

FOOTHILLS COUNTY

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 11, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Foothills County Administration Office

309 Macleod Trail South – High River

Present: Reeve Siewert, Deputy Reeve Oel, Councillor Alger, Councillor McHugh, Councillor Callister, Councillor Kendall, Councillor Estes

Administration: CAO R. Payne, Director of Planning H. Hemingway, Manager of Legislative Services S. Barrett, Recording Secretary M. Michaud

GENERAL MATTERS

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Emergent Item - C.2 - Blackie Event Society

That Council add C.2 – Blackie Events Society as an Emergent Item to its February 11, 2026 agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of the Agenda

That Council approve the agenda for the Council meeting of February 11, 2026. **CARRIED MISCELLANEOUS MUNICIPAL ITEMS**

Director of Public Works W. Kruger, Manager of Operations, Public Works B. Weberg, Manager of Parks and Recreation J. Porter, Deputy Director of Community and Emergency Services P. Stapley, and Director of Community and Emergency Services R. Saulnier were in attendance for a discussion period with Council.

Community Standards Bylaw Review - Bylaw 45/2013

That Council direct administration to conduct a complete review of the Community Standards Bylaw.

CARRIED

Development Compliance - 2025 Year End Report

That Council accept the Development Compliance Officer, 2025 Year End Report as information.

CARRIED

Sheep River Health Trust - Radiothon and Avenue of Trees - Request for Support That Council authorize a contribution to the Sheep River Health Trust "Together We Make a Difference Radiothon" in the amount of \$2,500.00.

CARRIED

Add Accounts Receivable Invoice to Taxes - Roll #2104267510

That Council authorize Invoice #35568 in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be added to Tax Roll #2104267510.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL CLOSED SESSION

Confidential Closed Session

That, in accordance with Section 197 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council move into a Closed Meeting at 9:32 a.m. to discuss advice from officials as per Section 24 of the *Access to Information Act (ATIA)*. CAO R. Payne, Director of Planning H. Hemingway, and Manager of Legislative Services S. Barrett attended the closed session of Council for the purpose of providing information to Council.

CARRIED

Return to Open Session

That Council return to its open meeting of Council at 9:58 a.m.

CARRIED

SCHEDULED MEETINGS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

10:00 a.m. - Gillis - SW 03-20-02 W5M - Redesignation (A to CR)

T. and V. Gillis were in attendance for the public hearing in connection to the application for the redesignation of a 4.0 +/- acre portion of Plan 0912795, Block 1, Lot 1; Ptn. SW 03-20-02 W5M from Agricultural District (A) to Country Residential District (CR) to allow for the future subdivision of one 4.0 +/- acre Country Residential lot, with a 76.21 +/- acre Agricultural District balance parcel.

The public hearing was closed.

Gillis - SW-03-20-02 W5M - Decision

That the application for the redesignation of a 4.0 +/- acre portion of Plan 0912795, Block 1, Lot 1; Ptn. SW 03-20-02 W5M from Agricultural District (A) to Country

Residential District (CR) to allow for the future subdivision of one 4.0 +/- acre Country Residential lot, with a 76.21 +/- acre Agricultural District balance be refused. In their consideration of the criteria noted in the Agricultural Policy of the MDP2010, Council did not find sufficient merit in the proposal to consider removing the subject lands from the Agricultural District and allowing the fragmentation of the subject lands, as it is Council's intent to maintain the agricultural land base.

CARRIED

SUBDIVISION APPROVING AUTHORITY ITEMS

That Council recess to sit as the Subdivision Approving Authority.

CARRIED

Brogden - NE 29-22-03 W5M - Request for Time Extension

That the Subdivision Approving Authority has no objection to the request for a time extension for a boundary adjustment and the applicant thereby has until December 16, 2026, to comply with all conditions of the Boundary Adjustment as originally set forth on December 16, 2015.

CARRIED

Janzen/Bueckert - SE 03-22-29 W4M - Request for Boundary Adjustment

That the boundary adjustment whereby 0.94 +/- acres is subtracted from Plan 9111492, Block 1, Lot 2; Ptn. SE 03-22-29 W4M and added to Plan 9111492, Block 1, Lot 4; Ptn. SE 03-22-29 W4M, resulting in Plan 9111492, Block 1, Lot 2; Ptn. SE 03-22-29 W4M being decreased in size from 4.45 acres to 3.51 +/- acres and Plan 9111492, Block 1, Lot 4; Ptn. SE 03-22-29 W4M being increased in size from 4.50 acres to 5.44 +/- acres has been evaluated in terms of Section 654 of the Municipal Government Act and Section 9 of the Matters Related to Subdivision and Development Regulation and is approved as per the tentative plan for the following reasons:

The application is consistent with Section 9 of the Matters Related to Subdivision and Development; and

The subject lands have the appropriate land use designations.

In consideration of the criteria noted within the Residential Policy of the MDP2010, the Subdivision Authority is of the opinion that the lands are suitable for the intended use and further that the application falls within the density provisions and lot size restrictions within the County's Land Use Bylaw.

