line West Ltd.
- RR150 Grade Widening and Overlay engagement with landowners continues

You can watch the meeting here > [April 8 Council Meeting](#).
The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday April 23, 2026**.
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PUBLIC HEARING

- Bylaw 2113-26 26 LUA OO1 (NW 3-19-14-W4 - A-GEN & I-GEN to R-RUR)

BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2113-26 26 LUA OO1 (NW 3-19-14-W4 - A-GEN & I-GEN to R-RUR) - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2124-26 26 LUA OO2 NW & SW 6-19-14-W4 (A-GEN to A-SML) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Gopher Control Program is underway.
- Seasonal Staff are hired.
- Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) -
 - Three EFP Techs on staff.
 - In 2025 37 Plans were created. To date in 2026, there are two. Learn more about EFPs > <https://albertaefp.com/>
- The **Emerson Bridge Park** Supervisor has been hired and a NEW pump track will be constructed at the campground this summer.
- EID & County partnership projects include current & future shelterbelts and plans for controlling the newly identified weed Pale Yellow Iris.
- Events hosted by Ag Services in 2026 include South Region Weed School, Southern Alberta Grazing School for Women, and partnered with Foothills Forage and Grazing Association on a Paster Power up workshop.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Annual appointments were made for Fire Guardians in the County of Newell.
- Councillor Skanderup was appointed to the County of Newell Library Board.

COMMITTEE REORTS

- PTAC Digital Innovation Forum
- County of Newell Library Board
- Tilley & Area Rec Board funding results
- Division 4 Rec Board funding results
- Division 8 Rec Board funding results
- Gem Community Meeting
- Regional Emergency Advisory Committee (REAC)
- Rural Brooks Area Rec Board funding results

You can watch the meeting here > **March 25 Council Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY** April 8, 2026.

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BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2116-26 Loan - Rolling Hills Agricultural Society Post Office Project - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring 2026 Convention Update - meetings have been confirmed with the Ministers of Environment & Protected Areas and Technology & Innovation.
- The Rolling Hills community is requesting a letter of support for their efforts to preserve the level of service at the Rolling Hills Post Office - **Motion to approve sending the letter signed by the Reeve was carried.**
- RMA Spring 2026 Convention Resolutions

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Officers issues 19 warnings, 23 tickets, and conducted 10 investigations.
- Bridge File 71689 is complete.
- Bridge File 70919 tender was awarded and road closures are in effect.
- Bridge File 788717 tender was awarded - Fortis Alberta will relocate power facilities in advance. Road closure will be in effect with no detour and advertised to public.
- Engineering Services - Paved Roads RFP tender award - **Motion to approve administration entering a standing offer agreement with ISL Engineering Services Ltd. until December 31, 2028, with option to extend was carried.**
- NRSC Report:
 - A distribution line leak occurred in the Hamlet of Tilley on February 20th at the intersection of Centre Street and 2nd Ave. The leak was isolated and repaired on February 21st.
 - A repair was made on the NRSC transmission main that feeds the Rolling Hills pumphouse on February 17th, after a leak was observed. On February 24th another leak was discovered adjacent to the Rolling Hills pumphouse. Everything is repaired.
 - Scandia distribution pump was scheduled to be replaced on March 2nd. After the old pump was removed, it was determined that the new pump was not compatible and another replacement pump is currently being procured.

You can watch the meeting here > [March 12 Council Meeting](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY** March 25, 2026.

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BYLAWS

- Bylaw 21O4-25 Road Closure & LEASE (SE 23 & NE 14-20-17-W4 and W 26-19-17-W4) - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Legislative Appointments:
 - **Motion to approve Catherine Hok as an Inspector under the Weed Control Act was carried.**
 - **Motion to approve Catherine Hok as an Officer under the Agricultural Pests Act was carried.**
 - **Motion to approve Catherine Hok as a Soil Conservation Officer was carried.**
- Funding Request - Foothills Forage & Grazing Association - the FFGA has requested \$5000 in funding, where previously it has been \$2000 annually. **Motion to continue with the \$2000 sponsorship and invest in events hosted in our area by the FFGA was not carried. A second motion to give the requested amount of \$5000 was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Planning & Development Report (2025 Year in Review) - Highlights include the approval of three new retail businesses, two home-based businesses, two new agricultural processing businesses (producing organic fertilizer), an auto wrecking & parts sales business and a vehicle paintless dent repair business. 11 permits were approved for oversized ground-mounted solar installations
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring 2026 Convention Update - meeting requests have been sent to the Ministers of Environment & Protected Areas, Municipal Affairs, and Technology & Innovation.
- Rolling Hills Ag Society requested bridge financing from the County to purchase the current trailer being used for postal purposes. The current Postmaster is moving away and this will allow the new Postmaster to carry on with business as usual. **Motion to approve providing bridge financing in the amount of \$30,000 for the purchase of the trailer was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- Brooks & District Food Bank presentation for a community garden at the Crop Diversification Centre South. The group requested a one acre plot at the CDC South with access to their irrigation system. Upon approval, recruitment of a labour force to maintain the garden will begin with church and sports groups and 4H Clubs. **Motion to approve the initiative to proceed as presented was carried.**
- Brooks Housing Society presentation - the Society is planning to construct 24 - three bedroom rental units. The group finished the presentation with an ask for a donation of any amount. The County agreed to consider it further.

POST AGENDA ITEMS

- Request for Letter of Support - Reversal of the Decision to Close the Lacombe Research & Development Centre - **Motion to approve County of Newell provides a letter to Lacombe County signed by the Reeve in support of their efforts to reverse the federal government decision to close the Lacombe Research & Development Centre was carried.**

You can watch the meeting here > [February 26 Council Meeting](#)

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Bylaw 2111-26 Road Closure & LEASE (E 28 & SE 33-20-12-W4 and W 27 & SW 34-20-12-W4) - **Motion to close Public Hearing and provide 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2112-26 Road Closure & SALE (NE 8 & NW 9-22-17-W4) - **Motion to close Public Hearing and provide 1st reading was carried.**

BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2111-26 Road Closure & LEASE (E 28 & SE 33-20-12-W4 and W 27 & SW 34-20-12-W4) (1st Reading) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2112-26 Road Closure & SALE (NE 8 & NW 9-22-17-W4) (1st Reading) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2113-26 26 LUA OO1 (NW 3-19-14-W4 - A-GEN & I-GEN to R-RUR) (1st Reading) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2114-26 Loan - Fundraising Society of Rolling Hills School (1st Reading) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was**

DELEGATIONS

- The Inspections Group - The County's new Safety Codes contracting agency

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- ASB Update - Weed Control Act has been updated with 22 new weeds added and only two removed.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Subdivision Extension Request - 2024-O-007 (NW 14-21-17-W4) - **Motion to approve extension was carried.**
- Road Closure by Resolution (Ptn. of Centre Street & Lane - Hamlet of Cassils) - **Motion to provide the resolution to proceed with the road closure sale was carried.**
- County of Newell Minibus Service Summary Report (2025)

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Utilities - NRSC Report
- Director of Municipal Services Report:
 - Officers issued 37 warnings, 46 tickets, and conducted 42 investigations
 - On Scene Traffic Control Course for emergency services personnel (municipal enforcement, fire and emergency services)
 - Two bridge files nearing completion with bridge file sized culverts installed
 - Request For Proposal (RFP) for Paved Road Engineering Services is advertised
 - Initial planning is underway for the development of County Servicing Standards
 - RR150 Grade Widening and Overlay engagement with landowners is taking place as meetings dates and times are arranged
 - Processes & Procedures and Bylaws & Policies are under review
- Tender Award - Bridge File 78874 & 70919 - **Motion to award the contract to Brooks Asphalt and Aggregate Ltd. was carried.**
- Bassano RCMP - Monthly Mountie Memo
- Update - Police Review Commission (PRC)

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DELEGATIONS

- RCMP Quarterly Reports-Brooks: read the report here > [Brooks RCMP quarterly Report](#)
- RCMP Quarterly Reports - Bassano: read the report here > [Bassano RCMP Quarterly Report](#)
- 100 Year Farm Awards Presentation: Davidson and Graham families - The Davidson and Graham families (both located in Rainier) were honoured for their dedication to farming for 100+ years.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- NEW Manager of Agricultural Services - Catherine Hok
- Equipment repairs & inspections underway
- Busy year for Environmental Farm Planning
- Greenhouse renovations at CDC South nearing completion
 - Other tasks complete or nearing completion include: HVAC systems, new steam boiler at Hargrave, controlled environment rooms working and organized
 - Exciting potential at CDC South includes long-term greenhouse commitments and more land users
- ASB Conference in Edmonton provided staff and council new information regarding technology

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Expanding Council Representation on the Rural Brooks Area Recreation Board (previously called the Division 5 & 10 Rec Board) - **Motion to include the Councillor from Division 4 and a Member-at-Large from Division 4 was carried.**
- Request for Support - Rolling Hills Agricultural Academy - **Motion to approve funding in support of the Rolling Hills Agricultural Barn Project (\$24,560 - non-repayable grant from rec fund and \$10,000 - unsecured loan to the Fundraising Society of the Rolling Hills School was carried.**
- Joint Meeting - Grasslands Schools to be held February 12, 2026. Agenda items include but are not limited to:
 - Rural School Enrollment Projections
 - School Construction Updates
 - Prairie Sky Collegiate
 - Thank You to the County:
 - for the opportunity to present to County Council regarding the BJHS sports field and artificial turf. We appreciate your consideration for support.
 - for your ongoing support of the Rolling Hills Agricultural Academy

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Policy Review POL-006-26 Snow & Ice Control - **Motion to approve POL-006-26 Snow & Ice Control was carried.**

POST AGENDA ITEM

- Letter of support - Protecting Alberta's Irrigation Infrastructure - **Motion to provide a Letter of Support was carried.**

You can watch the meeting here > [January 29 Council Meeting](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2026 Join us in Council Chambers or watch the [livestream](#).



BYLAWS

- Bylaw 21O5-25 Road Closure & Lease (NE 33-14-15-W4) - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 21O9-26 Schedule of Fees - Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.

DELEGATIONS

- Brooks Newell Region Economic Development Report
- Brooks Junior High School Sports Field Proposal

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- ASB Conference Resolutions discussion and support for intent
 - Two voting members were chosen for conference: Councillors Dan Baumgarten and Adena Skanderup
- Additional spending request - Ag for Life program - **motion to approve additional funding in the 2026 final budget was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Provincial Education & Designated Industrial Requisition Credits - **Motion to approve submitting application for credits was carried.**
- RMA Spring Convention - **meeting requests with certain ministers was discussed and agreed upon.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Director's Report:
 - Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar was Impaired Driving, Winter Driving, and Fatigue .
 - Officers issued 11 warnings, 41 tickets, and conducted 38 investigations
 - Mechanics working on repairs to Fire Apparatus damaged in the Hwy 1 incident.
 - When not responding to winter storm events:
 - Grader Operators respond to snow & ice control as required, winter brush control services in rural areas, including assisting Agricultural Services at CDC South with tree management.
 - Truck Drivers respond to snow and ice control on paved roads as required, and continue with gravel haul for the winter Stockpiling Program.
 - Training: Flag Person, Chainsaw Operation and Tree Felling(upcoming), Commercial Truck Drivers assessments (upcoming), and Winter Snowplow Operation via simulator.
 - JBS Access Road Tender Award - **Motion to award the contract for the JBS Access Road Construction, Township Road 192N and Highway 873 Intersection Improvements project to Brooks Asphalt and Aggregate Ltd. was carried.**

You can watch the meeting here > [January 15 MPC/Council Meeting](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2026 Join us in Council Chambers or watch the [livestream](#).



