



**Kneehill County
Regular Meeting of Council
Minutes**

**April 8, 2025, 8:30 a.m.
1600 2nd Street NE
Three Hills, AB T0M 2A0**

Council Present: Faye McGhee, Deputy Reeve
Debbie Penner, Councillor
Jerry Wittstock, Councillor
Laura Lee Machell-Cunningham, Councillor
Wade Christie, Councillor
Kenneth King, Reeve

Council Absent: Carrie Fobes, Councillor

Staff Present: Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Ziehr, Director of Infrastructure
Kevin Gannon, Director of Community Services
Theresa Cochran, Director of Corporate Services
Marika Von Mirbach, Manager of Financial Planning
Brandy Morgan, Planning and Development Officer
Deanna Keiver, Planning and Development Officer
Jenna Kester, Economic Development Officer
Rajeana Nyman, Property Tax & Utilities Administrator
Wendy Gerbrandt, Economic Development Manager
Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Manager

1. Call Meeting to Order

Reeve King called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1.1 Agenda

1.1.1 Additions to the Agenda

Additions under Closed Session

11.4 Third Party Business (FOIP-Section 16)
11.5 Intergovernmental Relations (FOIP- Section 21)

1.1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution: 101/25

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2025

Resolution: 102/25

Moved by: Deputy Reeve McGhee

That Council approves the adoption of the minutes of the March 25, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Closed Session

Resolution: 103/25

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That this meeting goes into closed session at 8:33 a.m. for the following reason(s):

- Advice from Officials (FOIP-Section 24)
- Third Party Business (FOIP-Section 16)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 104/25

Moved by: Councillor Cunningham

That Council return to open meeting at 9:55 a.m. to hear the delegation scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9:55 a.m. - meeting recessed to allow return of public.

9:55 a.m. - meeting resumed.

3. Appointments

3.2 Delegation-Hesketh Community Hall

The Chair called for a recess at 9:55 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 10:00 a.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

Harold Cooper, representing the Hesketh Community Association, presented an application to Council requesting funding through the Rural Community Hall Capital Grant Program.

11. Closed Session Cont'd

Resolution: 105/25

Moved by: Councillor Wittstock

That this meeting goes into closed session at 10:14 p.m. for the following reason(s).

- Advice from Officials (Section 24)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 106/25

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council return to open meeting at 10:47 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:47 a.m. - meeting recessed to allow return of public.

10:47 a.m. - meeting resumed.

5. Community Services

5.1 Planning

5.1.1 Bylaw 1916 Road Closure – Undeveloped Road Allowance East of Ptn. NE 8-33-23 W4 Plan 4910S Block W

Resolution: 107/25

Moved by: Councillor Wittstock

That Council move first reading of Bylaw 1916 to pursue the road closure of the undeveloped road allowance east of Plan 4910S Block W.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 108/25

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council move that a Public Hearing be scheduled for May 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m. as per Section 22 and 230 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.1.2 Bylaw 1917 A to LI- Request to Amend Land Use Bylaw 1808

Resolution: 109/25

Moved by: Councillor Wittstock

That Council move first reading of proposed Bylaw 1917 for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw 1808 by redesignating a portion of the SE 30-34-23 W4 from Agriculture District to Light Industrial District.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 110/25

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council move to schedule the Public Hearing, as per Sections 216.4 & 606 of the Municipal Government Act, to be held on May 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Appointments

3.3 Travel Drumheller Delegation

The Chair called for a recess at 10:58 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 11:01 a.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

Julia Fielding and Lana Phillips, representing Travel Drumheller, presented an update to Council on the organization's activities in 2024 and plans for the future.

5. Community Services

5.4 Economic Development

5.4.1 Travel Drumheller Annual General Meeting

Resolution: 111/25

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council approve the attendance of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve to attend the Travel Drumheller Annual General meeting on April, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Corporate Services

6.1 Assessment, Taxes, and Ratepayer Impacts

Resolution: 112/25

Moved by: Deputy Reeve McGhee

That Council recommend that the 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw be presented in alignment with Scenario 1.

CARRIED

6.2 Bylaw 1913- Tax Rate Bylaw

The Chair called for a recess at 12:03 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 12:45 p.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

Resolution: 113/25

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council give first reading to Bylaw #1913- 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Bylaw 1915- Town of Trochu Senior's Living Complex NEW Borrowing Bylaw

Resolution: 114/25

Moved by: Councillor Cunningham

That Council grant second reading of Bylaw 1915, being a Bylaw providing a Loan Guarantee to the Town of Trochu as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 115/25

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council grant third and final reading of Bylaw 1915, being a Bylaw providing a Loan Guarantee to the Town of Trochu as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **Legislative Services**

7.1 Trochu and District Agricultural Society Request

Resolution: 116/25

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council provide the Trochu and District Agricultural Society sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00 to assist in the costs associated with hosting the 2025 Rope, Ride & Race Summer Event, with funds to come from the Community Enrichment Support Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Disposition of Delegation & Public Hearing Business

8.1 Hesketh Community Hall Rural Hall Capital Grant

Resolution: 117/25

Moved by: Councillor Cunningham

That Council approve Rural Hall Capital Grant Funding in the amount of \$7,369.00 to the Hesketh Community Hall Association to assist in purchasing new tables and chairs for the facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Travel Drumheller 2024 Review

Resolution: 118/25

Moved by: Deputy Reeve McGhee

That Council accepts the information as presented by Travel Drumheller.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Council and Committee Reports

Resolution: 119/25

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council accepts for information the following Council & Committee Report(s), as presented:

Community Futures Wildrose

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Council Follow-Up Action List

Resolution: 120/25

Moved by: Councillor Cunningham

That Council receive for information the Council Follow-Up Action List as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Closed Session Cont'd

Resolution: 121/25

That this meeting goes into closed session at 1:23 p.m. for the following reason(s).

- Third Party Business (FOIP- Section 16)
- Intergovernmental Relations (FOIP- Section 21)
- Third Party Business (FOIP- Section 16)

Resolution: 122/25

That Council return to open meeting at 2:11 p.m.

2:11 p.m. - meeting recessed to allow return of public.

2:11 p.m. - meeting resumed.

12. Motions from Closed Session

Resolution: 123/25

Moved by: Deputy Reeve McGhee

That Council direct Administration to bring forward a discussion regarding the exploration of relationship building with Indigenous Peoples to the next Strategic Planning Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Kenneth King, Reeve

Mike Haugen, CAO