Further, in accordance with Sections 654 and 655 of the Municipal Government Act, the application be approved subject to the following conditions:

Boundary adjustment and consolidation to be effected by Plan of Survey, pursuant to Section 657 of the Municipal Government Act, or such other means satisfactory to the Registrar of the South Alberta Land Titles District;

It is the landowners responsibility to provide a Real Property Report or an 'as built' drawing signed and sealed by an Alberta Land Surveyor, certifying the location of the adjacent municipal road(s), approaches, septic tank and field(s), and water well(s) are within the boundaries of the appropriate properties and that the site plan is surveyed according to municipal setback requirements;

Landowners are to provide all utility easements and agreements, to the satisfaction of the County and the utility companies;

Reserves previously provided for both Plan 9111492, Block 1, Lot 2; Ptn. SE 03-22-29 W4M and Plan 9111492 Block 1, Lot 4; Ptn. SE 03-22-29 W4M;

All accesses to be located and culverts and approaches to be installed to current Municipal subdivision road construction standards, to the satisfaction of the Public Works department;

Landowners are to pay all arrears of taxes on the existing parcels prior to finalization of the subdivision; and

Submission of subdivision endorsement fees.

CARRIED

Cormack - NW 22-22-04 W5M - Request for Boundary Adjustment

That the Boundary Adjustment whereby 30 acres from Plan 1812268, Block 1, Lot 2, Ptn; NW 22-22-04 W5M, from the northeast corner of Plan 1812244, Block 1, Lot 1; Ptn. NW 22-22-04 W5M to the northwest corner of Plan 1812244, Block 1, Lot 1; Ptn. NW 22-22-04 W5M, and further to add 10.0 +/- acres from Plan 1812244, Block 1, Lot 1, Ptn. NW 22-22-04 W5M to the relocated 30.0 acre parcel (Plan 1812268, Block 1, Lot 2) and subtract 10.0 +/- acres from the 137.20 acre parcel (Plan 1812244, Block 1, Lot 1), resulting in one 40.0 +/- acre parcel in the northwest corner of the quarter (Plan 1812268, Block 1, Lot 2) and one 127.20 +/- acre parcel, south and east of the 40.0 +/-

acre parcel (Plan 1812244, Block 1, Lot 1) has been evaluated in terms of Section 654 of the Municipal Government Act and Section 9 of the Matters Related to Subdivision and Development Regulation and is approved as per the tentative plan for the following reasons:

The application is consistent with Section 9 of the Matters Related to Subdivision and Development; and

The subject lands have the appropriate land use designations.

In consideration of the criteria noted within the Residential Policy of the MDP2010, the Subdivision Authority is of the opinion that the lands are suitable for the intended use and further that the application falls within the density provisions and lot size restrictions within the County's Land Use Bylaw.

Further, in accordance with Sections 654 and 655 of the Municipal Government Act, the application be approved subject to the following conditions:

Boundary adjustment and consolidation to be effected by Plan of Survey, pursuant to Section 657 of the Municipal Government Act, or such other means satisfactory to the Registrar of the South Alberta Land Titles District;

It is the landowners responsibility to provide a Real Property Report or an 'as built' drawing signed and sealed by an Alberta Land Surveyor, certifying the location of the adjacent municipal road(s), approaches, septic tank and field(s), and water well(s) are within the boundaries of the appropriate properties and that the site plan is surveyed according to municipal setback requirements;

Discharge of caveat regarding Road Acquisition Agreement along north boundary of Plan 1812268, Block 1, Lot 2 (Registration No. 181 257 413) and the north boundary of Plan 1812244, Block 1, Lot 1, (Registration 181 257 411) both within the NW 22-22-04 W5M, in favour of the registration of new Road Acquisition Agreements which reflects both new boundary adjusted titles;

Landowners are to provide all utility easements and agreements, to the satisfaction of the County and the utility companies;

All accesses to be located and culverts and approaches to be installed to current Municipal subdivision road construction standards, to the satisfaction of the Public Works department;

Landowners are to pay all arrears of taxes on the existing parcels prior to finalization of the subdivision; and

Submission of subdivision endorsement fees.

CARRIED

Adjourn

That the meeting of the Subdivision Approving Authority adjourn and that Council continue its regular agenda.

CARRIED

OTHER MATTERS

Minutes – February 4, 2026

That Council adopt the minutes, as circulated, of its February 4, 2026 Council meeting.

CARRIED

SCHEDULED MEETINGS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

11:00 am - Blackie Event Society

L. Hall, M. Speelman, K. Malmberg and L. Malmberg were in attendance to present on behalf of the Blackie Events Society regarding the future of the Blackie Community Hall.

OTHER MATTERSLunch

That Council adjourn for lunch.

