



# Council Highlights

May 6, 2026 Vulcan County Council Meeting

## Delegations

### Rowan House Society

Carlee and Linette, representatives of the Rowan House Society, presented to council, highlighting the 7 core trauma-informed programs and how they support Vulcan County. Rowan House Society provides crisis intervention, long-term support and preventative education to anyone affected by domestic violence and abuse in all communities across Southern Alberta.

- 24- Hour Support Line ( Call or Text 403-652-331)
- Emergency Shelter
- Children's Program
- Outreach Program
- Legal Resource Navigator Program
- Preventative Education Program
- Safe at Home Program.

For more information visit [www.rowanhouse.ca](http://www.rowanhouse.ca)

## Bylaws & Policies

### Amendment to the Non Residential Tax Exemption Incentive Bylaw 2026-018 - APPROVED

#### FIRST READING

Administration proposed amendments to the Non-Residential Tax Exemption Incentive Bylaw 2021-027 which currently creates tax incentives for non-residential developments within the County. The main amending update is to allow for more flexibility with applications from Small Business to better utilize this opportunity. Rather than only allow applications before construction begins the amendments would allow for applications up to 12 months after project completion. Council gave the bylaw first reading and will proceed with the appropriate advertisement prior to second and third reading.

### Job Leaves Policy 12-3144 Updates - APPROVED

Council approved updates to the Job Leaves Policy 12-3144 presented by administration. The updates maintain legislative compliance while enhancing employee support through paid bereavement provisions that exceed statutory minimums. The tiered bereavement leave and new pregnancy loss entitlement reflect the County's desire to remain an employer of choice and industry best practices.

## **Safety Recognition Reward Program Policy 12-3130 Update - APPROVED**

Council approved Safety Recognition Reward Program Policy 12-3130 with administrations recommended amendments. After the policy was reviewed by the Joint Health and Safety Committee it was determined that there opportunities to increase employee recognition while staying within the existing budget. The policy was also updated to reflect the Joint Health and Safety Committee's ability to determine compliance with the safety program and deduct safety point deductions.

## **Fees for Service Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2026-019 - APPROVED**

Council approved all three readings of Bylaw 2026-019 in one meeting, which amends the Fees for Service Bylaw 2026-002. The amendment was to include the Sale of Strychnine once it becomes available to the County. On top of the cost for the product users will pay a \$30.00 administrative fee per purchase. This fee will not change based on quantity purchased.

## **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 Wednesday, May 13. Click here to view.](#)

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## Delegations

### Vulcan RCMP

Council received an update from Vulcan RCMP'S Sgt. Ryan Koehli, including:

- Property crime is at a five-year low; increases are noted in fraud, mental health calls, and domestic violence.
- Vulcan detachment remains fully staffed.
- PACT team continues to improve responses to mental health incidents.
- Court backlogs are delaying case outcomes.
- Real-Time Operations Centre enhancing frontline support and coordination.
- SAFE plan strengthening emergency preparedness in local schools.

### KMPG Auditor Review

KPMG has completed the audit for the 2025 fiscal year. They were in attendance to present to Council once again another clean audit for Vulcan County. Pursuant to the MGA, the audited financial statements must be submitted to Municipal Affairs by May 1 each year.

## Financial Matters

### 2025 Year-End Reporting - APPROVED

Administration has reviewed the County's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2025, comparing actuals to the approved budget. To enhance transparency, the County has also launched an interactive Financial Reporting Dashboard that allows the public to explore financial data in detail through customizable, drill-down reporting.

[2025 Annual Financial Statements](#)

### Final 2026 Budget - APPROVED

The Budget Committee reviewed the 2026 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets on November 13, 2025, and finalized them at that meeting. The interim budget was approved on December 3, 2025. On April 13, 2026, the Committee completed its review and finalized the 2026 Final Budget. At this meeting, Council approved the 2026 Operating & Capital Budget as circulated and linked below.