BYLAWS

- Bylaw 21O9-26 - Schedule of Fees - **Motion to approve first reading was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- 2026 Interim Budget Approval - **Motion to approve the 2026 Interim Budget as amended was carried.**
- Road Closure (NE 8 & NW 9-22-17-W4) - **Motion to approve the application be advertised for public hearing as a road closure and lease was carried.**
- Road Closure (E 28 & SE 33-22-17 and W 27 & SW 34-22-17-W4) - **Motion to proceed with the road closure and lease application was carried.**
- Safety Codes Inspection Agency Contract 2026-2029 - **Motion to approve a 3-year contract with the Inspection Group Inc. to provide inspection services as per the County's Quality Management Plan and the Alberta Safety Code was carried.**
- Corporate Health & Safety Committee - Council's Statement of Commitment - **Motion to adopt the modern revision was carried.**
- Policy Review - POL-O3O-25 Personnel - **Motion to approve the Policy as presented was carried.**
- Support for City of Brooks Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant Application – **Transportation Study - Motion to support the City of Brooks submission of a 2025/26 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) – Intermunicipal Collaboration grant application for a Regional Transportation Study the County of Newell participating as a project partner was carried.**
- Appointment of Member-at-Large - City of Brooks Recreation & Parks Board - **Motion to approve recommendation to the City of Brooks Council, the appointment of Bob Chrumka as a rural Member at Large on the City of Brooks Parks and Recreation Board was carried.**
- Re-Appointment of Member-at-Large - County of Newell Library Board (Patricia) - **Motion to approve Julie Musgrove be re-appointed as a Member-at-Large to the County of Newell Library Board representing the Patricia Library Area for a three-year term was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Dust Abatement Supply for 2026-2028 - Motion to award the Dust Abatement Supply for 2026-2028 to Tiger Calcium Services Inc. was
- Director's Report:
 - Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar was Child Safety Seats, Pedestrian Safety, Wildlife, and Winter Driving
 - Officers issued 17 warnings, 57 tickets, and conducted 42 investigations
 - Municipal Enforcement Supervisor & Officer participated in, and hosted, a Traffic Stop Safety Course which included officers from Cypress County, Vulcan County and City of Brooks.
 - Graders completed over seven rotations on gravel roads, and have since been upfitted for winter operations
 - Maintenance Operators: snow fence completed, vegetation clean-up around guard rails is complete, two 2-ton trucks are equipped with winter accessories for road maintenance in Hamlets
 - Flag Person, Chainsaw Operation and Tree Felling training will be re-scheduled from November to December
 - Commercial Truck Drivers will undergo annual assessment by a third-party contractor
- Engineering:
 - MPE Engineering is preparing a Request for Quotation for the Lake Newell Resort Lift Station upgrades
 - Range Road 142 road construction, between Township Road 191 and Township Road 193, is in complete

You can watch the meeting here > [December 11 MPC/Council Meeting](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the [livestream](#).

DELEGATIONS

- Intensive Livestock Working Group (ILWG) Stock Talks Initiative

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Agricultural Fieldman's Report - Nov.
 - Emerson Bridge Park Campground
 - regular camping closed in the third week of September.
 - 15 after-season agreements were issued, allowing additional campers to enjoy the park during the warm fall weather.
 - Roadside Mowing took 2.5 weeks longer to finish due to rainy summer.
 - Seed cleaning plant training - two remaining plants have been licensed.
 - Will Schaap, Manager of Agricultural Services announced his retirement beginning early 2026 after 21 years of service. We wish him all the best in this next chapter.
 - Provincial ASB Conference tentatively scheduled for Jan 20-23, 2026.
- Policy Review - POL-OO5-25 Coyote Control Incentive Program (CCIP) - **Motion to approve policy and deliver the program was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Electronic Voting Option for Council - **Motion to defer for further consideration was carried.**
- Appointment of Member-at-Large - City of Brooks Recreation & Parks Board - **Motion to ask Bob Chrumka to provide a formal application was carried.**
- Appointment of Member-at-Large - County of Newell Library Board (Gem) - **Motion to approve the appointment of Karen Walde as a Member at Large to be the Gem Library Area representative on the County of Newell Library Board was carried.**
- State of the Region Address (January 22, 2026) - **Motion to approve attendance as a function of council was carried.**
- Economic Developers of Alberta (EDA) Xperience (April 15-17, 2026) - Select Attendee TBD

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Director of Municipal Services Report
 - Officers issued 20 warnings, 30 tickets, and conducted 32 investigations.
 - Traffic Safety Plan completed and awaiting approval.
 - Municipal Enforcement staff attended Coffee with a Cop in Duchess
 - Staff attended Volker Stevin Winter Start Up - a collaboration between various government agencies & representatives regarding winter road services, both operations (Alberta Transportation & Municipalities) and emergency (RCMP, Fire, EMS).
 - Resolution achieved - premature grader tire failures, confirmed as manufacturer defects.
 - Completed - annual inspection of bulk fuel tanks for winter, tank integrity/no water in fuel supply confirmed.
 - Gravel road grading - 6th rotation almost complete. Graders being upfitted for winter season.
 - Gravel haul for the winter Stockpiling Program has begun.
 - Maintenance - Completed or in progress: 29 signs, fall catch basin cleaning, roadside delineators refreshed for winter, snow fence erection, winter calcium tank is ready.
 - Flag Person, Chainsaw Operation & Tree Felling training scheduled.
 - New Truck Driver started Oct. 23.

- Lake Newell Resort Blocks 1 (Blue Heron) & 4 (White Pelican) Road Rehabilitation is mostly complete, with sod/landscape work deferred until spring.
- Asphalt patching and pothole repairs are complete in Rolling Hills.
- Range Road 142 road construction, between Township Road & 191 & Township Road 193 in progress.
- Lake Newell Resort Pathway remains under construction - asphalt surfacing complete, outstanding work includes landscaping, pedestrian signage & other minor work.

POST AGENDA ITEMS

- County-Duchess Intermunicipal Development Plan Update - **Support for Alberta Community Partnership Grant Application - Motion to move forward with submitting the grant application was carried.**
- Brooks Airport budget review

You can watch the meeting here > **[November 27 MPC/Council Meeting](#)**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the **[livestream](#)**.



ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

NOMINATION/VOLUNTEER & ELECTION OF REEVE - Councillor A. Doerksen accepted nomination & was sworn in.

NOMINATION/VOLUNTEER & ELECTION OF DEPUTY REEVE - Councillor K. Christman accepted nomination & was sworn in.

BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Agricultural Service Board - Reeve A. Doerksen, Councillors N. Johnson, A. Skanderup, B. Hofer, G. Skriver, K. Christman, H. Johnson, D. Baumgarten, L. Kopp

Soil Conservation Act Appeal Committee - Reeve A. Doerksen, Councillors N. Johnson, A. Skanderup, B. Hofer, G. Skriver, K. Christman, H. Johnson, D. Baumgarten, L. Kopp

Municipal Planning Commission - Reeve A. Doerksen, Councillors N. Johnson, A. Skanderup, B. Hofer, G. Skriver, K. Christman, H. Johnson, D. Baumgarten, L. Kopp

Agricultural Pest Act/Weed Control Act Appeal Committee - Members-at-Large Edward Buday, Doug Rogers, Rania Abo Kharoub (looking for one more member-at-large)

Airport Commission - Councillor Adena Skanderup, Ronald Sereda, Tim Spielman

Assessment Review Board - Members-at-Large Daphne Anstey-Martin (Chair), Chris Dingwall, Kevin Bridges, Gwen Vickers

Bow River Basin Council - Councillor N. Johnson

Brooks Region Tourism Association - Councillor B. Hofer

CAO Performance Evaluation Committee - Reeve A. Doerksen, Councillors N. Johnson, A. Skanderup, B. Hofer, G. Skriver, K. Christman, H. Johnson, D. Baumgarten, L. Kopp

City of Brooks Recreation & Parks Board - Councillors G. Skriver & N. Johnson, Members-at-Large Kathy Delday, Cathy Safronovich

Councillor Compensation Review Committee - Councillors L. Kopp, D. Baumgarten, and K. Christman

County of Newell Library Board - Councillor A. Skanderup

- **Members-at-Large**

- Bassano Library District - Della Armstrong
- Alcoma Community Library - Susanne Brummelhuis
- Brooks Library District - Tereë Hokanson
- Gem Library District - VACANT
- Patricia Library District - Julie Musgrove
- Rolling Hills Library District - Nicole Short
- Rosemary Library District - Tammie Cage-Parker
- Tilley Library District - Jane Marsh

Crop Diversification Centre (CDC) South Revitalization Committee - Councillors H. Johnson, D. Baumgarten, L. Kopp & Reeve A. Doerksen, and Members-at-Large David Andrews and Bruce Balog

Fire Area Committee - Duchess & Rural Area - Councillors B. Hofer and L. Kopp

Fire Area Committee - Rosemary & Rural Area - Reeve A. Doerksen and Councillor B. Hofer

Foothills Little Bow Municipal Association - Reeve A. Doerksen, Councillors N. Johnson, A. Skanderup, B. Hofer, G. Skriver, K. Christman, H. Johnson, D. Baumgarten, L. Kopp and CAO M. Fenske

Grasslands Regional FCSS - Councillor H. Johnson and Member-at-Large Amanda Philpott

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (con't)

Intermunicipal Affairs Committee Voting Members - Reeve A. Doerksen and Councillor G. Skriver

Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee (Bassano) - Councillor K. Christman and Reeve A. Doerksen

Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee (Brooks) - Councillors G. Skriver, N. Johnson & B. Hofer

Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee (Cypress County) - Councillors D. Baumgarten & A. Skanderup

Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee (Duchess) - Councillors B. Hofer & L. Kopp

Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee (Rosemary) - Reeve A. Doerksen & Councillor K. Christman

Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee (Special Areas) - Councillors N. Johnson & L. Kopp

Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee (MD of Taber) - Councillors D. Baumgarten & H. Johnson

Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee (Vulcan County) - Councillors K. Christman & H. Johnson

Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee (Wheatland County) - Reeve A. Doerksen & Councillor K. Christman

Mayors & Reeves Association of Southeast Alberta - Reeve A. Doerksen

Newell Housing Foundation - Councillors A. Skanderup & G. Skriver

Newell Recycling Association - Councillor L. Kopp

Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority - Councillor L. Kopp

Newell Regional Services Corporation (NRSC) - Councillors D. Baumgarten & L. Kopp

Palliser Economic Partnership - Reeve A. Doerksen & Councillor H. Johnson

Recreation Board (Rural Brooks Area) - Councillors G. Skriver & N. Johnson and Members-at-Large Julian Annicchiarico, Cathy Safronovich, and Jayme Harbinson

Recreation Board (Bassano Area) - Councillors K. Christman & B. Hofer

Recreation, Parks & Culture Board (Duchess Area) - Councillors B. Hofer & N. Johnson

Regional Emergency Advisory Committee - Councillor D. Baumgarten & A. Doerksen (alternate), Newell Regional Fire Chief Stewart Luchies & Newell Regional Deputy Fire Chief Cory Cochrane

Road Ban Committee - Reeve A. Doerksen and Councillors H. Johnson and B. Hofer

Shortgrass Library Board - Councillor A. Skanderup

Subdivision & Development Appeal Board - Members-at-Large Bailee Boulet, Lois Schmidt, Cory Springer & Erwin Braun

Veteran's Memorial Highway Association - Councillor B. Hofer

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Bylaw 21O8-25 Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Text Amendment - Solar (Freestanding)

BYLAWS

- Bylaw 21O8-25 Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Text Amendment - Solar (Freestanding) - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried**
- Bylaw 21I0-25 Amendment to Bylaw 21O6-25 Local Improvement - Lake Newell Resort Path - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading with consent was carried.**

DELEGATIONS**RCMP Quarterly Report (July-Sept) - Bassano, Sgt. Joe Schmidt**

- 208 events/calls for service, 361 proactive patrols, 41 criminal record checks, 48 violation tickets issued
- Bassano & Brooks RCMP Community Policing Unit, new fraud-prevention initiative - red "STOP – Don't be a victim of a scam" signs at local gift card retailers to raise awareness and protect vulnerable residents.
- Met with Bassano Fire Department to debrief a July incident - discuss a disruptive resident at an active fire scene & response protocols, and request RCMP notification for future fire/medical calls to ensure timely response & prevent further disturbances.
- Body cameras are being used to improve investigational and response process, and transparency and accountability.
- SAFE School action plans complete & updated information for all surrounding school partners, and attended:
 - Four lock down and hold & secure drills at Rosemary, Bassano and Colony schools
 - Two 911 presentations to Grade 5 classes
 - Eight school zone enforcement initiatives - no speeding or unsafe driving observed
- Hundreds of patrols were conducted in rural & recreational areas, with no safety or public nuisance issues observed—campers & visitors reported safe, enjoyable experiences with no concerns for police.
- Bassano Detachment Staffing:
 - Fully staffed - 5 Members on duty & hired a highly new Detachment Service Assistant.
 - Ongoing collaboration with Brooks Detachment continues to improve efficiency, increase rural patrols, and has contributed to a reduction in crime this quarter.
- Significant files:
 - Assault with a Weapon (July) - Bassano RCMP arrested a 52-year-old resident after he interfered with firefighters battling a structure fire, assaulted a firefighter, and resisted arrest; he was charged with Assault with a Weapon, Mischief, Obstruction, and Resisting Arrest, and later released pending a court appearance.
 - Motor Vehicle Collision (Aug) - collision on Hwy 1 - impaired cyclist rode into traffic and was struck by a vehicle, resulting in a broken arm for the cyclist, no injuries to the driver, and several Traffic Safety Act tickets issued to 44-year-old Brooks resident.
 - Motor Vehicle Collision (Sept) - crash on Hwy 56 near Hussar after an RV's front tire blew out, sending it through a fence and into a field, resulting in minor injuries to the two occupants and extensive damage to the vehicle.
 - Uttering Threats (Sept) - isolated incident at a local hotel - 73-year-old resident was arrested & charged with uttering threats against a 53-year-old man, then released with conditions & an upcoming Brooks Provincial Court date.

