



MINUTES of the **Regular Meeting** of the City Council held on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025** in City Council Chambers at 12:30 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor	Blaine Hyggen
Deputy Mayor	Rajko Dodic
Acting Mayor	Nick Paladino
Councillor	Mark Campbell
Councillor	Jeff Carlson (<i>departed at 3:33 P.M.</i>)
Councillor	Belinda Crowson
Councillor	John Middleton-Hope
Councillor	Ryan Parker
Councillor	Jenn Schmidt-Rempel

OTHERS:

City Clerk	Bonnie Hilford
Legislative Services Manager	Ryan Westerson
City Manager	Lloyd Brierley
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	Darrell Mathews
Director of Community Services	Carly Kleisinger
Director of Corporate Services	Rob Ulrich
Director of Infrastructure Services	Joel Sanchez
Director of Legal Services	Brian Loewen
Director of People and Partner Services	Nicole Mitton

1. ROLL CALL:

2. CALL TO ORDER:

2.1. Acknowledgment Statement

2.2. Recognitions

2.2.1 **Councillor Middleton-Hope, re: Chamber of Commerce event at Airport, Lieutenant Governor General and LPS Medals, Front of House Event at Multi-Cultural Centre, Strides for Hope Schizophrenia Walk**
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2.2.2 **Councillor Crowson, re: Congratulations to University of Lethbridge Graduates, Free Parking in Downtown over the Summer on Last Wednesdays, Annual Planting in City Parks, Brent Butt Fundraising Show**
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2.2.3 **Acting Mayor Paladino, re: First Graduating Class of Lethbridge Polytechnic**
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- 2.2.4 Councillor Campbell, re: Congratulations to Coby Iwaasa, Shelter Expansion Grand Opening, Mural at Fort Whoop Up, Sons of Norway Flag Raising, Brent Butt Fundraising Show
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- 2.2.5 Councillor Carlson, re: Go Oilers Go
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- 2.2.6 Councillor Schmidt-Rempel, re: Big Truck Petting Zoo, Video of YMCA at Asian Heritage Festival
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- 2.2.7 Mayor Hyggen, re: Sons of Norway Flag Raising, Gentlemen’s Ride for Men’s Mental Health and Prostate Cancer, Local Post Secondary and High School Graduations, Medicine Hat Tigers at the Memorial Cup

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Acting Mayor Paladino:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of City Council on May 27, 2025, be adopted as amended, to include:

- A new item 14.4 - New Traffic Calming Measures in the Community/Communications Plan (Verbal) (FOIP Section 24); and
- A new item 14.5 - Grant Program Matter (Verbal) (FOIP Section 24)

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Deputy Mayor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

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4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 4.1. Confirmation of Minutes
 - 4.1.1 City Council Meeting - 2025-05-13
- 4.2. Status of Directed Resolutions
 - 4.2.1 Status of Directed Resolutions - 2025-05-27
- 4.3. Committee Reports (SPC or BCC)



- 4.3.1 Recommendation From Economic and Finance Standing Policy Committee - Municipal Controlled Corporation Development Update
- 4.3.2 Recommendation of Economic and Finance Standing Policy Committee – Business Development, Expansion, & Retention Incentive Program
- 4.3.3 Recommendation From Economic and Finance Standing Policy Committee - Request for Waiver of Property Tax Penalties
- 4.3.4 Recommendation From Safety and Social Standing Policy Committee - Lethbridge Police Commission 2025 Annual Plan

Councillor Schmidt-Rempel requested that item 4.3.2 - Recommendation of Economic and Finance Standing Policy Committee – Business Development, Expansion, & Retention Incentive Program, be removed from the Consent Agenda. It was added to Section 8 as a new item 8.1.1.

