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WOODLANDS COUNTY COUNCIL RECAP – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

Woodlands County Council discussed the following items:

Council referred the Shelterbelt Program, including tree purchasing and distribution, to the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) for review and consideration as part of the 2027 budget. In 2026, the Shelterbelt Program will continue to operate as it does now.

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 637/26, Annual ATB Borrowing Bylaw, and requested that administrative amendments be made and that the Bylaw be brought to the next regular council meeting for consideration. Bylaw 635/25 Bylaw Enforcement Officers, Policy F-2.05 Electronic Payment Policy and Policy F-5.206 Electronic Payment Policy were directed to be brought to a future Governance & Priorities Committee meeting for further discussion.

Council requested that Administration provide additional proposed dates for Governance & Priorities Committee meetings so Council can review the proposed Bylaws and Policies before Council consideration.

Council received for information the 2025 Q4 Reports from Corporate Services, Infrastructure Services, and the Chief Administrative Officer, which together provided a high-level overview of organizational performance, service delivery, operational pressures, program implementation, planning, and key corporate milestones, including year-end financial close, approval of the 2026 Capital and Interim Operating Budgets, system stabilization, winter operations, and the municipal election and Council transition.

Council received the 2025 Q4 Policy Update Report and the Action Tracker 2025 Report for information. In 2026, Council will be receiving monthly Action Tracker Reports to monitor the status of Council direction and confirm that assigned actions are either completed or actively underway. This reporting supports transparency, accountability, and effective governance.

Upcoming scheduled meetings:

- 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.
- Regular Council Meeting – Thursday, March 12 @ 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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