

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE

TOWN OF FALHER

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, May 6th, 2020

VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCE

PRESENT : Mayor Donna Buchinski
Councillors Lindsay Brown
Bradley Drouin
Robert J. Lauzé
Rene Limoges
Daniel Morin
Ryan Roy
Administration Adele Parker
James Bell
Florita Perez

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Buchinski called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Res. 20-188 Moved by Councillor Limoges that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Staffing

Res. 20- 189 Moved by Councillor Drouin to wait until Phase 2 dependant on Government recommendation.

CARRIED

FINANCE

Deferral of Property Taxes

Res. 20-190 Moved by Councillor Brown to select Option 1 with the following steps: For non-residential rate payers work with them on an individual basis. In addition to the deferral of the education property tax deferral, the Town of Falher will:

- Void penalty for six months
- Set-up on a monthly payment plan if on annual
- If on a monthly plan; defer payments for 3 months; and recalculate their balance over the remainder of the year.
- If still not feasible; penalty would be applied at the end of December 31, 2020 on the outstanding balance. Recalculate their balance over an 18 month period ensuring all taxes are paid in full by December 31, 2021.

For residential rate payers, the Town of Falher will work with them on an individual basis, and take the following steps:

- Void penalty for six months
- Set-up on a monthly payment plan if on annual
- If on a monthly plan; defer payments for 3 months; and recalculate their balance over the remainder of the year.
- If still not feasible; penalty would be applied at the end of December 31, 2020 on the outstanding balance.
- Recalculate their balance over an 18 month period ensuring all taxes are paid in full by December 31, 2021.

CARRIED

Deferral of Utility Bills

Res. 20-191

Moved by Councillor Morin that the Town of Falher work with rate payers on an individual basis. In order for rate payers to qualify, they must meet the following criteria:

- have been diagnosed with COVID-19
- have been directed by health authorities to self-isolate
- have lost your job due to COVID-19
- are taking care of a family member with COVID-19

The following steps will be taken:

- Defer bill payments for the next 90 days to ensure no one will be cut off
- Waive penalties for 90 days as well;
- For those residences that are rental properties, will refer them to their landlord for approval.
- Calculate balance at the end of 90 days and distribute over the balance of the year with the remaining utility bills.

CARRIED

Councillor Limoges left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

2020 Budget & Levy Split

Res. 20-192

Moved by Councillor Drouin that the 2020 Budget be approved with the new levy increase of 2.29% with a split of 59.075% Residential and 40.925% Non-Residential

CARRIED

Regular Council Meeting – May 11th, 2020

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator