



Council Highlights

January 14, 2026 Vulcan County Council Meeting

Bylaws

Parking Bylaw 2025-030 - Received 1st Reading with Amendments

Administration presented to Council an updated version of Parking Bylaw 2025-030 for consideration of first reading. This bylaw has been before Council twice already, with modifications required after each review.

The purpose of this bylaw is to establish a framework for managing requests for parking restrictions on County roadways. The bylaw proposes that applicants submit a request to the County, which requires Council approval prior to a parking restriction being enacted.

Next step? A Public Hearing will be scheduled for the February 4, 2026 Council Meeting. Stay tuned to our website and social media for the time, or call 403-485-3102 for more information.

Amendment to the Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board - Bylaw 2025-032 - Received 3rd Reading and Final Approval

Council approved the bylaw that amends the existing Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB), changing the term for elected officials from 2 years to 1 year and preferring that elected officials have experience on the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) prior to sitting on the appeal board. The SDAB hears appeals from development and subdivision permits in the County, and is comprised of one councillor and up to four public members-at-large.

Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Bylaw 2026-004 - Adding Battery Energy Storage System

With the increasing interest in incorporating energy storage at the site of renewable production in Vulcan County, and the fact that our current Land Use Bylaw does not address Battery Storage directly, the Development Department along with Protective Services and Agriculture Services, drafted language to propose adding to the Land Use Bylaw to cover the anticipated future applications of this use.

Council gave the bylaw first reading and a Public Hearing will be scheduled for February 28, 2026. Stay tuned to our website and social media for the time, or call 403-485-3135 for more information.

Municipal Collaboration

Mutual Aid Agreements with the Town of Nobleford and Lethbridge County - Approved

Council approved that the County enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Town of Nobleford and Lethbridge County for fire protection services. This is a no-fee for service agreement that will strengthen our emergency response capabilities in the southern region of our County. It provides authority for both municipalities to request support when dealing with an emergency that exceeds their capacity. This need became evident during a recent large grass fire event, where Nobleford provided assistance with faster response time compared to our distant departments.

Financial Matters

Request for Support from the Doctor Retention Committee

Council received a request for support from the Doctor Retention Committee, who are hosting a reception for medical students on March 14-15th. This is part of an ongoing initiative focused on the attraction and retention of medical professionals in our community.

Council approved a \$250 monetary donation for the initiative, and \$250 from promotional material to be donated.

Advocacy

Meetings with Cabinet Ministers at the 2026 RMA Spring Convention

The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) represents Alberta's counties and municipal districts by providing advocacy support and valued business services. They hold a conference in March and November of each year, where councillors have the opportunity to network and meet with provincial officials.

Before each conference, we ask to meet with certain Cabinet Ministers on issues that affect the County. Meetings will be requested with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, and the Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services.

Other Matters

- County Department Reporting and Councillor Reports were reviewed.

[Click here to view the agenda and reports.](#)

[Official draft minutes will be available on Monday, January 19th. Click here to view.](#)

The next Council Meeting will be held on February 4, 2026.

Public Input Session is held at every Council Meeting, usually at 11:00 a.m. (always confirm the time before attending). This gives members of the public the opportunity to bring forward concerns to Council, or ask quick questions of Council - time is limited to 5 minutes.

Presentations to Council: if you require more time to make a presentation or request to Council, contact us to schedule a delegation, which allows up to 15 minutes. Call 403-485-3102.