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WOODLANDS COUNTY COUNCIL RECAP – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

Woodlands County Council discussed the following items at their Regular Council Meeting held on January 15th:

Council reviewed the draft **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy** and directed Administration to amend the policy by removing references to Council and to refer the amended policy to the Governance & Priorities Committee for further review. The policy is intended to outline how municipal records and information are protected, while supporting the responsible and productive use of AI tools within the organization. Overall, the proposed policy reflects common themes emerging across Alberta municipalities and addresses several gaps identified through Administration's review.

Council received the **Asset Management (AM) Progress Update – New AM Systems** for information. The implementation of the new AM Systems provides a foundation for improved asset management and more reliable data.

Council received the **2025 Service Request Tracker Reports** for information. Administration is currently transitioning to a new service request tracking software platform. As part of this transition, the format and presentation of the Service Request Tracker Report will change beginning in 2026. Communication on how to access this tool for ratepayers will be coming soon.

Upcoming scheduled meetings:

- **Regular Council Meeting** – Thursday, January 29 @ 9:30 a.m.
- **Regular Council Meeting** – Thursday, February 12 @ 9:30 a.m.
- **Governance & Priorities Meeting** – Wednesday, February 18 @ 5:00 p.m.
- **Regular Council Meeting** – Thursday, February 26 @ 9:30 a.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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