



Council Highlights

May 21, 2025 Vulcan County Council Meeting

Bylaw Amendments

Council Procedural Bylaw Amendment - APPROVED

The *Municipal Government Act* was amended to include a provision that all municipalities in Alberta offer participation in Public Hearings via electronic means (those required for planning and development matters). Therefore, Vulcan County's Procedural Bylaw (which governs meeting conduct) needed to be amended.

- What has changed:

- Members of the public that wish to speak at a Public Hearing either by video conference or by telephone must provide notice to the County no later than 4:30pm on the day before the Public Hearing. This will give staff time to set up the conference links.

Members of the public that wish to only listen and view the Public Hearing can do so by using our Public Feed livestream (no notice is required). The Public Feed is merely a tool to listen and view the meeting, not participate.

Land Use Bylaw Amendment 2025-008 - APPROVED

A Public Hearing was held for a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to add the following definitions to certain zones:

- Vulcan Industrial Park Zone – adding MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT
- Public Service Zone – adding DWELLING UNIT, COMBINED

No concerns were received through the hearing referral process, and nobody was present at the Public Hearing to provide comment.

Following the Public Hearing, Council approved second and third reading for the LUB Amendment Bylaw 2025-008. The bylaw will be consolidated with the County's Land Use Bylaw.

Financial Matters

Loan Bylaw 2025-024 (First Reading) - APPROVED

In April, the County received notice from the Lomond Community Centre Agricultural Society that they are completing an expression of interest for the Alberta Active Community Initiative Grant, and asked if the County would help them apply for the matching dollar grant. On April 16th, Vulcan County Council approved the request, and funding commitment, contingent on them being successful with the Grant Application.

Part of the funding commitment included a \$350,000 potential loan from the County, which must be approved through bylaw.

The loan bylaw received first reading from Council and is being publicly advertised. The loan notice for Bylaw 2025-024 can be found on our website under [Notices and Advisories](#).

Initiatives and Projects

Rural EV Bus Pilot Project - APPROVED

[SouthGrow Regional Initiative](#) is leading a pilot project to evaluate the use of electric vehicles in rural areas. The project is being delivered in partnership with the Claresholm and District Transportation Society, which provides affordable and accessible transportation for seniors and those with disabilities in Vulcan and surrounding areas. The plan is to purchase two Ford E-Transit Electric Vehicles to support rural transit service. One vehicle will be fully retrofitted to accommodate wheelchair access, and the other will be a standard passenger vehicle.

They needed municipal support from the County to proceed with the pilot project application.

Committee Appointments

FuturVille Local Activation Committee - NOT APPROVED

Vulcan County received a presentation and request from FuturVille for a councillor to sit on their Local Activation Committee. Council decided not to appoint a councillor to this committee.

[Click here for the official minutes from the May 21, 2025 meeting.](#)