- Crime trends:
 - Vehicle thefts down
 - Online/scam/fraud related events are high, mostly from overseas & untraceable - stay vigilant
 - Motor Vehicle Collisions are higher - driver distraction & animal collisions

RCMP Quarterly Report (July-Sept) - Brooks (Staff Sgt. Robert Harms)

- 506 events/calls for service, 1103 proactive patrols, 110 criminal record checks, 157 violation tickets issued
- In partnership with Bassano Detachment, 24/7 hour coverage provides Brooks Detachment more resources to deal with property theft, engage in proactive initiatives, and take on more complex workloads & investigations.
- Brooks Detachment has 22 municipal funded & 6 provincial funded operational positions
- Two new members include:
 - Cst. Scott Lachance - School Resource Officer
 - Cst. Sonya Dey - General Duties Officer
- Significant events include:
 - 12 Supercell Storm calls (Aug)
 - Check Stop with Partners (City & County Peace Officers) (Sept) - 1 impaired driver, 6 tickets for no registration, 4 tickets for failing to produce insurance, and multiple warnings to drivers
 - Uttering Threats with Weapons (Sept) - Armed male with a baseball bat outside Tilley Hotel left before officers arrived and was located & arrested without incident. Charged with Possession of Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose, Uttering Threats, Mischief - he was subject to a hearing & released with conditions.
 - Collision on Highway Involving Motorcycle (Sept) - attempt to avoid a deer at approx. 11PM, male driver lost control & entered ditch where he remained until next morning when found by a passing motorist. Driver was taken to hospital with serious, non-life threatening injuries.
 - Semi/Cyclist Collision - Semi hit cyclist, who was transported to hospital with serious, non-life threatening injuries. Investigation ongoing.
- NEW Coffee with a Cop Initiative - provides platform community, public engagement
- NEW Youth Criminal Justice Initiative - committee establishment is in early stages & ongoing ???????
- First Responder Drill - Lake Newell - 6 agencies participated, 36 participants, 15 assets, 9 scenarios
- Uniform Change - Navy blue uniform shirts are replacing grey shirts - initiative may take up to a year to complete

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Alberta Municipalities Convention (Nov. 12-14)
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Fall 2025 Convention (Nov. 17-20)

You can watch the meeting here > **[October 30 MPC/Council Meeting](#)**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the **[livestream](#)**.



PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Bylaw 21O4-25 Road Closure & LEASE (SE 23 & NE 14-21-17-W4 and W 26-19-17-W4)
- Bylaw 21O5-25 Road Closure & LEASE (NE 33-14-15-W4)

BYLAWS

- Bylaw 21O4-25 Road Closure & LEASE (SE 23 & NE 14-21-17-W4 and W 26-19-17-W4) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 21O5-25 Road Closure & LEASE (NE 33-14-15-W4) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- 100 Year Farm Family Awards - The 100 Year Farm Family Awards recognize families who have farmed in the County of Newell for 100 years or more. This incredible milestone reflects generations of resilience, hard work, and deep-rooted commitment to agriculture.
These 2025 Award Winning Farms were presented a sign acknowledging this milestone:
 - **Endersby Family**
 - **Philpott Honey Producers**
- Brooks Elks - Donation to Fire & Emergency Services of \$5000

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Roadside mowing is coming to a close
- Grasshopper, Bacterial Ring Rot, Fusarium Graminearum, and two clubroot surveys were completed this season.
 - Grasshopper populations are high; no signs of Bacterial Ring Rot or Clubroot.
- Bassano has high levels of Baby's Breath.
- 90 acre site of Knapweed located in Cassils area.
- Emerson Bridge Park Campground ended on a high note with a busy July - September.
- Aqueduct rehabilitation efforts are paying off due to dedication, volunteerism, and strong partnerships.
- CDC South - renovations and upgrades continue; the rose garden is coming back to life; 11 partnerships to date and bringing new life to the grounds.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Amendment to the Recreation, Parks & Culture Services Agreement - **Motion to approve changing the term of the agreement from five years to six was carried.**
- Shortgrass Library System Budget Request - **Motion to approve the Shortgrass Regional Library System budget for 2026, as amended, was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Officers issued 16 warnings, 23 tickets, and conducted 38 investigations.
- Municipal Enforcement Supervisor and Officer:
 - participated in an Inter-Agency Water Rescue Exercise at Kinbrook Island Provincial Park the evening of September 16.
 - Joint Operation with the City of Brooks and the RCMP resulted in 100% violation rate on Commercial Vehicles, several tickets issued for regulatory offences, one no insurance, and an impaired.
- Several County fleet units sustained damage from the severe weather event August 20. All have been to the insurance adjuster and repairs scheduled as necessary.
- Gravel road grading continues.
- Gravel Road Resurfacing Program is complete.

- Fall training is scheduled: DK Blading for Grader Operators and grading roads, Flag Person, Chainsaw Operation and Tree Felling, and Commercial Truck Driver refresher training and evaluation.
- Lake Newell Resort Blocks 1 (Blue Heron) & 4 (White Pelican) Road Rehabilitation are in progress - all of Block 1 paved, outstanding work includes landscaping & cleanup. Block 4 is ready for asphalt, landscaping and clean up to follow, estimated completion date is October 31.
- Asphalt patching and pothole repairs in progress.
- Tilley Landfill Closure almost complete.
- Traffic counts are complete across various roads in the region. Data from these counts is under Administration review and will be used to assist in paving priority decision making moving forward.
- MPE Engineering remains working on a Request for Quotation for the Lake Newell Resort Lift Station upgrades.
- Kinbrook Connection Pathway Partnership - Grand Opening was on September 25.
- Lake Newell Resort Pathway is under construction - completion date remains end of October.
- School Zone Speeding – Gem School - **Motion to accept traffic data collected as information was carried.**
- Long Range Aggregate Supply Plan - **Motion to accept as information was carried.**
- Gravel Road Construction Program - Tender Award - **Motion to award the tender to Brooks Asphalt was carried.**
- Tilley West End Lot Development Consideration - **Motion to accept as information was carried.**

POST AGENDA ITEMS

- Emergency Funding Request from Gem Community Association - Emergency Cistern Repair - **Motion to approve request was carried.**
- Appointee of County Member-at-Large to City of Brooks Recreation & Parks Committee - **Motion to approve Cathy Safronovich was carried.**
- Reeve Doerkson met with Mayor of Colwood, B.C. to discuss physician attraction & retention options. - accepted as information.
- University of Calgary is looking to make partnerships to encourage veterinary students in southeast Alberta - accepted as information.
- Brooks Newell Hydrogen Hub update - funding through ERA grant was denied and exploring new options is being considered.
- JBS Skills Canada Board meeting event update.

You can watch the meeting here > [October 9 MPC/Council Meeting](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for October 30. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the [livestream](#).



BYLAWS

- Bylaw 21O6-25 Local Improvement (LNR Pathway) - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd, consent for 3rd, and 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 21O7-25 Land use Bylaw Text Amendments to Include Agriculture Buildings - **Motion to approve 1st reading was defeated.**
- Bylaw 21O8-25 Land Use Bylaw Text Amendments (Freestanding Solar) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Insolvency and Property Tax Receivable Proposal - **Motion to approve Council authorize Administration to enter into a tax payment agreement with the purchaser of the Prospect Oil & Gas assets, requiring payment of the prorated 2025 and 2026 property taxes prior to cancellation of the tax arrears incurred by the previous owner was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Tender Award for Bridge & Culvert - **Motion to award the project to Bullin Construction Co. Ltd for the tendered amount was carried.**

You can watch the meeting here > [September 25 MPC/Council Meeting](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for October 9. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the [livestream](#).



BYLAWS

- Bylaw 21O1-25 Newell Regional Emergency Management Partnership - **Motion to approve 3rd reading was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- Update - Lake Newell Resort Marina Association

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- ASB Update - roadside mowing and hamlet mowing are nearing completion; fall spraying happening at CDC South & Emerson Bridge Park; Emerson Bridge Park closing soon with opportunities for extended camping; thistle & downy brome spray trials complete; renovations on Griffin building at CDC South are underway
- South Region Agricultural Services Board Conference - numerous Councillors to attend

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Subdivision Extension Request - 2023-O-005 (SW 4-23-18-W4) - **Motion to approve a one-year extension was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Officers issued eight warnings, six tickets, and conducted 31 investigations.
- Municipal Enforcement Supervisor and Officer participated in the Community Barbeque with Brooks RCMP, including City of Brooks Enforcement Services.
- Grader Operators continue to respond to gravel road surfaces and keeping the road surface safe for the motoring public.
- Dry, dusty weather presents a challenge in keeping up with road maintenance.
- Gravel Road Resurfacing Program is 68% complete.
- Post storm cleanup included: damaged trees clean up, 33 down or damaged signs are being repaired
- Lake Newell Resort Blocks 1 (Blue Heron) & 4 (White Pelican) Road Rehabilitation - in progress, Block 1 asphalt placement complete. Landscaping and cleanup to follow. Block 4 is currently under construction in various stages between the roads, with expected completion end of October.
- Patricia & Tilley - centre streets parking lines being painted, the County Administration parking lot is next.
- 20 failed culverts replaced.
- Asphalt patching and pothole repairs underway.
- Tilley Landfill Closure work has started - estimated completion October 30.
- All refurbished County entrance signs are erected.
- Traffic counts ongoing across various roads to develop/understand traffic volumes - info will contribute to future paving priority decision-making.
- Kinbrook Connection Pathway Partnership project nearing completion. Grand Opening scheduled for Sept. 25.
- Lake Newell Resort Pathway under construction - estimated completion is end of October.

BROOKS RCMP AUGUST REPORT

- 174 Events/Calls for Service, 405 proactive patrols, 31 criminal record checks, 44 violation tickets.
- Community policing remains priority - includes police visibility, transparency, and public engagement.
- School resource Officer, Cst. Scott Lachance has started duties.
- Significant Events include: Vehicle vs cyclist collision (cyclist issued tickets for riding carelessly & operating a bike without red reflector); 12 supercell storm calls (off-duty officers were called to service); fatal hit & run (investigation is ongoing); assault in campground at Patricia rodeo (investigation is ongoing);
- NEW INITIATIVE: Coffee with a Cop - discuss policing, priorities, concerns, and more - follow on social media for updates.

BASSANO RCMP AUGUST REPORT

- Introduction of new Commanding Officer, Deputy Commissioner Trevor Daroux
- 63 Events/Calls for Service
- New public awareness initiative to help protect residents—especially vulnerable populations—from becoming victims of fraud. Watch for red STOP – Don't be a victim of a scam signs in stores that sell gift cards.
- Bassano Members completed extensive patrols at recreational sites throughout the jurisdiction.
- Bassano and Brooks RCMP Members completed 115 proactive patrols throughout Bassano, Gem, Hussar, Rosemary and outlying campgrounds, Dam, etc throughout the 24-hour coverage.
- New Detachment Service Assistant has been hired.
- Bassano Detachment Members are now using body worn cameras.
- Significant Events include: motor vehicle collisions; impaired operation of a motor vehicle.
- Police Review Commission Report

You can watch the meeting here > **[September 11 MPC/Council Meeting](#)**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the **[livestream](#)**.



PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Bylaw 21O3-25 - 25 Land Use Amendment

BYLAWS

- Bylaw 21O3-25 - 25 Land Use Amendment - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 21O1-25 Newell Regional Emergency Management Partnership - **Motion to approve 2nd reading was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Officers issued four warnings, 24 tickets, and conducted 59 investigations
- Participated in operation "Street Sweep" - objective was to enforce criminal code, provincial warrants & aggressive driving statutes.
- Grader Operators continue to respond to gravel road surface service requests as well as their usual rotation.
- Gravel Road Resurfacing Program is currently 114.5 Km of 315.0 Km, or 36% complete.
- Line painting is complete.
- Kinbrook Connection Pathway Partnership - remains under construction. Completion is expected end of August. A Grand Opening to follow.
- Lake Newell Resort Pathway is under construction - completion is expected end of October.
- STIP funding secured and will go toward bridge work.
- Tilley Landfill tender award is complete - work begins soon with an estimated October 30 completion date.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Intermunicipal Affairs Committee Terms of Reference - **Motion to endorse the updated ToR, which will take effect following the 2025 Municipal Election, was carried.**
- Brooks Newell Region Economic Development Services Agreement - **Motion to endorse in principle was carried.**
- City of Brooks Regional Enhancement Reserve Funding Request - **Motion to approve request was carried.**
- Councillor Compensation & Expense Policy - **Motion to approve as presented was carried.**
- 2025 Tax Sale by Public Auction - **Motion to approve was carried. Date set for Nov.19, 2025.**
- Appointment to Regional Assessment Review Board Clerk Pool - **Motions to approve appointments were carried.**
- Alberta Municipalities Convention - **Motion to approve Council attendance and move conflicting County Budget meeting date was carried.**
- RMA Fall Convention - **Council highlighted Ministers of Transportation and Agriculture & Irrigation as being priority for meetings during the convention.**

DELEGATIONS

- **100 Year Farm Family Awards** - The 100 Year Farm Family Awards recognize families who have farmed in the County of Newell for 100 years or more. This incredible milestone reflects generations of resilience, hard work, and deep-rooted commitment to agriculture.
 - These 2025 Award Winning Farms were presented a sign acknowledging this milestone:
 - Anderson Family Farm
 - C.O. Johnson & Sons
 - G+H Hammergren
 - Niznik Farms

You can watch the meeting here > [August 7 MPC/Council Meeting](#)
The next meeting is scheduled for September 11. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the [livestream](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Approval to Proceed - **Motion to approve and proceed with road closure & lease was carried.**
- Subdivision Extension Request - **Motion to approve extension was carried.**
- **Planning & Development Report - January to June 2025**
 - 64 development permit applications received & processed (16% increase from 2024)
 - Notable development includes: Soil Synergy (a manufacturer & retailer of humic products for agricultural use), a composting business that creates protein and organic fertilizer with the use of larvae, a small engine repair business in Rolling Hills, an auto wrecking business, a new trucking company, three new self-storage businesses in various locations, nine ground mount solar installations.
 - Seven subdivision applications, majority aimed at family farm succession planning
 - Updates coming for the Land Use Bylaw
 - Trends & Outlooks: data centre interest, solar projects for irrigation purposes

DELEGATIONS

- **Letter of Support** - Brooks & District Museum and Historical Society - **Motion to approve providing a letter of support was carried.**
- **RCMP Quarterly Reports** - April - June 2025:
 - BASSANO: 24/7 coverage with Brooks has led to a reduction in all crime over the quarter
 - Significant files include: break in at Bassano Family Foods (\$25k in stolen items), four counts of theft of irrigation pivot and copper wire (\$30K in damages); Bassano Members have worked with Brooks and surrounding Detachment in crime prevention efforts; a Pivot Theft Prevention Brochure was created and distributed.
 - Five reports of stolen vehicles and one jet boat.
 - BROOKS:
 - Significant files include: two-vehicle collision - no injuries reported, investigation is ongoing; stolen vehicle and flat deck trailer from Bow City; two impaired drivers resulting in vehicle being towed, license seized, and sanctions; coyote complaint; flight from police; stolen vehicle recovered & arrest of Medicine Hat man
 - Operation Street Sweep - Bassano, Brooks, and County - this initiative aims to enhance public safety & hold offenders accountable.
 - Boat patrols & rescues
 - Pivot Wire Theft Awareness Campaign
- 2025 Councillor Compensation Advisory Committee Report - **Motion to accept report as information was carried.**
- **New** staff introduction - Community Peace Officer Level 1 Robert Ryder

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Roadside Spraying Program is complete and the Roadside Mowing Program is slightly behind schedule
- River Walk Program - target weeds have changed from only Scentless Chamomile to now include Common Tansy, Yellow Toadflax, Black Henbane, and Leafy Spurge.
- Five fields need inspection for Bacterial Ring Rot RR (up from one last year)
- Emerson Bridge Park has a slow start to the season
 - Working with Wildlife Conservation Society to help keep bat population healthy (White-Nose Syndrome infection)
- Rural Beautification judging took place on July 18. Tour is scheduled for July 25
- Rental Equipment is being well utilized

You can watch the meeting here > [July 24 MPC/Council Meeting](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for August 7. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the [livestream](#).

BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2100-25 Fire - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2103-25 Land Use Amendment - to re-designate 2 lots in Scandia from Business, Hamlet District to Residential, Hamlet District - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- Request for Permits for Golf Carts on County Pathways - **motion to accept as information was carried.**
- Update - Brooks & District Health Foundation

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Appointment of Regional Deputy Director Emergency Management - **Motion to appoint Cory Cochrane as the new Deputy Director of Emergency Management (DDEM) was carried.**
- Road Closure - Approval to Proceed (SE 23 & NE 14-20-17-W4 and W 26-19-17-W4) - **Motion to proceed to Public Hearing was carried.**
- Request for Support - Scandia Community Centre - Purpose is to dismantle and remove the chain-link fence, top rail, and posts surrounding the unused tennis court west of the Hall - **Motion to approve Request for Support was carried.**
- Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority's request for support to withdraw membership from Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association (SAEWA) - **Motion to support decision to withdraw membership was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Officers issued three warnings, 15 tickets, and conducted thirty-two (39) investigations.
- **iNet went live June 10 - will replace Omnigo (Incident Management Software)**
- **NEW Fleet Additions:** new Picker Truck Cab and Chassis, two new End Dump Trailers, two new $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton Trucks.
- **Operations:** continue to deal with frost boils, Dust Abatement program underway, spot gravelling, Gravel Road Resurfacing Program underway, new Grader Shacks (old ones were sold), final Community Entrance Sign is deferred until after Dust Abatement Program and once the new picker truck is in service.
- **Ballast (Gem) Gravel Pit** geological drilling is complete with report being prepared.
- **Request - HWY 873 Speed Limit Review.**
- **Lake Newell Resort Blocks 1 (Blue Heron) & 4 (White Pelican) Road Rehabilitation - second Open House was July 8. Construction is expected to commence July 21.**
- **Line Painting has been rescheduled for end of July.**
- **Kinbrook Connection Pathway Partnership** project remains under construction. Work has started on the benches, sunshades, and other amenities, including trailhead plaza.
- **Lake Newell Resort Pathway** will commence once the relocation of an Air Release Valve is complete.
- **Tilley Lagoon De-sludging** is complete.
- **Request for Tender** - Tilley Landfill project is scheduled to close July 10
- Request - SH873 Speed Zone Review - **Motion to approve sending a letter to the local MLA, signed by the Reeve, recommending the southbound 70km/h zone be moved north to align with the northbound speed change was carried.**

POST AGENDA ITEMS

- Stalk Talk Initiative
- STARS Base Tour for Council - scheduled for September

You can watch the meeting here > [July 10 MPC/Council Meeting](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for July 24. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the [livestream](#).

BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2100-25 Fire - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2101-25 Newell Regional Emergency Management Partnership - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- Rosemary Agricultural Society - Funding Request of \$9000 to refurbish the Rosemary arena ice plant compressor - **Motion for Council to approve covering 70% of the \$18,000 project cost was carried.**
(See [Pol-29-23](#) for reference)
- STARS Update - Jackie Seely presented STARS annual report to Council.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- ASB Update - Highlights include: weed school in Rolling Hills, roadside spraying & mowing underway, Rural Beautification Awards program needs more nominations, Century Farm signs are being made, CDC is busy with tours, rose garden rejuvenation, quotes for renovations and repairs are coming in, a **tender to hay dryland is currently open to the public.**
- ASB Resolution Report Card - **Motion to accept the 2025 ASB Resolution Report Card was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Road Closure - Approval to Proceed (Cassils - Centre Street & a Laneway) - **Motion to proceed with road closure sale was carried.**
- Terms of Reference Review - Joint Services & Brooks Newell Region Economic Development - **Motion that Council confirm its support, in principle, for (a) the preparation of a Terms of Reference for an Intermunicipal Affairs Committee to replace the existing Joint Services Committee, and (b) the Chief Administrative Officers' recommendation that Brooks Newell Region Economic Development services be delivered by the City of Brooks under an intermunicipal agreement; and further, that Council directs Administration to collaborate with partner municipalities to bring the draft Terms of Reference and service agreement back for Council's consideration was carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING

- Proposed Removal of Municipal Reserve (MR Status) - 23 MR Bow City (SW 13-17-17-W4) - **Motion to remove Municipal Reserve status was carried.**

POST AGENDA ITEMS

- Appointment of Financial Reviewer for the County of Newell Library Board - **Motion to approve the appointment of Krista Payne for the purpose of reviewing the accounts of the County of Newell Municipal Library Board was carried.**

You can watch the meeting here > [June 19 MPC/Council Meeting](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the [livestream](#).

DELEGATIONS

- 2025 Southern Alberta Summer Games - **Motion to approve funding for t-shirts in the amount of \$4,210 was carried.**
- Southeast Alberta Chamber of Commerce presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Enhancing Water Availability Engagement - Phase 2 - **A motion that Council directs Administration to submit the response to the Water Availability Alberta Online Survey was carried.**
- POL-O71-25 Wildfire Mutual Aid - **A motion to empower administration to deploy County fire services in response to a provincial call for assistance was carried with amendments.**
- Silver Sage Society - **Motion to provide a Letter of Support was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Officers issued four (4) warnings, eight (8) tickets, and conducted thirty-two (32) investigations.
- **New Community Peace Officer** starts July 10.
- **NEW Fleet Additions:** Picker Truck Cab and Chassis, Plow/Gravel Truck (originally ordered in January of 2024) arrived, and Tri-Axel Pup.
- Both **Mechanics** received overhead crane training.
- **Grader Operators:** dealt with frost boils, working on their third rotation of summer services, have begun dust abatement preparation.
- **Truck Drivers:** assisting with frost boils and dust abatement prep, spot gravelling, and begun the Gravel Road Resurfacing Program.
- **Maintenance Operators:** six (6) signs, annual fire extinguisher recertifications, sweeping of paved roads and bridge decks was completed, with the final Community Entrance Signs deferred until a later date.
- **Dust Abatement Applications:** 338 Residential applications & 35 Non-Residential applications = 373
- **Street Sweeping** of Hamlet paved roads is complete
- Six of seven Grader Shack replacements are complete.
- **Engineering:** Phase II Contract 3 (Bassano, Gem & Rosemary) work continues with expectation of wrap up first week of June, Contract 4 (Patricia, Scandia, Rainier & Bow City) continues. See [website for timelines](#).
- Crack sealing is complete.
- Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) Railway Crossing Improvements to Rge Rd 184 (11th Street Bassano), Rge Rd 183, Rge Rd 182, and Rge Rd 151 are complete.
- Tender Award - Lake Newell Resort Block 1 & 4 Roadway Rehabilitation - **Moton to approve Tender Award to Industrial Backhoes Ltd. was carried.**

POST AGENDA ITEMS

- Inventures Conference Highlights
- FCM Conference Highlights
- Alberta Health Services & RhPAP Meeting Highlights

You can watch the meeting here > [June 5 MPC/Council Meeting](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the livestream.

DELEGATIONS

- **Silver Sage Society** - Request for Letter of Endorsement - **Council requested more information (concept map, other letters of support) before they make a motion to support. return June 5.**
- **Update on the Newell Region Hydrogen Hub** - Motion to approve three Councillors attending the Calgary Region Hydrogen Hub Grand Opening was carried.
- **Fire Services Exemplary Service Medals to County Volunteer Firefighters**
 - Ryan Andrews - Bow City Fire Department - 20 years of Service
 - Martin Wiebe - Rosemary Fire Department - 20 years of Service
 - Weston Harder - Rosemary Fire Department - 30 years of service
 - Greg Witt - Duchess Fire Department - 30 years of service

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

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- **Tree Planting at Aqueduct:** 300 trees planted at Brooks Fish & Game site with a small but effective volunteer crew. Early plantings showing strong growth (up to 2 feet).

