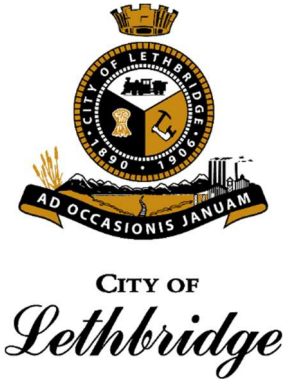


City Council Update

Meeting Date: May 26, 2026

Submitted By: Deputy Mayor Jenn Schmidt-Rempel



Covering the period of April 17 – May 16, 2026

MEETINGS & PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

17/4/26 – Alberta Municipalities Meetings with City Councillors in Brooks and Medicine Hat

21/4/26 – Coaldale Spring Council to Council Social

21/4/26 – Alberta Municipalities Board Meeting

HIGHLIGHTS & DISCUSSION NOTES

- The Municipal Governance Committee reviewed feedback from municipalities on local elections and discussed anticipated legislative changes to the Municipal Government Act. Feedback from municipalities on local elections is available at: <https://www.abmunis.ca/advocacy-priorities/continuing-advocacy/feedback-data-2025-municipal-election>
- The new Alberta Municipalities Water Conservation Guide is available here: <https://www.abmunis.ca/news/water-conservation-guide-released>
- The Ministry of Education and Childcare, with input from Ministries of Infrastructure and Municipal Affairs has developed a Municipalities Guide to School Capital Planning to help members understand the recent changes to Bills 50 & 51 as they relate to school sites. Information is available here: <https://www.abmunis.ca/news/new-resource-bill-50-51-changes-school-sites>
- The 2026 Public Risk Conference takes place on June 1 & 2 in Edmonton. Registration and more information are available at: <https://www.abmunis.ca/events/abmunis-2026-public-risk-conference>
- Registration is open for the Summer Municipal Leader's Caucuses. The closest to Lethbridge will be in Coaldale on June 12. Registration is available at: <https://www.abmunis.ca/events/2026-summer-municipal-leaders-caucus>

21/4/26 – City Council Post-Budget Debrief with Minister Neudorf

HIGHLIGHTS & DISCUSSION NOTES

- 2026 – 2027 Provincial Budget documents are available at: <https://www.alberta.ca/budget-documents>

27/4/26 – Joint Committee of City of Lethbridge and Lethbridge School Boards

HIGHLIGHTS & DISCUSSION NOTES

- Capital updates.
- Provincial School Construction Accelerator Program.
- Bill 50 and Codes of Conduct
- Sub-Committee work on the future of the Joint Committee. A presentation will be coming to a future CIC.

29/4/26 – Lethbridge Police Commission

HIGHLIGHTS & DISCUSSION NOTES

- Addressed the April 26 Community Issues Committee Referral. A report will be coming back to a future CIC.
- Received the Lethbridge Police Commission Strategic Plan 2026 – 2027.
- Agendas and Minutes are available at:
<https://lethbridgepolicecommission.com/agenda-minutes/>

8/5/26 – Alberta Municipalities Health and Social Wellbeing Committee meeting

14/5/26 – Canadian Blood Services

HIGHLIGHTS & DISCUSSION NOTES

- Helped facilitate an invitation for Council to donate during National Blood Donor Week in June.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CONFERENCES

Session / Event	Date	Key Takeaways	Application to Council Work
Lethbridge Police Commission Training	27/4/26	- an overall review of police governance	- understanding the governance role of the Police Commission - a review of how the Lethbridge Police Service, Police Commission, and City of Lethbridge work together
Bill 50 & 51 Updates for Municipal School Site Planning Webinar	6/5/26	- led a discussion with representatives from Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Education, and Alberta Municipal Affairs that spoke to recent amendments to Bill 50 and Bill 51 and their implications for school site planning across the province	- understanding the implications of Bill 50 & 51 in a Lethbridge context - clarification of roles and responsibilities for Lethbridge in supporting school projects - the Municipal Guide to School Capital Planning is available at:

			https://open.alberta.ca/publications/school-capital-manual
Alberta Municipalities Quarterly Cities Update	11/5/26	- helped lead a discussion reviewing Alberta Municipalities advocacy efforts over the past 3 months, updates on key bills affecting municipalities, and upcoming opportunities to stay informed of issues and priorities	- an opportunity to learn more from other municipalities and issues/priorities they are facing - an opportunity to learn and help others understand more about provincial advocacy efforts

COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

Meetings with local business representatives, community organizations, and residents. General discussions included:

- Integrated Fire/EMS service
- AISH/ADAP funding
- Student retention study/youth workforce initiatives/how does the City value youth input in our decision making
- Bill 16 – Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act

17/4/26 – Canada’s Premier Food Corridor Local Producers Gala hosted by Lethbridge Polytechnic School of Culinary Arts and Canada’s Premier Food Corridor (CPFC)

- The Local Producers Gala brings together producers, processors, researchers, industry partners, and supporters.

18/4/26 – University of Lethbridge VibeFest hosted by University of Lethbridge Faculty of Fine Arts

- VibeFest showcases the creative work of University of Lethbridge Faculty of Fine Arts students, alumni and faculty. A free, annual public event.

18/4/26 – 2026 Lethbridge Police Ball

20/4/26 – National Volunteer Week Kickoff and Flag Raising – brought greetings and spoke to the value of volunteerism.

25/4/26 – Southern Alberta Ethnic Association 10 Year Anniversary – brought greetings celebrating 10 years of the Southern Alberta Ethnic Association being in the Multicultural Centre location.

25/4/26 – Lethbridge Firefighter Gala and Awards

28/4/26 – National Day of Mourning Ceremony – an annual event commemorating those who have lost their lives, become injured, or fallen ill due to work-related incidents.

29/4/26 – Conversation with Hon. Joseph Schow, Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration hosted by the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce.

2/5/26 – 2026 Women of Distinction Awards Dinner

4/5/26 – Canadian Urban Transit Association Prairie Provinces and Territories Chapter meeting – brought greetings and welcomed the group to Lethbridge.

14/5/26 – University of Lethbridge Donor Appreciation Night

15/5/26 – Sons of Norway Flag Raising in honour of Norway's Constitution Day.