[2026 Operating & Capital Budget](#)

## Bylaws & Policies

### **2026 General Tax Rate and Special Levy Tax Bylaws - APPROVED**

Based on the approved budget and the 2026 Property Assessment Values Council approved all three readings to the following bylaws:

- Bylaw 2026-008 - General Tax Rate Bylaw
- Bylaw 2026-009 - Special Tax Bylaw – Carmangay District
- Bylaw 2026-010 - Special Tax Bylaw – Champion District
- Bylaw 2026-011 - Special Tax Bylaw – Lomond District
- Bylaw 2026-012 - Special Tax Bylaw – Milo District
- Bylaw 2026-013 - Special Tax Bylaw – Vulcan District
- Bylaw 2026-014 - Special Tax Bylaw – Northwest District
- Bylaw 2026-015 – Waterworks Tax Rate Bylaw
- Bylaw 2026-016 – Designated Industrial Property Tax Rate Bylaw
- Bylaw 2026-017 – Supplementary Tax Levies, Due Dates and Penalties

More information on these bylaws can be found in the [agenda](#).

### **Work in Kind to Urban Municipalities Policy 12-2221 Amendment - APPROVED**

Council approved Policy 12-2221 Work in kind for Economic Development in Urban Municipalities Policy with additional amendments. Vulcan County may provide in-kind support, including aggregates, equipment, labour, and technical expertise, for capital and maintenance projects in local urban municipalities. While not obligated, this support promotes regional collaboration, growth, and long-term community viability by helping attract businesses, services, and residents.

## Advocacy

### **Declaration of Economic Development Week**

Council declared May 4-8, 2026, as “Economic Development Week” in Vulcan County. Economic Development is the foundational work that helps to create jobs, support businesses, and improve the quality of life in communities. For the sixth year in a row, the Alberta Economic Development Association is calling on municipalities to formally recognize and celebrate May 4-8, 2026, as "Economic Development Week". Vulcan County has previously participated from 2022-2025.

### **Milo Estates Petition for Water Services**

The Homeowners of Milo Estates (Plan 9612524 and Lot 2310322-2-21) have submitted a formal petition pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, requesting the installation of potable water services to the property line of each lot within the subdivision. Council accepted the Milo Estates Petition for Potable Water Services; and Council directed Administration to include Milo Estates in the potable water design currently being undertaken by MPE Engineering.

## Agricultural

### **Weed Inspector Appointment**

Council appointed Kyle Malmberg as Weed Inspector for Vulcan County for 2026 under the Weed Control Act of Alberta. Due to the large area Vulcan County encompasses it would be advantageous for the Agricultural Department to appoint an additional weed inspector for the 2026 growing season. In his position as Spray Crew Lead Hand, Kyle will assist the Agricultural Fieldman and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman in inspecting, monitoring and enforcing the Weed Control Act of Alberta on private and public property within Vulcan County.

### **Pest Inspector Appointment**

Council appointed Kyle Malmberg as Pest Inspector for Vulcan County for 2026 under the Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta. In order to provide better coverage in inspecting, monitoring and enforcing the Agricultural Pests Act within the County, the Agricultural Department requested that an additional inspector be appointed by Council.

### **Irrigated Land Classification Reports**

Council awarded the Irrigated Land Classification Reporting to Trace Associates Inc. at a cost of 8,137.50 (GST included), with funds to be drawn from General Capital Reserves. Two tax recovery parcels (SE 30-14-21-W4 and SW 30-14-21-W4) are being investigated for irrigation potential south of the Travers Reservoir. In accordance with the Alberta Water Act and the Irrigation Districts Act, a Land Classification for Irrigation Development report must be completed by a Professional Agrologist.

### **Strychnine Information Update**

The Agriculture Department provided the following update to Council for information on Strychnine. On March of 2026, the PMRA and Alberta & Saskatchewan governments announced the return of 2% Liquid Strychnine for emergency use in 2026 and 2027. Strychnine will not be available until the end of May with the first shipment being no more than 800 cases. The second shipment is expected to arrive in July, and the third in the fall. Product will not be available to producers until July at the earliest. Mandatory training will be required for vendors and users. User training will be online and is estimated to begin on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

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