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Enhancing Water Availability Engagement - Phase 2 - **A motion that Council directs Administration to draft responses to the Water Availability Alberta Online Engagement survey and bring back for Council review on June 5 was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Update - Alberta Utilities commission (AUC) Rule 007 Proposed Edits - **A motion that Council accept the update on AUC Rule 007 proposed edits is as information was carried.**

FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

- Enhancing Water Availability Engagement Session
- RMA Virtual Townhalls

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Tourism
- Bassano Recreation Board
- Newell Recycling
- Palliser Economic Partnership

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BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2089-25 Fire - **Motion to approve 3rd reading was not carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- Introduction of Deputy Fire Chief - Cory Cochrane
- Brooks Newell Region Economic Development Update
- Recognition of Service - Municipal Enforcement Supervisor John Nesbitt

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- ASB Update - Downy Brome control program underway, hamlet mowing has started, seasonal hires have started employment, and Emerson Bridge Park is ready for business, opens May 15.
- Rural Beautification Awards - **Motion to assign Councillor Holly Johnson as Judge was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Road Closure - Approval to Proceed (Ptn. of Road Plan 43OBM in NW 5-22-14-W4) - **Motion to proceed was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Director of Municipal Services Report - Officers issued seven warnings, ten tickets, and conducted twenty-five investigations.
 - Recruitment of a Community Peace Officer- interviews with top candidates scheduled.
 - Mechanics received American Public Works Association (APWA) Fleet Management certification.
 - Projects underway or completed: seventeen signs, snow fences removed due to seeding/grazing season, spring sign washing is complete, delineators (installed/reinstalled), spring catch basin cleanouts are complete, community entrance signs (3 of 4 installed), hamlet street sweeping (near completion), summer grading (2nd rotation), frost boils (identified & flagged), crack sealing & line painting (May completion)
 - Dust Abatement program to begin mid-June.
 - Lake Newell Resort block's Blue Heron & White Pelican Road Rehabilitation project is in final design stages. Next steps: tendering process & public open house.
 - Kinbrook Connection Pathway Partnership project nearing completion. Lake Newell Resort pathway surveyed in May.
- National Public Works Week- Motion to approve Request for Proclamation was carried>
- School Zone Speeding - Motion to deploy speed detection devices to gather traffic data, conduct necessary enforcement activities, and report findings to Council as part of the 2026 budget discussions was carried.

FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL:

- **Motion to send three Councillors to Inventures Conference, May 21-23, was carried.**

POST AGENDA ITEMS:

- Engagement Opportunity - Potential Changes to the Wild Boar Industry - **Motion for Administration to send feedback letter to AB Government as per Council's position was carried.**
- Regional Enhancement Reserve Funding Allocation request from City of Brooks - **Motion to approve spending of \$60k from the Fund to cover onboarding & integration costs of joining the Newell Regional Emergency Partnership was carried.**
- CPKC Tracks & Structures - Additional scope of work - **Motion to approve 50% cost share (\$29,700) for railway crossing improvements, funded from Infrastructure Fund was carried.**

BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2089-25 Fire - Motion to approve 2nd reading was carried.
- Bylaw 2102-25 Special Tax - Rainier Raw Water Irrigation- Motion to approve 1st, 2nd & 3rd reading with consent was carried.
- Bylaw 2099-25 Tax Rates - Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading reading was carried.

DELEGATIONS

- RCMP Quarterly Report - Brooks: responded to 286 calls for service, 90 prisoners were lodged, 50 violation tickets were issued
 - Significant events include theft of scrap metal from the Newell Regional Landfill (3 suspects charged), three-vehicle collision at HWY1 & Rge Rd 150 (poor road conditions a factor & no serious injuries), arson at Dinosaur Provincial Park (fire burned out itself, investigation is ongoing), theft under \$5000 (copper wire stolen from Patricia pivot), theft over \$5000 (suspicious male & female requested fuel from resident, when told no, they abandoned one stolen vehicle and stole another, driver was arrested).
- RCMP Quarterly Report - Bassano: 166 calls for service, 250 proactive patrols throughout Bassano's jurisdiction.
 - Significant events include theft of \$20k copper wire from oil site & \$10k worth of damages (investigation is ongoing), impaired operation of vehicle (Provincial sanctions and criminal charges laid, ongoing), B&E and damage to a private gravel pit (investigation ongoing), two structure fires on the same day (likely unrelated, no injuries), Motor Vehicle Collision (alcohol was a factor, sanctions & suspension issued)
- Rural Alberta Workforce Development for High School Students - presentation by AB CTS Academy (careers & technologies), a virtual high school geared towards vocational and professional career education, designed specifically for rural & remote Albertans.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Legislative Appointments - Weed Inspectors & Pest Inspectors - motion to approve the appointment of weed & pest inspectors with the County of Newell was carried.
- Rural Beautification Awards - Review Policy POL-O25-25 & Assign Council Judge - motion to approve policy as presented was carried. Selection of Council Judge has been deferred until a date closer to judging time.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- 2024 Annual Financial Report - motion to approve 2024 Annual Financial Report was carried.
- Newell Pro Rodeo Pancake Breakfast - motion to approve attendance and support was carried.
- 2025 Citizen & Junior Citizen of the Year Awards - Invitation & Request for Gift Basket - motion to provide a gift basket was carried. Motion to approve Councillor attendance at Gala was carried.

You can watch the meeting here > [April 24 MPC/Council Meeting](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for May 8. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the livestream.



BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2089-25 Fire - **2nd reading delayed for more revisions**
- Bylaw 2092-25 Road Closure & LEASE - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried**
- Bylaw 2099-25 Tax Rates - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried**

DELEGATIONS

- Presentation of Audited Financial Statements - Avail CPA
- Introduction of new employee - Amanda Schmidt - General Administrative Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- 2025 Final Budget - **motion to approve was carried**
- Sale of Municipal Reserve Parcel - 23 MR Bow City - **motion to proceed with tendering process was carried**
- Support for the Upgrade of SH873 from City of Brooks South Boundary to Kinbrook Island Park Access Road - **motion to approve was carried**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Utilities - NRSC Report
- Director of Municipal Services Report - Officers issued six warnings, six tickets, and conducted 18 investigations.
 - As of March 6, Brooks Animal Protection Society (BAPS) is full and cannot accept dogs, so the County is directing callers to contact other service providers for at-large dogs, while the Department or RCMP will respond to reports of aggressive animals.
 - The Department is now live with Taber Police Service for enhanced Officer monitoring, while transitioning from Omnigo to iNet records management software, expected to be complete by June 30.
 - Grader Operators completed 19 days of tree cutting and one day of snow removal; now transitioning to summer grading.
 - Thawing gravel roads present operational challenges; operators are preserving road crust for safety, not cutting into the roadbed.
 - DK Blading Services will train 5 Grader Operators over two weeks to prepare newer staff for summer grading.
 - Truck Drivers continue stockpiling, now 84% complete (up from 67% last report).
 - Tree and brush cleanup, including Kinbrook Connection Pathway causeway
 - 2025 Dust Abatement applications are open
 - Street sweeping for Hamlet paved roads is scheduled for the first week of May, weather permitting.
 - Annual Overhead Crane training completed.
 - Phase II Contract 3 (Bassano, Gem & Rosemary) construction continues, with Substantial Completion Requests remaining at 66%
 - Lake Newell Resort Blocks 1 (Blue Heron) & 4 (White Pelican) Road Rehabilitation project open house for residents was held for March 26 from 3:30 to 7:30 PM. More than 35 people attended
- Policy Review
 - POL-O69-25 Drainage – County/EID Joint Projects
 - POL-O70-25 Farm Field Drainage

POST AGENDA ITEMS

- Councillor Christman wants to put her name forward to be on the Board of Directors for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Council supports her decision and accepts all associated fees.
- Letter of Support - Implementing Boat Dip Tank Technology - Invasive Species Prevention - **motion to approve providing a letter of support signed by Reeve Doerksen was carried**



BASSANO RCMP DETACHMENT MONTHLY REPORT

- **72** Calls for Service
 - 12 calls: 911, Assist Fire Dept & EMS investigations
 - 22 calls: Motor vehicle collisions, erratic driving, suspicious activity, animals on roadway
 - 8: Speeding and traffic violation tickets issued
 - 14: Wellbeing checks / mental health related
 - 4: Domestic violence, harassment, threats, assaults
 - 4: Theft-related (shoplifting, stolen bike, civil business dispute, stolen license plate)
 - Notable files for March include drone photo sales, sextortion scams, tires came off a semi and hit a minivan (no injuries reported), a vehicle and a house fire, liquor store theft, and impaired driver
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You can watch the meeting here > **April 10 MPC/Council Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the livestream.





BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2093-25 Traffic - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2096-25 Special Tax - Eastern Irrigations District - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd & 3rd reading with consent was carried.**
- Bylaw 2097-25 Special Tax - Rolling Hills Irrigation - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd & 3rd reading with consent was carried.**
- Bylaw 2098-25 Special Tax - Scandia Irrigation - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd & 3rd reading with consent was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- Introduction of new employee - Roxanne Ayotte, Engineering Supervisor

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Gopher Control Program has begun
- Environmental Farm Plans (EFP) have been busy with 14 completed in the County in 2025. What is an EFP? Learn more here > [Environmental Farm Planning](#)
- Emerson Bridge Park (EBP) upgrades are in the works and 3 seasonal sites were booked on day one! More info on EBP here > [Emerson Bridge Park](#)
- Partnership with EID Partners in Habitat Development program again to plant and maintain tree sites
- Over 76 people have registered for the Tree Workshop happening on March 26
- Just over one week left until County takes over the lease at the CDC South and the project is receiving positive responses and community engagement

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Appointment of Fire Guardians - **Motion to approve appointment of Fire Guardians as presented was carried.**
- Policy review - POL-O64-25 - Recognition of Volunteer Service - **Motion to approve policy as presented was carried.**
- Policy review - POL-O65-25 - Staff Relations Committee - **Motion to approve policy as presented was carried.**
- Policy review - POL-O66-25 - Responding to Service Requests & Feedback - **Motion to approve policy with amendments was carried.**
- Policy review - POL-O67-25 Public Participation & Communication - **Motion to approve policy as presented was carried.**
- Policy review - POL-O68-25 Marketing & Promotional Items - **Motion to approve policy as presented was carried.**
- FCM Conference 2025 - Select Alternate Delegate - **Motion to select an alternate delegate was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Policy Review - POL-O39-25 Rental Equipment - **Motion to approve policy as presented and rescind previous policy was carried.**

You can watch the meeting here > [**March 20 MPC/Council Meeting**](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the livestream.

OPERATIONS

- Twenty-four (24) signs, hamlet snow plowing and ice control, and hauling hamlet snow to snow storage sites as warranted.
- Community Entrance Signs refinishing is complete. Install scheduled for spring.
- 2025 Dust Abatement Program is being prepared with applications going out the first week in April.

ENGINEERING (Incl. WATER & WASTEWATER)

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- The bridge in the Bow City area, located on TR17-4 west of Hwy 539, is deferred until fall 2025 due the presence of Northern Leopard Frogs, a “threatened” species listed in Alberta’s Species at Risk, within the project area.
- Lake Newell Resort Blocks 1 (Blue Heron) & 4 (White Pelican) Road Rehabilitation project is in design stages. An open house for residents is being considered for March 26.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Engineering Supervisor to start March 14.
- An offer is out for the General Administrative Assistant employment opportunity. The advertisement drew almost 100 applications with minimal advertising!
- Lake Newell Resort Pathway Tender Award - **Motion to award construction of the pathway to Brooks Asphalt & Aggregate in the amount of \$1,560,868.84 was carried.**
- Policy Review - POL-O62-25 Vehicle/Equipment Recovery - **Motion to approve the policy as presented was carried.**

FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

You can watch the meeting here > **March 6 MPC/Council Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the livestream.





PUBLIC HEARING

- Bylaw 2090-25 Land Use Bylaw Text Amendments (Airports)
- Bylaw 2092-25 Road Closure & LEASE

BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2088-25 Bassano Airport - LUA - **Motion to approve 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2090-25 Land Use Bylaw Text Amendments (Airports) - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2092-25 Road Closure & LEASE - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2089-25 Fire - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2094-25 Animal Control - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd & 3rd reading with consent was carried.**
- Bylaw 2095-25 Schedule of Fees - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd & 3rd reading with consent was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- Capital Funding Request - Duchess Ag Society - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of one-third (1/3) of the cost to replace the Duchess Ice Plant was carried.**
- Capital Funding Request - Rolling Hills Ag Society- **Motion to approve funding in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the cost to replace the Rolling Hills Ice Plant was carried.**

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Hiring of Seasonal Labourers is complete with start dates beginning in mid-April.
- Capital purchasing was done earlier this year than normal to avoid additional costs due to tariffs.
- Emerson Bridge Park Campground is being prepared for the summer. Pre-registration for seasonal sites is open.
- The County Coyote Incentive Program saw 852 coyotes in January & February. March 31 is the deadline for the program.
- Progress is being made on maintenance at CDC South.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Restricted Surplus Review & Approval of Year End Transfers - **Motion to approve the year-end transfer of unrestricted net assets to the restricted surplus funds was carried.**
- Policy Review - POL-O14-25 Restricted Surplus - **Motion to approve policy as presented was carried.**
- Approval to Sell Surplus County Owned Lot in Patricia - **Motion to approve the sale of Tax Roll 0001110300 in the Hamlet of Patricia in the amount of \$2100 subject to the lot being consolidated with the adjacent title was approved.**
- City of Brooks Request to Join Newell Regional Emergency Management Partnership - **Motion to accept the report as information and await the recommendation of the Newell Regional Emergency Advisory Committee before granting further Council consideration was carried.**
- Request for Proclamation - Resiliency Week - **Motion to approve that Council proclaim April 6 – 12, 2025 as "Resiliency Week" in the County of Newell was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Officers issued fourteen (14) warnings, five (5) tickets, and conducted fourteen (14) investigations.
- Officer participated in the Youth Police Academy in Brooks, with Safe Communities.
- Continues to work with Taber Police Service, implementing their services for enhanced Officer monitoring and changeover in records management system software.

