

FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS



SEPTEMBER

10
2026



BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2136-26 Road Closure & LEASE (Road Plan 46O3EZ in SW 16-19-14-W4) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2129-26 Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Data Centres - **Motion to approve 2nd reading with amendments was carried.**
- Bylaw 2138-26 26 LUA OO6 (SW 25-19-15-W4 - A-GEN to I-GEN) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2139-26 26 LUA OO4 (Plan 8O1O764 Block A in NE 36-14-14-W4 - I-GEN to R-RUR) - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Roadside spraying is almost complete.
- Excessive rain has put hamlet mowing behind, as well as accelerated perennial weeds which will need to be dealt with to continue mowing practices.
- Emerson Bridge Park Campground will be closing September 21; however, extended camping on power sites only is offered (showers & washrooms will be closed, outhouses will be available). A contract needs to be signed and can be found here > [After Season Camping Agreement](#)
- The new Pump Track has been a big hit and the County is thrilled that it has such a successful summer.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Opt Out of Rural to Rural Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Agreements - **Motion to opt out was carried.**
- Alberta Community Partnership Grant – Continued Work on the Regional Emergency Management Plan - **Motion to apply for an ACP grant was carried.**
- 2027 Southern Alberta Ortho Photo Partnership - **Motion to participate in the 2027 Southern Alberta Ortho Photo Partnership (managed by MD of Willow Creek) was carried.**
- Request for Support - Highway 36 Passing Lanes Advocacy - **Motion to authorize the Reeve to participate as a signatory to the Highway 36 safety advocacy letter requesting that the Government of Alberta prioritize investment in additional passing lane infrastructure.**
- Rolling Hills Agricultural Academy Barn Grand Opening (October 21, 2026) - **Motion to make Council attendance at this event a function of Council was carried.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Officers issued 24 warnings, 58 tickets, and conducted 65 investigations.
- Bicycle patrols continue County pathways, partner communities, and campgrounds (Emerson Bridge Park, Rolling Hills Reservoir, and Crawling Valley Reservoir). Eleven (11) of twenty (20) planned patrols for 2026 have been completed to date.
- Officer participated in the Safe Communities Community BBQ & Farm Safety Day.
- Regular grading of road surfaces continues to deal with dust and washboard
- Annual Gravel Road Resurfacing Program is 76% complete.
- Ridge mulching continues in the Scandia/Rainier area to improve crown and water shed.
- Seasonal Labourers are transitioning to return to school.

- JBS Canada Access / Township Road 192N / HWY 873 work is complete, and the new exit from the JBS Canada employee parking lot will open once their lot reconfiguration and upgrades are complete.
- TR194 Shoulder Pull is in progress. 2026 Gravel Road Shoulder Pull Program roads will begin upon completion of TR194 (Sage Brush Estates/Deer Run Estates Access), and TR184 & RR171 will follow. RR150 work will commence as soon as site conditions are resolved.
- Tilley Lagoon De-Sludging project is nearing completion.
- Some Hamlet of Scandia sidewalks, including curb and gutter, were identified as having structural and surface defects creating safety hazards, poor drainage, and needing replacement. Contractor is scheduled to remove and replace in September, as well as a section of curb & gutter at Lake Newell Resort.
- Hamlet of Lake Newell Resort Lift Station Electrical Upgrades will commence in September.
- Engineering design continues for all paved road projects Council approved in budget. In progress are land acquisitions, where required.
- Two Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) funding applications are being submitted for upcoming bridge files.
- 2027 – 2030 Interim Budget preparations are underway with all Municipal Services Functions.
- 2026 Field Day Tour preparations are underway for September 17 and will cover the Bassano/Gem area.

POST AGENDA ITEMS

- Request from Newell Adult Education to proclaim September 25, 2026 as Dolly Day in the County of Newell – **Motion to approve the Reeve to sign the letter proclaiming September 25, 2026 as Dolly Day in the County of Newell was carried.**
- Councillor Christman's request for support from Council to run for re-election as the District 1 Representative with RMA – **Motion to provide Councillor Christman with support was carried.**

You can watch the meeting here > **September 10 Council Meeting**
 The next meeting is scheduled for **September 24, 2026.**
 Join us in Council Chambers or watch the **livestream.**