Deputy Mayor Dodic:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the following Meetings of City Council be approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the same:

- City Council Meeting – 2025-05-13

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council receive for information the Status of Directed Resolutions – 2025-05-27; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council approve the recommendations contained within the following Standing Policy Committee Reports:

4.3.1 Recommendation of Economic and Finance Standing Policy Committee – Municipal Controlled Corporation Development Update

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council:

1. Approve the recommendation of the Lethbridge & District Exhibition (LDE) Third-Party Review to create a City of Lethbridge controlled non-profit corporation (EventCo) to manage the risk and operate the Exhibition grounds for the benefit of the LDE as well as the City at large;
2. Approve the recommendations of the LDE Third-Party Review to reorganize and refocus the operations of the LDE on its core business and restore the governance, shareholdings, and share structure of the Exhibition to such extent as is reasonable and practicable in the circumstances as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Lethbridge and LDE; and,



3. Direct Administration to return to provide further updates on the Municipal Controlled Corporation Development including the City of Lethbridge controlled non-profit corporation (EventCo) and the reorganization and refocusing of LDE to Lethbridge & District Agricultural Society (LDAS) at the July 10, 2025 Economic & Finance SPC.

4.3.3 Recommendation of Economic and Finance Standing Policy Committee – Request for Waiver of Property Tax Penalties

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council deny the tax cancellation request of 2024 penalties in the amount of \$718.10, which includes \$353.31 for 54 Coalbanks Gate W, roll number 2013600540001, and \$364.79 for 91 Northlander Way W, roll number 2049600910001 under Section 347(1) of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26 (MGA).

4.3.4 Recommendation of Safety and Social Standing Policy Committee – Lethbridge Police Commission 2025 Annual Plan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council receive the Lethbridge Police Commission 2025 Annual Plan, as provided in Attachment1, for information

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Deputy Mayor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

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5. PRESENTATIONS:

- 5.1. **Dawna Coslovi, CEO - Green Acres Foundation and Jeff Carlson, Chair - Green Acres Foundation Board, re: Green Acres Foundation 2024 Report to The Community**

Councillor Schmidt-Rempel:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council receive the Green Acres Foundation 2024 Report to the Community as information; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct the confidential attachments of the Green Acres Foundation 2024 Report to the Community remain confidential pursuant to Section 16 (Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Deputy Mayor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

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6. OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

6.1. Postponed from May 13, 2025 - Membership on Border Mayors Alliance

Mayor Hyggen:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this matter be withdrawn from consideration.

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Deputy Mayor Dodic, Councillor Parker, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

Opposed: Councillor Carlson, Councillor Middleton-Hope

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7. BYLAWS:

7.1. Bylaws for 2nd and 3rd Reading

7.1.1 Recommendation from Governance Standing Policy Committee - Bylaw 6488 - Community Requirements Appeal Board

Councillor Crowson:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 6488 – Community Requirements Appeal Board be given second reading.

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

Opposed: Deputy Mayor Dodic

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Councillor Crowson:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 6488 – Community Requirements Appeal Board be given third reading, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal the same.

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

Opposed: Deputy Mayor Dodic

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MOTION ARISING - Councillor Crowson:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council authorize the appointment of the following Public Members to more than one Board, Commission or Committee as in section 48 (b) of Bylaw 6250 – The Procedure Bylaw; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council appoint the following Public Member Volunteers to the Community Requirements Appeal Board, each term beginning immediately:

- Evan Neilsen - remainder of their term, expiring December 31, 2025
- Jason Shriner - remainder of their term, expiring December 31, 2025
- Amanda Berg – remainder of their term, expiring December 31, 2026
- Garry Roth – remainder of their term, expiring December 31, 2026
- Ammar Abdelrahman - remainder of their term, December 31, 2027
- Kent Perry - remainder of their term, expiring December 31, 2027
- Regan Lane – remainder of their term, expiring December 31, 2027

Absent: Councillor Carlson

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

Opposed: Deputy Mayor Dodic

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8. COMMITTEE SUBMISSIONS:

Standing Policy Committees

4.3.2 Recommendation From Economic and Finance Standing Policy Committee - Business Development, Expansion, & Retention Incentive Program

Councillor Schmidt-Rempel:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council:

1. Amend the Business Development, Expansion, & Retention Incentive Program Policy to include a definition of "Job" as "Full-time equivalent";
2. Adopt the amended Business Development, Expansion, & Retention Incentive Program Policy as provided in Attachment 1; and,
3. Direct Administration to return to the Economic and Finance Standing Policy Committee within 18 months of the implementation of this program with any results and potential recommendations for their consideration.