CARRIED

Accounts – February 11, 2026

That the following EFT's EFT031372-EFT031391, EFT031393- EFT031394, EFT031396- EFT031405, EFT031407- EFT031408, EFT031411-EFT031420, EFT031422- EFT031423, EFT031425- EFT031428, EFT031430- EFT031435, EFT031438- EFT031440 and Pre-Authorized Payments dated February 2, 2026, February 5, 2026 and February 6, 2026 totalling \$68,920.86 be approved for payment: That the February 11, 2026 bills and accounts totaling \$1,043,106.74 be approved for payment:

EFT No.	Vendor Name	Vendor Amt.
EFT031392	Federation of Canadian Municipalities	\$6,282.37
EFT031395	G.M. Mechanical	\$16,664.69
EFT031406	K2 Engineering Ltd.	\$16,608.38

EFT031409	Koomen Contracting Ltd.	\$14,272.83
EFT031410	McCrum's Office Furnishings	\$5,496.01
EFT031421	Priddis-R.D.L. Recreation Board	\$40,000.00
EFT031424	RJames Management Group Ltd.	\$6,958.60
EFT031429	Shaw's Enterprises Ltd.	\$9,723.28
EFT031436	Town of High River	\$404,610.23
EFT031437	Town of Okotoks	\$396,592.28
Pre-Authorized Payments	Vendor Name	Vendor Amt.
February 3, 2026	TransAlta Energy Marketing	\$56,977.21

CARRIED

SCHEDULED MEETINGS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

1:30 p.m. - Bishop - SW 16-21-04 W5M - Amend A

K. Beunder and D. Bishop were in attendance for the public hearing in connection to the application to amend the Agricultural District land use rules on Plan 9610466, Block 3; Ptn. SW 16-21-04 W5M to allow for the future subdivision of one new 22.95 +/- acre Agricultural District parcel with a 128.52 +/- acre Agricultural District balance parcel. Also in attendance were J. Widomski, K. Komarek, and T. Gareau.

The public hearing was closed.

Bishop - SW 16-21-04 W5M - Decision

That Council refuse the application to further amend the Land Use Bylaw through an amendment to the Agricultural District land use rules on Plan 9610466, Block 3; Ptn. SW 16-21-04 W5M to allow for the future subdivision of one new 22.95 +/- acre Agricultural District parcel with a 128.52 +/- acre Agricultural District balance parcel. In their consideration of the criteria noted in the Agricultural section of the MDP2010, Council did not find sufficient merit in the proposal to consider allowing the fragmentation of the subject lands, as it is Council's intent to maintain the agricultural land base.

CARRIED

SCHEDULED MEETINGS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

11:00 am - Blackie Event Society

Blackie Events Society Decision

That Council direct Administration to work with the Blackie Events Society to determine the needs, estimated costs, options for transfer and options for funding improvements and to develop a plan to correct deficiencies at the Blackie Community Hall.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL CLOSED SESSION

Confidential Closed Session

That, in accordance with Section 197 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council move into a Closed Meeting at 2:46 p.m. to discuss advice from officials as per Section 29 of the *Access to Information Act (ATIA)* and Strategic Plan as per Section 29 of the *Access to Information Act (ATIA)*. CAO R. Payne, Municipal Advisor H. Riva Cambrin, Director of Planning H. Hemingway, Manager of Legislative Services S. Barrett and Director of Public Works W. Kruger attended the closed session of Council for the purpose of providing information to Council.

CARRIED

Return to Open Session

That Council return to its open meeting of Council at 5:24 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTIONS ARISING FROM CONFIDENTIAL CLOSED SESSION

That Council direct administration to gather information and report back to Council as discussed.

CARRIED

That Council authorize Deputy Reeve Oel to attend the Diamond Valley/Foothills County Intermunicipal meetings as an alternate member and to be paid a per diem.

CARRIED

That Council adopt the changes to the strategic plan and that it be posted on the Foothills County website and distributed to Foothills County staff.

CARRIED

OTHER MATTERS

Committee Reports

Council provided the following information and updates on the Council Committees attended for the period of January 21 – February 10, 2026:

Reeve Siewert: Foothills Little Bow Municipal Association, Emergency Advisory Committee, Alberta Federation of Agriculture, City of Calgary/ Foothills County Intermunicipal Committee

Deputy Reeve Oel: City of Calgary/ Foothills County Intermunicipal Committee, Rural Fire Board, Northwest Foothills Recreation Board, Mayors and Reeves of Southern Alberta, Emergency Advisory Committee

Councillor Estes: Foothills Regional Services Commission, Calgary Regional Airshed Zone, Emergency Advisory Committee

Councillor Kendall: Foothills Little Bow Municipal Association, Sheep River Regional Utility Corp., Rural Fire Board, Northwest Recreation Board, Diamond Valley Library Board, Foothills Community Social Services

Councillor Alger: Northwest Foothills Recreation Board, Westwinds Community

Councillor Callister: Joint Health and Safety Committee, Okotoks Public Library Board, City of Calgary/ Foothills County Intermunicipal Committee, Rural Fire Board, Foothills Community Social Services

Councillor McHugh: Agricultural Service Board, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Foothills Recreation Board, Joint Health and Safety Committee

Adjourn

That Council adjourn at 5:26 p.m.

CARRIED