



# Council Highlights

February 25, 2026 Vulcan County Council Meeting

## Public Hearings

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

A Public Hearing for Bylaw 2026-004 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment adding Battery Energy Storage Systems) was held at 10:50 a.m. Responses from Axium and Vulcan County's Director of Protective Services were received regarding the minimum requirement for vegetation control surrounding a battery energy storage system (clearance of combustibles). The proposed bylaw has a standard of 100 feet surrounding a battery energy storage system, whereas the National Fire Protection Associations (NFPA) standard is 10 feet.

## Bylaws

### Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Adding Battery Energy Storage System (Bylaw 2026-004) - APPROVED

Subsequent to the Public Hearing, Council gave second and third reading to Bylaw 2026-004 as presented, with no changes to the minimum distance for combustible material surrounding a battery energy storage system.

### Borrowing Bylaw - Bylaw 2025-033 - Marquis Foundation Building

Council was presented Borrowing Bylaw 2025-033 for second and third reading. However, during the discussion, it was noted that the bylaw does not capture the correct project cost, and thus the bylaw was tabled for a future meeting.

## Consultation / Referrals / Advocacy

### NRCB Decision Request for Review - Noranden Farms Ltd.

The NRCB denied an application by Noranden Farms Ltd. to construct pen areas, including alleyways and a catch basin to support a 1,500 head beef finisher confined feeding operation (CFO), located on the E ½ 33-20-23 W4. Noranden Farms Ltd. requested a review of the decision and that it be reversed. A hearing will be held and Vulcan County was included as an eligible party to the review. The application is within an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) area between Vulcan County and the Village of Arrowwood which has restrictions on CFOs, however, both municipalities understood that a cattle operation was existing at the location when the IDP was adopted.

Council reviewed details of the review and noted concerns with water availability and potential environmental impacts. Administration will draft a response to the NRCB, and some councillors will attend the hearing.

For more information on the application and NRCB decision, [click here](#).

## Delegations

### Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Representatives

Council welcomed board members and staff from the RMA. They discussed current capital projects in the County and issues that the County is facing, such as provincial downloading of costs, along with current advocacy priorities of the RMA.

RMA represents Alberta's counties and municipal districts by providing advocacy support and valued business services.

## Other Matters

- The 2025 Agricultural Services Board Report was reviewed with the Director of Agricultural Services;
- Council approved a training opportunity for councillors in the Elected Officials Municipal Leadership Program, to be held in conjunction with Lethbridge County;

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

[Official draft minutes will be available on Monday, March 2nd. Click here to view.](#)

**The next Council Meeting will be held on March 11, 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. Attend in-person or contact the CAO at 403-485-2241 before 4:00pm on the day prior to the meeting to attend virtually.***

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