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Deputy Mayor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker

Opposed: Councillor Schmidt-Rempel



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9. ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS:

9.1. City of Lethbridge 2024 Accomplishments (Verbal Report & Video Presentation)

Mayor Hyggen:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council receive the [City of Lethbridge 2024 Accomplishments \(Verbal Report & Video Presentation\)](#) as information.

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Deputy Mayor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

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10. ADMINISTRATION SUBMISSIONS:

10.1. Low Income Transit Pass (LITP) Grant Funding

Councillor Carlson:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council approve the 2025/2026 expenditure of \$396,405 Provincial grant funding to assist individuals living on low-income in accessing affordable transit as through the following funding sources:

- o \$282,472 from the 2024/2025 Provincial grant agreement surplus; and,
- o \$113,933 from the 2025/2026 additional Provincial grant funding.

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Deputy Mayor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

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11. ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES:

12. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES:

12.1 Councillor Schmidt-Rempel, re: May 22 - Imagination Lethbridge Session, May 27 - Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce Rural Health Care Event.

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12.2 Mayor Hyggen, re: Alberta Mid-Size Cities Mayors Caucus



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12.3 Councillor Carlson, re: 2025 Federation of Canadian Municipalities attendance and notes on Rural Health Care.

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12.4 Councillor Middleton-Hope, re: Attendance of Deputy and/or Acting Mayor at Alberta Mid-Size Cities Mayor's Caucus meetings

13. PUBLIC HEARING - 3:00 P.M.:

14. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Dodic:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now enter a Closed Meeting at 2:02 P.M. to discuss confidential matters with respect to items 14.1, 14.2, 14.4 and 14.5 as per Sections 24 (Advice from Officials), 25 (Economic Interests of the Municipality), and 27 (Privileged-Legal) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Deputy Mayor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

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Councillor Crowson:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn the Closed Meeting at 5:02 P.M.

Absent: Councillor Carlson, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Deputy Mayor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker

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14.1. City Hall and Council Chamber Security Recommendations (FOIP Section 24)

(City Manager, City Clerk, Legislative Services Manager, Director of Community Services, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Legal Services, Director Infrastructure Services, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of People and Partner Services, Government Relations Manager, Property Manager, Risk Manager, Security Supervisor)

Councillor Crowson:



BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council receive the City Hall and Chamber Security Recommendations report for information; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council endorse the initiatives in Option 2, as outlined at the April 10, 2025 public meeting of the Economic and Finance Standing Policy Committee meeting, with a one-time cost of \$15,000 and an ongoing cost of \$50,000 funded within the current operating budget; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct that confidential attachments, and discussions of the City Hall and Chamber Security Recommendations report remain confidential pursuant to Section 24 (Advice from Officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Absent: Councillor Carlson

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Deputy Mayor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

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14.2. Human Resources Matter (Verbal) (FOIP Sections 24, 25 and 27)

City Manager, Director of Legal Services, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of People and Partner Services, General Manager – People and Culture, Solicitor)

Councillor Campbell:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct that the closed meeting discussions with respect to the Human Resources Matter (Verbal) remain confidential pursuant to Sections 24 (Advice from Officials), 25 (Economic Interests of the Municipality) and 27 (Privileged-Legal) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Absent: Councillor Carlson

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Deputy Mayor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

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14.3. Green Acres Foundation 2024 Report to The Community (FOIP Section 16)

Refer to item 5.1

14.4 New Traffic Calming Measures in the Community/Communications Plan (Verbal) (FOIP Section 24)

(City Manager, City Clerk, Legislative Services Manager, Director of Community Services, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Legal Services, Director Infrastructure Services, Chief Financial Officer and



*Treasurer, Director of People and Partner Services, General Manager –
Transportation)*

Councillor Parker:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct that the closed meeting discussions with respect to the New Traffic Calming Measures in the Community / Communications Plan (Verbal) remain confidential pursuant to Section 24 (Advice from Officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Absent: Councillor Carlson

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Acting Mayor Paladino, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Deputy Mayor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker, Councillor Schmidt-Rempel

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14.5 Grant Program Matter (Verbal) (FOIP Section 24)

Mayor Hyggen withdrew this item prior to it being introduced, which was added at the Adoption of the Agenda.

15. CITY COUNCIL NOTICES OF MOTION:

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hyggen declared the meeting adjourned at 5:07 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk