

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert McLeod, Deputy Mayor Greg Pasichnuk, Councillors; Trevor Fredrickson, Keith Hutchison, John W. Brodrick

**ADMINISTRATION:** April Doll; Chief Administrative Officer, Brandie Pacheco; Finance Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor McLeod called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION 26-15941** Councillor Fredrickson Moved:  
"To adopt the agenda with changes adding Helix Engineering as a Delegation."

Carried

**DELEGATION**

**HELIX ENGINEERING**

Randy Glenn from Helix Engineering presented the sidewalk project to council. He discussed the associated costs, available options, and tendering/quotation processes. He explained the rationale for including a contingency amount and noted that engineering costs would not be included in the bid, as engineering expenses are typically estimated at 10% of the overall project cost. He also asked Council for direction regarding the existing trees, specifically whether Council wished to retain or remove them as part of the project. Guidance from Council was requested on this matter. He further explained that the engineering estimate may change; however, due to significant increases in construction and project costs, efforts are being made to ensure estimates remain realistic and are not set too low.

**BUSINESS**

**2026 – 2028 OPERATING BUDGET**

**MOTION 26-15942** Councillor Fredrickson Moved:  
"To have Administration contact Alberta Transportation regarding the crosswalk signs located on Main Street and 4th Avenue to inquire into options for improving their visibility, as Council has expressed a desire for the crosswalk signage at this location to be more noticeable and safer for pedestrians."

Carried

*Councillor Trevor Fredrickson departed the chambers at 6:32pm  
Councillor Trevor Fredrickson returned to the chambers at 6:35pm*

*Deputy Mayor, Greg Pasichnuk departed the chambers at 7:10pm  
Deputy Mayor, Greg Pasichnuk returned to the chambers at 7:13pm*

**2026 – 2030 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**MOTION 26-15943** Councillor John Brodrick Moved:  
"To have the trees on both sides along Hwy 35 on Main Street removed in conjunction with the sidewalk project."

Defeated

**MOTION 26-15944** Mayor McLeod Moved:  
"To have administration reach out to Helix engineering to look at concrete and paving options for the Rosary School and to see if it would be viable and the cost to have it paved after doing the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue project in 2026."

Carried

MILL RATE COMPARISON

MOTION 26-15945 Councillor Trevor Fredrickson moved:  
"To increase the mill rate 0.25 Mills to 12.6123 for the 2026 Tax year."

*Councillor Hutchison requested a recorded vote.*

"In Favor"  
Councillor Fredrickson

"Opposed."  
Mayor McLeod, Deputy Mayor Pasichnuk, Councillor Hutchison, Councillor Brodrick,

Defeated

MOTION 26-15946 Mayor McLeod Moved:  
"To decrease the mill rate 2 Mills to 10.3623 for the 2026 Tax year."

*Mayor McLeod requested a recorded vote.*

"In Favor"  
Mayor McLeod

"Opposed."  
Deputy Mayor Pasichnuk, Councillor Hutchison, Councillor Brodrick, Councillor Fredrickson.

Defeated

MOTION 26-15947 Councillor Hutchison Moved:  
"To have the mill rate remain at 12.3623 for the 2026 Tax year."

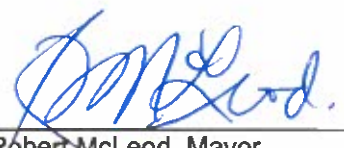
*Councillor Hutchison requested a recorded vote.*

"In Favor"  
Mayor McLeod, Deputy Mayor Pasichnuk, Councillor Hutchison, Councillor Brodrick,

"Opposed."  
Councillor Fredrickson.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT Mayor McLeod adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM

  
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Robert McLeod, Mayor

  
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April Doll, Chief Administrative Officer