

FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS



BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2104-25 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](#)

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