FLEET SERVICES

- Purchasing of inventory has been ongoing as a proactive measure to avoid tariffs.

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FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

- Silver Sage Agricultural Society Meetings - request for County Councillor to attend monthly board meetings as a non-voting member. **Motion to not approve one Councillor to sit on the Board as a function of Council was carried.**
- HALO AGM on March 27.

You can watch the meeting here > **March 6 MPC/Council Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the livestream.





PUBLIC HEARING

Bylaw 2088-25 Bassano Airport - LUA from Business – Rural District and Special – Parks and Public Service to Direct Control District

BYLAWS

Bylaw 2088-25 Bassano Airport - LUA - **Motion to approve 2nd reading with amendments was carried.**

Bylaw 2089-25 Fire - **Motion to amend before bringing back for 1st reading was carried.**

Bylaw 2093-25 Traffic - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

Brooks RCMP (October - December, 2024)

- A total of 467 calls for service were received; 95 prisoners were lodged; 116 Criminal Records checks completed; 106 Violation Tickets issued by Brooks RCMP
- Significant Events include: motor vehicle theft; missing person (overdue hunter was later safely located); fatal MVA (Nov.16); failure to comply; theft from oil & gas; assault with weapon (Tilley)

Bassano RCMP (October - December, 2024)

- Attended four Community Presentations & consultation on Crime/Fraud prevention; nine school/daycare visits to present info on RCMP careers and the Brooks Youth Academy; routine visits to Bassano businesses for the purpose of addressing questions and concerns.
- Numerous Traffic stops completed in Q3.
- Rural and community patrols targeted Property Crime reduction through 24 hours shift pattern: 95 patrols in October, 85 in November, and 80 in December.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

Policy Review

- POL-O56-25 Soil Conservation Policy Review - **Motion to approve was carried.**
- POL-O57-25 Seed Cleaning Plant - **Motion to approve was carried.**
- POL-O58-25 Sale of Phostoxin - **Motion to approve was carried.**
- POL-O59-25 Roadside Brush Control - **Motion to approve was carried.**
- POL-O60-25 Mowing - **Motion to approve was carried.**
- 2016-PAG-O33 100 Year Farm Awards - **Motion NOT to rescind but to amend and apply was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Policy review:

- 2009-PLG-005 Salary Negotiating Committee (to be rescinded) - **Motion to rescind was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

CPO policies to be rescinded:

- 2016-CPO-001 Code of Conduct - **Motion to rescind was carried.**
- 2016-CPO-002 Complaints Against CPOs - **Motion to rescind was carried.**
- 2016-CPO-003 OC Spray - Use Of - **Motion to rescind was carried.**
- 2016-CPO-004 Baton - **Motion to rescind was carried.**
- 2016-CPO-005 Records Management System, Operation Records System & Records Retention - **Motion to rescind was carried.**
- 2016-CPO-006 Emergency Response - Pursuit - **Motion to rescind was carried.**
- 2016-CPO-007 Enforcement on One- and Two-Digit Highways - **Motion to rescind was carried.**

FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

- Energy to Waste Conference in Edmonton on March 10 - **Motion for two Councillors to attend as a function of council was carried.**

You can watch the meeting here > **February 20 MPC/Council Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 6. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the live stream.



BYLAWS

1. Bylaw 2080-24 Road Closure & Lease - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried**
2. Bylaw 2081-24 Road Closure & Lease - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried**
3. Bylaw 2087-25 Water & Sewer - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried**
4. Bylaw 2090-25 Road Closure & Lease - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried**
5. Bylaw 2091-25 Amendment to Bylaw 2063-23 (Debenture - Lake Newell Resort Pathway)- **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd & 3rd reading was carried**

DELEGATIONS

MP Martin Shields spoke about irrigation, food security, and economic development within the Brooks Newell Region, emphasizing the importance of partnership and collaboration to bolster the agrifood industry. More education needs to happen for urban folks to understand the importance of water.

Presentation of Alberta Emergency Services Medals

The **Alberta Emergency Services Medal** (AESM) recognizes emergency services personnel in Alberta who contribute to emergency prevention, preparedness, and response. This honour is awarded to those who have dedicated 12, 22, 32, or 40 years of service to helping others.

Fire & Emergency Services is proud to acknowledge the **County of Newell's volunteer firefighters** who have achieved this prestigious accolade.

Congratulations and thank you for your service!

- 🔥 **Firefighter Michael Phillips**, Bassano Fire Department - **12** years of service
- 🔥 **Captain Michael Wetzstein**, Bassano Fire Department - **12** years of service
- 🔥 **Lieutenant Ronald Torkelson**, Duchess Fire Department - **12** years of Service
- 🔥 **Captain Claudia Locke**, Duchess Fire Department - **12** years of service
- 🔥 **Captain Bernhard Thiessen**, Duchess Fire Department - **12** years of service
- 🔥 **Firefighter Martin Wiebe**, Rosemary Fire Department - **22** years of service
- 🔥 **Firefighter Weston Harder**, Rosemary Fire Department - **32** years of service

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- 328 coyotes were captured in January as part of the County Coyote Incentive Program, less than half of what was expected. Read more about the CCIP here > **Coyote Incentive Program**
- Bassano Fire Hall renovations are almost complete; Council to take a tour once fire department moves in.
- Tree Health & Maintenance Workshop on March 25. Free to attend & lunch is provided. Register here > **Tree Workshop**
- Gopher season is coming, begin preparing now
- Environmental Farm Plans within the County are going well - 5 in January and 3 more coming up. An EFP is a self led whole farm environmental assessment. Find out more > **AB Environmental Farm Plan**
- CDC South Revitalization Project is going well and community support has been excellent

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Planning & Development Report - Year in Review 2024

2024 was a year of growth and education for the Planning and Development department, though less busy compared to previous years. Council approved text amendments to the Land Use Bylaw to reduce red tape and streamline the permitting process while ensuring orderly development.

- Highlights: Public open house for Ratepayers was a success; farm resort concept north of Millicent; five 2,300 sq ft greenhouses near Bassano; Rolling Hills School added agriculture program; private school opened in Patricia; new school construction at Bow City Hutterite Colony; Golden Bins opened in the industrial area north of Brooks; JBS expanded its cold storage facility; permit issued for a transloading facility near Bassano.
- Alberta continues to lose high-quality farmland due to development pressures.

2. Community Organization Insurance Cost Concerns - Request for Decision
3. Policy Review POL-O55-25 Councillor Compensation Review Committee - **Motion to approve was carried**
4. Policy Review POL-O11-25 Councillor's Compensation & Expenses - **Motion to approve was carried**
5. Terms of Reference - Council Compensation Advisory Committee - **Motion to approve was carried**

FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

- Future of Municipal Considerations event with Brownlee
- Southeast Alberta Chamber of Commerce is hosting roundtables in various divisions; division Councillor is encouraged to attend
- Brooks Youth Police Academy graduation
- Inventures Conference in May
- Council Professional Development opportunities

You can watch the meeting here > **[February 6 MPC/Council Meeting](#)**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 6. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the live stream.





BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2087-25 Water & Sewer - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2088-25 Bassano Airport (N 20-21-18-W4 - B-RUR & S-PPS to DC) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Introduction of Projects Coordinator for CDC South Revitalization, Candace Woods.
- Agricultural Fieldman's Report for January
 - Coyote survey conducted January 6-10; results pending, but numbers expected above normal. The 2024 CCIP season saw 1,068 coyotes brought in, below the long-term average of 1,400.
 - Seasonal hiring opportunities have gone out to the public and hiring is planned for mid-February.
 - High interest continues for Environmental Farm Plans and there is consistent new producer participation.
 - Tree Workshop is being planned for late March, featuring Toso Bozic.
 - Bassano Fire Hall renovations nearing completion.
 - CDC South project progressing, with the first Expression of Interest received and strong local support.
 - Upcoming ASB Conference in Edmonton.
 - Additional Spending Request – Grounds Maintenance Equipment - **Motion to approve was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Provincial Education & Designated Industrial Requisition Credits - **Motion to approve was carried.**
- Policy Review - POL-O54-25 GIS Data Management - **Motion to approve was carried.**
- Request for Letter of Support - Brooks Housing Society - **Motion to approve supplying the letter was carried.**

FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

- School Advisory Councils "Let's Talk Rural Schools" (Jan. 16)
- Shape the way. Refocusing health care in Alberta public engagement (Jan. 24)
- MLA H. Sweet - Conversation on Agriculture and the Alberta Economy (Feb. 6)
- HALO Air Ambulance New Chapter Announcement event (Feb. 11)

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Utilities - NRSC Report
 - Hamlet Distribution and Wastewater Systems at Lake Newell Resort: Isolation and check valves at the lift station have been replaced. Next will be to select an electrical contractor for wiring and controls upgrade.
 - County of Newell Water Project (CNWP) - work in Bassano is approaching completion and the EID successfully completed three line lowering/crossing projects without any issues.
- Director of Municipal Services Report
 - Municipal Enforcement - Focus areas: Impaired Driving, Winter Driving, Fatigue, Intersection Safety; Issued: 19 warnings, 8 tickets, 7 investigations; Patrolled EID lands for ice fishing infractions (access slips, off-highway vehicles); New training: Alberta Commercial Vehicle Weights and Dimensions.
 - Operations - Truck drivers: snow/ice control (20 snow event days in Nov-Dec) and stockpiling (71% complete); Maintenance tasks: snow plowing, ice control, hauling snow, and signage; Procurement planning underway with 2025 Interim Budget approval.



- Engineering - Phase II Contract 3 (Bassano, Gem, Rosemary): Substantial completion at 66%; Phase II Contract 4 (Patricia, Scandia, Rainier, Bow City): Progress paused over holidays; Kinbrook Pathway (Stage 2): Winter shutdown; path hazards remain; Lake Newell Resort Pathway: Tender closed; recommendation to Council.
- Policy Review - POL-O53-25 Use of County Roads/Road Allowances - **Motion to approve was carried.**
- Tender Award - 2025 Plow/Gravel Truck Replacement - **Motion to approve was carried.**

BASSANO RCMP MONTHLY MOUNTIE MEMO FOR DECEMBER

- Bassano RCMP responded to over 50 events, including criminal, traffic, and public assistance calls.
- Notable Incidents: two batteries stolen from a gas compound near Makepeace; damage estimated at \$2,000. Similar incidents tracked in nearby areas; Homeowner assaulted with a crowbar during a car break-in. Suspect remains unidentified; investigation ongoing; Over 25 vehicles and 8 semis involved in incidents on icy Highway 1. No serious injuries reported & poor driving habits cited; Single-vehicle rollover involving a stolen minivan; 3 occupants injured. Investigation into theft and collision factors continues.
- Detachment Updates: Additional Regular Member added, increasing staff to 5 members and 1 public service worker; New Constable arriving in late January 2025; Plans to expand community engagement & visibility in the coming year.

You can watch the meeting here > [**January 16 MPC/Council Meeting**](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 6. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the live stream.





PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Bylaw 2085-24 LUA Agriculture, General District to Residential, Rural District to allow for a future subdivision - **Motion to move to 2nd and 3rd reading carried.**

BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2085-24 LUA Agriculture, General District to Residential, Rural District - **Motion to approve 2nd and 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2084-24 Local Improvement (North Headgates) - **Motion to approve 2nd and 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2086-24 Schedule of Fees - **Motion to approve 2nd and 3rd reading was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- Request for Letter of Support - PACE Canada Development - **A motion to provide a Letter of Support was carried.**
- Newell Regional Emergency Management Plan - **A motion to approve the Plan, which will include the Town of Bassano, Villages of Rosemary & Duchess, and the City of Brooks was carried.**
- Request for Annexation to the County of Newell - 350 Railway Ave, Duchess - **A motion to approve Option 2: Direct the Landowner to discuss the use of raw water directly with the EID was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Road Closure - Approval to Proceed (Snake Lake Reservoir) - **Motion to approve was carried.**
- Policy Review - POL-O51-24 Information Technology - **Motion to approve was carried.**
- Policy Review - POL-O52-24 Investment - **Motion to approve was carried.**
- Resolution - Opposition to the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act - **Motion to approve the opposition was carried.**
- Crop Diversification Centre (CDC) South - Lease Agreement Review/Approval - **Motion to approve as presented was carried.**

REQUESTS FOR FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

- State of the Region - The Brooks Newell State of the Region event is an opportunity to hear local elected officials as they reflect on 2024 and look forward in 2025. Tickets can be purchased here > **[Brooks Newell State of the Region](#)**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Policy Review POL-O35-24 Dust Abatement - **Motion to approve was carried.**

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Legislative Appointments – Environmental Services Supervisor - **Welcome to Austin Wiebe!**
- 2025 ASB Conference Resolutions
- BMO Calgary Stampede Farm Family Awards
- Policy Review – POL-OO5-24 Coyote Control Incentive Program - **Motion to approve was carried.**

BASSANO RCMP REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

In November 2024, the Bassano RCMP responded to 68 service calls, including traffic collisions, domestic incidents, and mental health checks, while also conducting 85 rural patrols. They engaged in community policing activities, participated in school and Remembrance Day events, and addressed traffic safety, all while facing staffing challenges and preparing for a new recruit in January.



PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Bylaw 2080-24 Road Closure & LEASE (E 26-18-13-W4) - **Motion to close and move to 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2081-24 Road Closure & LEASE (E 1-20-16-W4) - **Motion to close and move to 1st reading was carried.**

BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2080-24 Road Closure & LEASE (E 26-18-13-W4) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2081-24 Road Closure & LEASE (E 1-20-16-W4) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2084-24 Local Improvement (North Headgates) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2086-24 Schedule of Fees (1st Reading) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- 2024 Donations to Fire & Emergency Services - formal recognition of generous donations and plaques were presented to representatives of Eastern Irrigation District (EID) and Canadian Natural Resources Limited.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- 2025 Interim Budget - **Motion to approve the 2025 Interim Budget with amendments was carried.**
- Overdue Accounts Receivable Write Offs - **Motion to write off overdue accounts receivables was carried.**
- Policy Review - POL-O48-24 Collection of Overdue Receivables - **Motion to approve policy as presented was carried.**
- Policy Review - POL-O49-24 Charitable Donations Receipt - **Motion to approve policy as presented was carried.**
- Policy Review - POL-O50-24 Approval, Funding & Reporting of Budget Variances - **Motion to approve policy as presented was carried.**
- Advance Preparations for Local Authorities Election (October 20, 2025) - **Motion to approve the Returning Officer and the Substitute Returning Officer was carried.**

REQUESTS FOR FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

- Attendance at a Water Availability Engagement in-person Open House on Dec. 9 at 5:30 pm > alberta.ca/water-availability-engagement

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

Utilities - NRSC Report

- Lift station at Lake Newell Resort had 2nd pump installed, both pumps are functioning as normal & one pump on stand-by.
- Fall preventative maintenance tasks are completed: Lift station cleanouts, distribution flushing, and fire hydrant winterization.
- Supervision of two line lowering projects (EID) in Tilley for the County of Newell Water Project (CNWP).

Director of Municipal Services Report

- Officers issued 20 warnings, 17 tickets, and conducted 24 investigations over the past month.
- Increased patrolling of EID lands in Nov. for Access Permission Slips, Off-Highway Vehicle & Off-Trail infractions.
- Assisted RCMP and Emergency Services with traffic control at two Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVCs).

- Fleet Services: Awaiting delivery of a new Gravel/Plow Truck due to a manufacturer's transmission shortage, completed 2000-hour service for new graders (approximately 20 months in service), fleet truck sustained hail damage from August, repairs estimated at \$6,310 are now underway.
- Responded to a major snowfall event on November 22, clearing roads within the 3-day service level agreement.
- Installed 21 signs and completed GPS collection of 6,020 culverts (~88,444 linear meters).
- CNWP Project:
 - Phase II Contract 3 (Bassano, Gem & Rosemary) - 66% of the contract reached substantial completion and contract deadline extended to December 20.
 - Phase II Contract 4 (Patricia, Scandia, Rainier & Bow City): Construction in progress with updates on the webpage.
- Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP): Applications submitted for RR150 and two Local Road Bridges (BF78874 and BF70919).
- Kinbrook Connection Pathway – Stage 2: Under winter shutdown; public notices issued regarding hazards.

You can watch the meeting here > **[December 5 MPC/Council Meeting](#)**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 19. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the live stream.





2025 INTERIM BUDGET REVIEW

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

- Raw Water Irrigation at County Facilities
- Parks & Programs
- Emerson Bridge Park Attractions

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Bylaw Enforcement
- Fleet Services
- Roads, Streets, Walks & Lighting
- Lake Newell Resort Block 1 & 4 Street Rehabilitation
- Range Road 15-O - Road Rehabilitation
- Tilley West End Lot Development
- CPKC Request for Collaboration on Railway Crossing Improvements
- Airport
- Water
- Wastewater
- Waste Management

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

CORPORATE SERVICES

- Fire
- Deputy Regional Fire Chief Position
- Disaster & Emergency Services
- Corporate Safety
- Legislative
- Administration
- FCSS
- Community Services
- Economic Development
- Brooks Newell Region Economic Development Budget
- Joint Services Committee – Funding Brooks Maternity Clinic
- Recreation
- Request for Increased Funding - Division 5 & 10 Recreation Board
- Recreation Facility Improvement Funding Request - EID Historical Park
- Patricia Agricultural Society - Replacement of Patricia Rodeo Grounds Seating
- Culture & Library
- General Government



PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Bylaw 2082-24 LUA - Change from Ag General to Residential Rural. **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2083-24 LUA - Change from Ag General to Ag Small Lot. **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2085-24 LUA - Change from Ag General to Residential Rural. **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- Economic Update from CIBC
- Recreation Facility Project Funding Request from the Village of Rosemary for \$15,000 to put towards a public outdoor washroom & sport equipment storage facility. **A motion to approve the funding application was not carried.**
- Recreation Facility Improvement Funding Request from the Division Three (Patricia) Agricultural Society for approximately \$245,000 for the replacement of the grandstand seating at the Rodeo Grounds. **A motion to approve the funding request was carried.**

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Will be welcoming a new Environmental Services Supervisor who will work with ~25 producers to complete Environmental Farm Plans.
- Attending the 2024 Provincial ASB Conference in Edmonton.
- Anticipating a busy season for the Coyote Incentive program due to coyote issues in the County.
- Successful seed plant inspections means standards for cleanliness and weed/pest risk management were met.
- Barrier product applied to control downy brome and kochia populations.

REQUESTS FOR FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

- Land Conservation Workshop (virtual) through the Government of Alberta.
- Telephone Town Hall with Minister of Health.
- Virtual Townhall with Martin Shields, M.P.
- Water Availability Engagement with the Alberta Irrigation Districts Association with a focus on improving water access in Alberta.
- Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Conference in February.
- State of the Region
- Newbrook Lodge Tour with Premier Smith

MUNICIPAL SERVICES REPORT

Municipal Enforcement

- Focus in October: Pedestrian Safety, Wildlife, and Fatigue.

Activities:

- Issued 15 warnings, 8 tickets, conducted 27 investigations (notable: speeding ticket for 155 km/h in a 100 km/h zone).
- Increased EID patrols in November for hunting season and infractions.

Fleet Services:

- Focus: Preventative maintenance, preparing graders for winter.
- Awaiting delivery of Gravel/Plow Truck (expected in November).

Operations:

- Grader Operators completed 6 rotations of gravel road maintenance.
- Spot gravelling and winter stockpiling in progress.
- Preparations for winter (plow routes, snow fencing, culvert replacements) completed.
- GPS collection of culverts: 4,983 collected to date.
- Fall bridge deck repairs and catch basin cleaning completed.
- Winter on-call/standby services commenced Oct 24.
- New Grader Operator onboarded for Area 8.

Engineering:

- Bassano, Gem & Rosemary water project: 40% substantial completion, finalization by November.
- Tilley Landfill closure and lagoon desludging deferred to 2025.
- Kinbrook Connection Pathway: Request for extension into 2025 accepted.
- Lake Newell Pathway and stormwater subdivision work progressing.

BROOKS RCMP Q2 2024 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

- Deployment of the Body Worn Camera project begins this month, which will take 12-18 months to complete.
- RCMP Public Consultation Tool is expected to launch in early 2025 and its purpose is to gather stakeholder feedback, enhance transparency, and promote openness in policing. It will be secure, confidential, and anonymous.

Bassano RCMP OCTOBER Report: 2 Sudden Death at Home calls, 20 traffic related investigation including MVC's, erratic driver complaints and stranded drivers, 38 speeding tickets were issued, and 2 Animal/Cows on the Highway related calls. Other incidents to note: Recruiting a new officer ongoing, one stolen vehicle and drug seizure, one drug dealing at a bar, and one uttering threats & mischief.

MOTIONS OUT OF IN CAMERA

- MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREG SKRIVER that County Council ratifies the new Collective Agreement with CUPE Local 1032. **Motion was carried.**
- MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AMANDA PHILPOTT that Council defers conversations regarding the Rosemary Fire Agreement for one (1) year. **Motion was carried.**

You can watch the meeting here > **[November 21 Council/Interim Budget Review Meeting](#)**.
The next meeting is scheduled for December 5. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the live stream.



BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2079-24 Road Closure & Sale (Portion of Willow Street, Hamlet of Patricia). **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Bassano Firehall Renovation - **Council approved a motion** for immediate additional spending of \$280,000 to upgrade and retrofit the building that will become the new Bassano Fire Hall.
- Lake Newell Marina Facility Upgrade - **Council approved a motion** for immediate additional spending of \$20,000 to cover the costs of drafting a multi-party access agreement between the County of Newell, the Lake Newell Marina Association, and the landowner. The agreement will move the project ahead and ensure public access to the Marina.
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Fall 2024 Convention - Two meetings have been secured for Council at the convention - Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation, and RCMP K Division Commanding Officer. Council is awaiting further meeting confirmations.

DELEGATIONS

- A representative of the BAPS Community Dog Jog presented an overview of the successful event. Runners, walkers, and cyclists came out for a great cause and \$1930 was raised for BAPS. Using the new Kinbrook Connection Pathway for this event, event planners are looking for another great Dog Jog in 2025 on even **more** pathway! More on BAPS > **Brooks Animal Protection Society**
- RCMP Quarterly Report Highlights - Brooks: July, August & September - During these months, Brooks Detachment members responded to 151 (July), 225 (Aug), and 157 (Sept) rural calls for service. A number of significant events were noted: Highway vehicle collisions, theft, break & enter, and an arrest of an impaired semi truck driver.
- RCMP Report for September Highlights - Bassano: 92 events/calls for service included 5 mental health & wellbeing checks, 27 traffic related investigations, 45 speeding tickets, 3 animal on highway calls, and 2 property crime related calls. Other highlights included break & enter, hay theft of 52 round bales, and a major fraud (phone) scam.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Safe Communities provided a report and some excellent resources for residents and businesses:
 - Register your security camera and help solve a case, make an arrest, recover property, or even save a life > **Security Camera Registry**
 - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
 - Domestic Violence Posters
 - Fraud Prevention
 - Gift Card Scam

To access these resources, please see the Council agenda for October 24, under Information Items > **Agenda**

You can watch the meeting here > **October 24 Council Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 21. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the live stream.

BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2082-24 LUA OO5 - re-designate a 1.3-hectare (3.2 acre) parcel known as Plan 1112945, Block 1, Lot 1 in the SW 26-21-16W4M from Agriculture, General District to Residential, Rural District. **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2083-24 LUA OO6 - to re-designate an approximate 4.05-hectare (10 acre) parcel known as Plan 7511066, Block A in the NW 19-21-14W4M from Agriculture, General District to Agriculture, Small Lot District. **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Road Closure - close road allowances lease to the applicant to facilitate new and existing irrigation practices. Approval to Proceed (NE 26-18-13-W4 & SW 25-18-13-W4). **Motion to approve was carried.**
- Road Closure - close road allowances lease to the applicant to facilitate new and existing irrigation practices. Approval to Proceed (E1-20-16-W4 & W 6-20-15-W4). **Motion to approve was carried.**
- Policy Review - POL-O47-24 Level of Service for Communal Raw Water Irrigation Systems. **Motion to approve was carried.**
- Shortgrass Library System 2025 Budget Request - motion to approve the 2025 budget was carried.
- Request to Purchase 2025 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Rosemary in 2024 - **motion to approve spending of \$34,619 from the Fire Apparatus Fund to purchase two sets of SCBA & accessories was carried.**
- Recreation Agreement - Village of Duchess & Duchess Agricultural Society - renew/replace the previous recreation agreement with the Village which expired at the end of 2023. **Motion to approve the Recreation Services Agreement was carried.**

DELEGATIONS

- Recreation Facility Improvement Funding Request - EID Historical Park - motion to fast track the request by accepting and approving the funding application of \$52,905 was opposed. **Motion to accept the funding application for consideration in the 2025 Budget Review session was carried.**

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Preventative spraying of Downy Brome is complete in Division 1 & 2.
- Two potato producers had their storage units disinfected, which is a service the County provides.
- Roadside mowing is complete & roadside seeding is about to begin.
- Playground inspections and repairs are complete.
- Winterizing equipment is underway.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- The Municipal Enforcement Department primary focus' on the Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar was Back to School, Cycling, Alcohol and Drug Impairment, and Speed. Officers monitored for compliance. October primary focus' will be Pedestrian Safety, Wildlife, and Fatigue.
- Officers issued 9 warnings, 6 tickets, and conducted 18 investigations last month.
- They attended a conference on Social Disorder and Urban Crime, covering encampments, substance abuse, and mental health.
- Plow trucks are getting ready for the snow.

- Last new grader & dually tandem axel flat bed trailer has been received.
- Grader operators continue with gravel road maintenance.
- The Gravel Resurfacing Program is finished, and culvert replacements will continue until freeze-up.
- CNWP - Phase II Contract 3 (Bassano, Gem & Rosemary) construction continues with a revised contract completion date of end of November. Contract 4 (Patricia, Scandia, Rainier & Bow City) construction is in progress.
- Tilley Landfill Closure continues.
- MPE Engineering has derived some budgetary figures for Blocks 1 & 4 at Lake Newell Resort as part of the paving priority (road rehabilitation strategy).
- Tilley Lagoon Desludging continues to face challenges with securing suitable land for application.
- Kinbrook Connection Pathway Partnership - Topsoil stripping, subgrade prep and base work are in progress. Amenities will begin to be installed. Completion will carry forward into the spring of 2025.
- The Lake Newell Resort Pathway alignment and lands are secured in principle.
- Field Day was a success for Council & Administration - took tours of a local seed potato grower, oil and gas processing, and school.

MOTIONS FROM IN CAMERA

- FOIP Act Section 21 & 24 - Rosemary Fire Agreement - Motion for Council to direct Administration to negotiate an updated Fire Protection Services Agreement with the Village of Rosemary, transferring governance & operational control of the Rosemary Fire Department to the County. **Carried**
- FOIP Act Section 21 & 24 - Crop Diversification Centre South Revitalization - Subject to Alberta Infrastructure's approval of the proposed changes to the lease and sublease agreements, Council will allocate the remaining \$167,453.99 from the Regional Enhancement Fund to cover costs for CDC South initiatives; expenses for planning, marketing, and establishing a not-for-profit to manage CDC South. Additionally, Administration will hire a contracted project coordinator to implement these initiatives and will seek available grants for further support. **Carried**
- FOIP Act Section 24 - CUPE Contract Negotiations - that Council direct Administration to negotiate a new collective agreement with CUPE local 1032, ensuring fair compensation with a reasonable cost-of-living increase over the term of the agreement, while considering fiscal sustainability and alignment with the County's budgetary constraints. **Carried**

You can watch the meeting here > **October 10 Council Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 24. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the live stream. Access the link > **Live Stream**



DELEGATIONS

- Sue Hawkins, Chair of Brooks Animal Protection Society (BAPS), requested \$7000 in funding to address their financial crisis due to rising costs and an influx of animals. Council approved the one-time request. Learn more > [BAPS](#)
- Christine Campbell of the ALUS Program presented nature-based solutions for farmers and ranchers to address local environmental challenges. Council showed interest in future involvement. Learn more about this innovative organization > [ALUS](#)
- An unsightly property complaint near Bassano led to an Enforcement Order, and compliance was achieved. Council agreed to review processes and improve communication with landowners.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Grasshopper populations are high; a wet spring could help.
- No signs of Bacterial Ring Rot or Clubroot.
- Weed control was acceptable, but Baby's Breath and Knapweed remain problematic.
- Emerson Bridge Park had a successful season and now offers extended camping with limited services.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Council endorsed Bassano as the lead for an Alberta Community Partnership grant for phase II of the Newell Regional Emergency Management Plan.
- A meeting with Grasslands School Board on Oct. 10 will discuss support for rural schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

- SAEWA: Council will attend an Oct. 4 meeting to review vendors. More about > [SAEWA](#)
- Shortgrass Library: Plans to offer online/digital library cards for purchase and renewal.
- Safe Communities: Car thefts remain a concern; ticket revenue is split 60/40 with the community and Alberta.
- Parks & Rec: Complaints about tennis courts; looking for a Member-at-Large.

FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

- Two councillors will appear on Global Village TV to promote the County. Council is also invited to a WestJet Roundtable on Oct. 2, and the SAEWA Board Meeting.

BASSANO RCMP MONTHLY REPORT

- In August 2024, Bassano RCMP responded to nearly 100 calls, including fraud and aggressive dog incidents. Pet owners are urged to secure dogs with proper restraints, especially with school starting.

You can watch the meeting here > [September 19 Council Meeting](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the live stream. The link is on our website under Government > Meetings > 2024 Regular Meetings Schedule





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FROM → COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SEPTEMBER 5

PUBLIC HEARINGS (see Bylaws for outcomes)

- Bylaw 2076-24 LUA first reading - purpose is to redesignate land from Agriculture, General District to Agriculture, Small lot to allow for future subdivision.
- Bylaw 2079-24 Road Closure - purpose is to close a portion of road on Willow Street in the hamlet of Patricia. The existing built road is not located within the existing road allowance.

BYLAWS

- Council approved 2nd & 3rd reading of Bylaw 2076-24 - to redesignate land from Agriculture, General District to Agriculture, Small lot to allow for future subdivision.
- Council approved 1st reading of Bylaw 2079-24 Road Closure & SALE (Ptn. of Willow Street, Hamlet of Patricia).
- Council approved 2nd & 3rd reading of Bylaw 2078-24 Road Closure & LEASE - close road allowances and lease to the applicant to facilitate new and existing irrigation practices.

DELEGATIONS

- Deputy Mayor D. Reid-Mickler from the Village of Duchess asked for funding support of \$53,468.50 for floor resurfacing/line repainting already completed at the Duchess Recreation Centre. The County previously agreed to pay 50% of any capital expenditures required for Village Recreational Facilities on a case-by-case basis under the expired Recreation agreement with the Village of Duchess. While a new agreement is in the works, Council approved the funding request.
- Council listened to a presentation, and was invited to participate at a sponsorship level, regarding Cypress County's 2nd Annual Ag Connections Conference in Medicine Hat. Some County councillors attended last year and found it was a worthwhile experience, encouraging all interested councillors to attend as a function of Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Council voted in favour of rewarding a funding request of \$6100 to the Duchess Minor Ball Little League Association to cover costs for installing shale on the infield area of their ball diamond facilities. Many community volunteers will be involved with the installation.
- With the fall RMA convention approaching in November, Council was asked to confirm their attendance and make requests to speak with Ministers. Council is interested in meeting with the Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation, Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors, and the Minister of Infrastructure. Topics include the Crop Diversification Centre South Revitalization Project and finding solutions for the intersection at Hwy 1 and Hwy 36, which has recently seen major accidents.

FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

- Councillor attendance at the Cypress County Ag Connections Conference on November 20, 2024 was approved.
- Councillor attendance at the Commemorative Forest Dedication Ceremony was approved.
- Two Councillors attended a Fire Meeting in Duchess, it was approved as a function of Council.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

The Director of Municipal Services presented his report, highlights include:

- Officers issued thirteen (13) warnings, eighteen (18) tickets, and conducted forty-two (42) investigations over the past month.
- It has been identified that privately placed dust abatement is being applied to County roads without authorization from the County. This is a violation of Traffic Bylaw 2046-23 Section 9 (4) and offenders may be held accountable to pay the removal fee of these substances.
- Line painting is complete in the County.
- Kinbrook Connection Pathway Partnership (KCPP) - work will commence in early September, with completion anticipated for end of October. Outstanding work includes paving completion on the last 6km and the addition of amenities like sunshades, trash/recycle bins, benches, and signage.
- Lake Newell Resort Pathway - tendering of the work is on hold and dependent upon land acquisition. It will most likely be 2025 when construction begins.
- The County is hiring a full-time, permanent Grader Operator. See the employment opportunity here > [County of Newell Employment Opportunities](#)
- Council and some County staff will participate in Field Day on September 12. This opportunity allows for those involved to gain a better understanding of the various activities, programs & services County staff have been a part of over the last year.

IN CAMERA

Motions from In Camera:

- Council moved to provide temporary financial relief to the Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association. For the next three months, \$7500/month will be provided while they work towards a funding grant.

You can watch the meeting here > [September 5 County of Newell Council Meeting](#)

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FROM → COUNCIL CHAMBERS

July 25

POST AGENDA ITEMS

- Council approved sending two fire apparatus and up to seven firefighters to provide assistance to the wildfire near Jasper, Alberta. Council expressed their appreciation for the brave efforts of our volunteer firefighters, and wished them success.

BYLAWS

- Council gave second and third reading of Bylaw 2068-24 - Road Closure & Lease
- Council gave third and final reading of Bylaw 2073-24 - Electoral Division Boundaries

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Council received & accepted the Agricultural Fieldman's Report where questions were answered regarding fire suppression behind mowers, equipment rental statistics, magpie traps, and grasshopper control.
- Council received & accepted the Planning & Development Supervisor report where questions were answered regarding future changes to agricultural building usage and encouraging multi-family & multi-unit dwellings in hamlets.
- Council carried that the 2024 Tax Sale by Public Auction be held at 10am on November 14, 2024 at the County Building.
- Council is moving forward on preparing information regarding Resolution 5-24A Carbon Dioxide, which was passed during the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities Spring 2024 Convention. The resolution declares that CO2 is not a pollutant.

DELEGATIONS

- RCMP Brooks presented their quarterly report, as well as discussed the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design program. They encourage people to contact the Brooks RCMP for an assessment of their property with recommendations to prevent theft.
- RCMP Brooks answered questions regarding public safety during a heat wave and preventing the spread of misinformation through social media.

- RCMP Bassano presented their quarterly report and provided information on the benefits of security cameras with video recording capability.

REQUESTS FOR FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

- A group discussion on Mental Health & Addiction is scheduled on August 8 with two sessions being offered.
- A call for volunteers from Council to attend the HALO Fundraiser & First Responders Appreciation Event being held on August 1. Several Councillors offered to attend and help.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Grasslands Regional FCSS has awarded grant funding to Girls Who Lead, SPEC Association, and Brooks Composite High School.
- Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee - discussions have started to update the Recreation Services agreement between the City of Brooks and the County of Newell. This committee also met with the new CAO of the City of Brooks.
- Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association reports that four vendors have been chosen and a final decision will be made in August.
- Crop Diversification Centre Couth Revitalization Committee provided an update on lease negotiations. Three draft agreements are being reviewed by the Minister of Justice. Details provided from Alberta Infrastructure will determine the lease rate.

IN CAMERA

- No motions arose from an in-camera session.

You can watch the meeting here > <https://bit.ly/newell-council-July25>



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August 8

Reeve Doerksen acknowledged a tragic event involving a Rockyview County Municipal employee who was fatally injured on August 6. A Fortis utility service employee also sustained non-life threatening injuries during the same event. A moment of silence followed in honour of Colin Hoff.

BYLAWS

- Council gave 2076-24 - 24 LUA first reading - purpose is to redesignate land from Agriculture, General District to Agriculture, Small lot to allow for future subdivision.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Council moved to close a portion of road on Willow Street in the hamlet of Patricia because the existing built road is not located within the existing road allowance. In closing it, a new road allowance can be created to encompass the existing road build.
- Council moved to provide a letter of support to the Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association for its application to the Alberta Community Partnership Grant. The grant request is for \$200,000, and will go to support the development of a regional member waste agreement.
- Council moved to provide a letter signed by the Reeve be sent to the Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (NRSWMA) board requesting the removal of all waste disposal fees from their schedule of fees, which appear to be in violation of the current agreement. A joint meeting between County of Newell Council and the NRSWMA board of directors to discuss the matter will be requested.
- Council moved to form a committee to explore and research information regarding CO₂, with the intent to draft a resolution similar to Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) CO₂ Resolution. Council agreed that more research needs to be done before they will proceed. Read SARM's Resolution. [\[LINK\]](#)
- A date of October 24 has been set for the Organizational Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to assign Councillors and Members-at-Large to Boards and Committees. The Reeve and Deputy Reeve are also nominated, voted for, and sworn into office. County Council participates in over 40 boards and/or committees.