

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](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the live stream. The link is on our website under Government > Meetings > 2024 Regular Meetings Schedule

