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WOODLANDS COUNTY COUNCIL RECAP – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

Dallas Choma, Lac Ste. Anne County Enforcement Services presented the 2025 Q4 Enforcement Services Report to Council, highlighting enforcement activity in Woodlands County. Of the 141 citations issued, 52.14% were for speeding. Reported incidents increased significantly from Q3, with dog complaints the most common at 19%. Most complaints were received through the Dispatch hotline, indicating residents are contacting Bylaw Enforcement directly. Council received the report for information.

Joshua Raposo, Manager, Planning & Development, presented the Communication & Engagement Plan for the Hamlet of Blue Ridge Area Structure Plan (ASP). The purpose of this report was to inform Council of the proposed outline on how residents, stakeholders, and Council will be engaged throughout the planning process. Council provided amendments to include evening sessions and an additional question, and adopted the amended Communication & Engagement Plan for the Hamlet of Blue Ridge ASP.

Sheldon Schoepp, Manager, Protective Services, presented the 2025 Woodlands County Fire Services Year in Review to Council. The report informed Council of fire station and contract service activities, including member numbers, annual responses, and average response times, each hall's level of service, and a training overview. Council received the report for information.

Council received the March 17, 2026, correspondence from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada regarding the closure of the Lacombe Research and Development Centre, for information. The letter was in response to Woodlands County's letter supporting concerns raised by Lacombe County.

Council directed Administration to revert to monthly Service Request Tracker Reporting commencing in April 2026.

Council rescheduled the Regular Council Meeting of June 4, 2026 to June 3, 2026, commencing at 9:30 a.m., being held at the Woodlands County Council Chambers at #1 Woodlands Lane, Whitecourt, Alberta.

Upcoming scheduled meetings:

- Regular Council Meeting – April 9 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 15 @ 5:00 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – April 23 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 7 @ 5:00 p.m.

Meetings are held in-person at the Woodlands County Municipal Office in Whitecourt and live-streamed on the Woodlands County [YouTube channel](#). Agenda packages are available on the Woodlands County [CivicWeb Portal](#).

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