

FOOTHILLS COUNTY

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 4, 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 J. Schuler

GENERAL MATTERS

Call Meeting to Order

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

Approval of the Agenda

That Council approve the agenda for the Council meeting of March 4, 2026.

CARRIED

MISCELLANEOUS MUNICIPAL ITEMS

Director of Public Works W. Kruger, Manager of Operations, Public Works B. Weberg, Public Works Advisor M. Gallant, Manager of Agricultural Services K. Kornelsen, 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.

Bridge File 1331 Precast Girders

That Council award the girder pre-casting project for Bridge file 1331 to Eagle Builders for a total cost not to exceed \$364,985.40 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

2026 Agriculture Service Board - Shop Mezzanine Floor and Walls

That Council award the ASB Shop mezzanine flooring project to Southwest Computers and Consulting for a total cost not to exceed \$4,830.00 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

Foothills Regional Airport - Fire Protection Reservoir

That Council approve the construction of a 1500m³ active storage fire protection reservoir at the Foothills Regional Airport with excavation to be completed by Foothills County Public Works and contractors installing the liner, fencing, dry hydrant and cover.

CARRIED

Request for Community Clean Up Grant - Nature Calgary

That Council postpone its decision on the Nature Canada Frank Lake Stewardship Committee community cleanup grant pending a future meeting with the Nature Canada Frank Lake Stewardship Committee.

CARRIED

SCHEDULED MEETINGS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

10:00 a.m. - Canario - SW 06-20-01 W5M - Amend CR

N. Canario and C. Canario and Agent L. Waldner were in attendance for the public hearing in connection to the application to amend the Land Use Bylaw by authorizing an amendment to the Country Residential District Land Use Rules to allow for the future subdivision of two 5.0 +/- acre Country Residential District parcels, leaving a 10.0 +/- acre Country Residential District balance parcel from the subject parcel, being Ptn. SW 06-20-01 W5M.

Also in attendance were C. Canario, J. Canario, J. Watts, J. Dakers, G. Dakers, K. and K. Maurer, K. MacLean, C. MacLean, B. MacLean and H. Twist.

Five letters in opposition were received by J. and G. Dakers, K. and K. Maurer, K. MacLean and F. and B. MacLean.

The public hearing was closed.

10:00 a.m. - Canario - SW 06-20-01 W5M - Amend CR – Decision

That the application for an amendment to the Country Residential District land use rules to allow for the future subdivision of two 5.0 +/- acre Country Residential District parcels, leaving a 10.0 +/- acre Country Residential District balance parcel on Ptn. SW 06-20-01 W5M be refused.

In their consideration of the criteria noted within the Residential section of the MDP2010, Council is of the opinion that the application does not adequately address the intent of the policy with respect to cumulative effects of the development and the suitability of the lands for further development.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL CLOSED SESSION

Confidential Closed Session - ATIA s. 29

That, in accordance with Section 197 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council move into a Closed Meeting at 11:30 p.m. to discuss advice from officials as per Section 29 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 12:30 p.m.

CARRIED

OTHER MATTERS

Lunch

That Council adjourn for lunch.

CARRIED

SCHEDULED MEETINGS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

1:30 p.m. Volker Stevin Contracting/Bow Heritage Developments Limited - NE 13-20-29

W4M - Outline Plan Adoption and Concurrent Land Use

K. Venner, J. Morgan, C. Ollenberger, were in attendance for the public hearing in connection to the application to amend the Land Use Bylaw by authorizing the redesignation of Plan 1213109, Block 4, Lot 2 and a portion of NE 13-20-29 W4M from Natural Resource Extraction District (INR) to Business Park (BP) and Highway Commercial (HC).

Also in attendance were A. McLaren, R. Bird, G. Dawes and A. Ho

Two letters in opposition were received by A. McLaren and C. McLaren.

The public hearing was closed.

1:30 p.m. Volker Stevin Contracting/Bow Heritage Developments Limited - NE 13-20-29

W4M – Decision

That Council authorize the adoption of the Foothills Logistics Centre Outline Plan to guide the future development of a business park, including Business Park District, Highway Commercial District and Natural Resource Extraction District lots with a Municipal Land/Reserve District parcel, an Environmental Protection District parcel and a Public Utility Lot on the subject lands.

Prior to further consideration the Applicant will be required to submit the following:

1. Applicant is to provide text amendments for the Outline Plan document, to the satisfaction of Council;

CARRIED

Bylaw 07/2026

Bylaw 07/2026 was introduced into the meeting to authorize the redesignation of Plan 1213109, Block 4, Lot 2 and a portion of NE 13-20-29 W4M from Natural Resource Extraction District (INR) to Business Park (BP) and Highway Commercial (HC) Districts, with a Natural Resource Extraction District (INR) balance. The application includes a Site Specific amendment to the Business Park (BP) District, Section 14.1.6.5, to allow for the maximum height of a structure to be 16 m; and amendment to Section 14.1.3 of the Business Park (BP) District to allow the following discretionary uses to be changed to permitted uses: Business Office, Industrial, Storage and Warehousing, Industry, General, Industry Light, Manufacturing, Light, Warehousing and Storage and authorizes the of Plan 9410556, Block 2, Ptn. SE 24-20-29 W4M from Recreation District (REC) to Environmental Protection (EP), Public Utility (PUL) and Municipal Land/Reserve (MLR) Districts.

In their consideration of the criteria within the Municipal Government Act, and the Foothills County's Municipal Development Plan, Land Use Bylaw, and Growth Management Strategy, is of the opinion that the proposed Land Use Redesignation for future subdivision of the subject lands as contemplated within the Foothills Logistics Centre Outline Plan, is compatible with the surrounding area, and will not unduly interfere with neighbouring land uses or materially interfere with or affect the use, enjoyment, or value of neighbouring properties.

Prior to further consideration of the Bylaw, the Applicant will be required to submit the following:

1. Final approval granted to the Foothills Logistics Outline Plan;

2. Applicant is to provide the anticipated potable water demands, wastewater generation and water capacity for firefighting purposes necessary to service the development, to the satisfaction of Public Works;
3. Conceptual Servicing to be provided, complete with estimated capacities;
4. Traffic Impact Assessment to be provided to the satisfaction of Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors and Foothills County public works department;
5. Stormwater Management Shadow Plan and Review; and
6. Final Land Use application fees are to be submitted.

That Bylaw 07/2026 be given first reading.

THE BYLAW WAS PASSED FOR ONE READING

MISCELLANEOUS PLANNING ITEMS

McLean - SW 24-17-02 W5M - Bylaw 20/2025 (2nd & 3rd reading)

Bylaw 20/2025 was reintroduced into the meeting to accept the site plan revisions as well as authorizing the amendment to the Agricultural District land use rules to allow for the future subdivision of one 56.36 +/- acre first parcel out, leaving a 95.58-acre Agricultural District balance.

That Bylaw 20/2025 be given second reading.

THE BYLAW WAS PASSED FOR TWO READINGS

That Bylaw 20/2025 be given third reading.

THE BYLAW WAS PASSED

Temple - SW 35-20-01 W5M - Telecommunication Tower - Concurrence Extension Request

That Council deny the request to reconfirm the concurrence originally granted on September 22, 2021 for the installation of one 45m (150.0 ft.) self-support telecommunication tower with equipment shed on the lands legally described as SW 35-20-01 W5M. Council directs that the proponent is required to re-initiate and complete a full public and municipal consultation process in accordance with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) requirements and Foothills County policy prior to proceeding.

CARRIED

Mancal Properties Development Inc/Alberta Kennel Club - NW 11-21-01 W5M - Development Permit Application

That Council postpone its decision on Mancal Properties Development Inc. Alberta Kennel Club – NW 11-21-01 W5M, Development Permit application 26D 004.

CARRIED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Lacombe Research and Development Centre - Request for Support Letter

The Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Federal Government to reverse its decision to close the Lacombe Research and Development Center.

CARRIED

OTHER MATTERS

Accounts – March 4, 2026

That the following Cheques 0070833-0070834, 0070836-0070837, 0070839-0070844, 0070846-0070850, ETF's 031579-031582, 031584-031587, 031589-031590, 031593-031597, 031600-031601, 031603, 031605-031608, 031610-031611, 031613-031616, 031618, 031620, 031623, 031626-031627, 031629, 031631-031634, 031636, 031638-031647, 031649-031655, Pre-Authorized Payments dated February 11, 2026 – February 24, 2026 and February 27, 2026 – February 27, 2026 totalling \$110,549.03.

Cheque No.	Vendor Name	Vendor Amt.
0070835	Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area	\$10,000.00
0070845	Receiver General for Canada	\$288,483.41
0070847	Sheep River Health Trust	\$8,500.00
0070851	Wingenbach, Wayne & Karen	\$5,000.00
EFT No.	Vendor Name	Vendor Amt.
EFT031583	Arctec Alloys Limited	\$5,163.22
EFT031588	Boys and Girls Clubs of the Foothills	\$30,000.00
EFT031591	Certified Tracking Solutions	\$5,079.53
EFT031592	Christ The Redeemer Catholic Education	\$30,000.00
EFT031598	Foothills Country Hospice	\$14,800.00
EFT031599	Foothills County	\$600,000.00

EFT031602	Foothills School Division	\$20,000.00
EFT031604	Friends of the Bar U Hist. Ranch Assoc.	\$8,000.00
EFT031609	High River Handi-Bus	\$20,000.00
EFT031612	Inclusion Foothills Association	\$20,000.00
EFT031617	Leighton Foundation	\$5,000.00
EFT031619	Local Authorities Pension Plan	\$108,039.69
EFT031621	Millarville Racing & Agriculture Society	\$13,500.00
EFT031622	MPE a division of Englobe	\$43,631.34
EFT031624	Okotoks & District Seniors Club	\$15,000.00
EFT031625	Okotoks Family Resource Centre	\$18,000.00
EFT031628	Opening Gaits	\$10,000.00
EFT031630	Priddis Community Association	\$8,500.00
EFT031635	RJames Management Group Ltd.	\$5,988.09
EFT031637	Rowan House Society	\$26,000.00
EFT031648	Town of High River	\$86,500.00
EFT031656	Wild Rose Community Connection	\$23,000.00
Pre-Authorized	Vendor Name	Vendor
Payments		Amt.
January 12, 2026	GroupSource -Group Insurance	\$135,171.41
February 26, 2026	TD Visa	\$31,719.90

CARRIED

Minutes – February 25, 2026

That Council adopt the minutes, as circulated, of its February 25, 2026 Council meeting and request a report back on the Auction sale amounts for the trucks and mowers.

CARRIED

Committee Reports

Resolution 194-26

Moved by: Councillor Alger

That Council postpone Committee Reports until the March 11, 2026 Council meeting.

CARRIED

Adjourn

That Council adjourn at 5:36 p.m.

CARRIED