

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE**

**TOWN OF FALHER**

**IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON MONDAY, February 8, 2021**

**VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**

PRESENT :	Mayor	Donna Buchinski
PRESENT:	Councillors	Lindsay Brown Bradley Drouin Robert Lauzé Rene Limoges Daniel Morin
	Administration	James Bell Florita Perez
<b>PUBLIC ACCESS VIA TELE-CONFERENCE</b>		
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Mayor Buchinski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.	
<b>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</b>		
<b>Res. 21-36</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin that the agenda be approved as presented.	
		CARRIED
<b>Res. 21-37</b>	Moved by Councillor Morin to postpone the Council Meeting and commence the Public Hearing.	
		CARRIED
<b>PUBLIC HEARINGS</b>		
	<b><u>Bylaw 21-01 – Repeal of Bylaws</u></b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No objections or concerns were filed with the Municipal Administrator with regards to Bylaw 21-01.</li> </ul>	
<b>Res. 21-38</b>	Moved by Councillor Limoges to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting of council at 7:02 p.m.	
		CARRIED
<b>DELEGATIONS</b>		
	<b>a) STARS – Glenda Farnden - 7:03 p.m. – 7:16 p.m.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide 2021 Power Point presentation to council.</li> </ul>	
	<b>b) Smoky River Chamber of Commerce – Erik Verstappen – 7:17 p.m. – 7:25 p.m.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide their first quarterly update to council.</li> </ul>	
	<b>c) Climate Change Coordinator – 7:25 p.m. – 7:32 p.m.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide presentation on Mitigation Plan.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>d) Marc Bremont and Shelleen Gerbig – 7:32 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide presentation on property requested for rezoning located at #12 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW Falher, AB.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>e) MLA Todd Loewen – 7:46 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide update on bridge on 213A North of Main Street.</li> <li>• Update on Flood Mitigation Trailer PPT Decks, presented by Smoky River Fire Chief Marcel Maure at the NAEL meeting.</li> <li>• Discuss future/update of MSI/Local Government Fiscal Framework.</li> <li>• Discuss River Water Intake Repair/Replacement funding.</li> <li>• Discuss Funding Support for Nurse Practitioner.</li> </ul>
	Meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:17 p.m.
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	
	<b><u>Minutes of January 11th, 2021 Regular Meeting</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-39</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 11, 2021 be approved as circulated.  CARRIED
<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	
	<b><u>Airport</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-40</b>	Moved by Councillor Limoges to accept item as information.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Community Association for Professional Services ( CAPS)</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-41</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin to accept item as information.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Smoky River Chamber of Commerce</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-42</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Dog at Large</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-43</b>	Moved by Councillor Morin to proceed with the fine as per bylaw.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Municipal Energy Manager Program</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-44</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin to send a letter agreeing to participate regionally in the Municipal Energy Manager Program, with the Village of Donnelly administering the program, conditional upon financial commitment.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Tourism</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-45</b>	Moved by Councillor Limoges accept item as information.  CARRIED
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	
	<b><u>Bank Reconciliation – General Account</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-46</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending January 31, 2021 be approved as circulated.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Income Statement</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-47</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauze that the Income Statement for the period ending January 31, 2021 be accepted as information.  CARRIED

	<b><u>2020 Accounts Receivable Write -Offs</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-48</b>	Moved by Councillor Morin that the accounts receivable debts totalling \$34.99 be written- off.  CARRIED
<b>Res. 21-49</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin that the accounts receivable debts in accordance with Policy No. 602 totalling \$0.74 be written -off.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Future Budgets</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-50</b>	Moved by Councillor Limoges to accept item as information.  CARRIED
<b>BYLAWS &amp; POLICIES</b>	
	<b><u>Bylaw 21-01 – Repeal of Bylaws</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-51</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin that Bylaw 21-01 be given a second reading.  CARRIED
<b>Res. 21-52</b>	Moved by Councillor Morin that Bylaw 21-01 be given a third and final reading.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Land Use Bylaw Review</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-53</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauze to accept item as information.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Mitigation Plan</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-54</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin to accept Mitigation Plan as presented.  CARRIED
<b>Community Services</b>	
	<b><u>Campground</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-55</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin to accept item as information.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Falher Regional Recreation Complex</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-56</b>	Moved by Councillor Morin to ratify decision previously made by council to cease operations of Falher Regional Recreation Complex ice surface for the remainder of the current 2020-2021 winter season due to uncertainty related to COVID19 Public Health measures commencing February 2, 2021.  CARRIED
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
	<b><u>Falher Intermunicipal Library</u></b>
	<b>a) Director Appointment Extension Request</b>
<b>Res. 21-57</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauze to approve 2 year extension for Diane Gervais as member at large for the Falher Intermunicipal Library Board of Directors.  CARRIED
	<b>b) 2019 Financial Review</b>
<b>Res. 21-58</b>	Moved by Councillor Limoges to accept the Falher Intermunicipal Library's 2019 Financial Review as information.  CARRIED

	<b>c) New Financial Reviewer</b>
<b>Res. 21-59</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin to approve the request by the Falher Intermunicipal Library board's recommendation that Christine Pettyjohn of JCL Accounting and Bookkeeping, to be appointed as the paid reviewer for the 2020 financials for the Falher Intermunicipal Library.  CARRIED
	<b>d) 2021 Budget</b>
<b>Res. 21-60</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauze to approve Falher Intermunicipal Library 2021 Budget as presented.  CARRIED
	<b>e) Updated Governance Documents</b>
<b>Res. 21-61</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown to accept the Falher Intermunicipal Library's updated governance documents as information.  CARRIED
	<b><u>LGAA 2021 Virtual Conference</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-62</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin to approve registration fees of \$200.00 for CAO to attend the LGAA 2021 Virtual Conference.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Public Works Equipment</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-63</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown to proceed with the purchase of a front-end loader with funds from reserves 1-4-3100-760 Common Equipment.  CARRIED
	<b><u>RCMP Housing</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-64</b>	Moved by Councillor Morin that should an RCMP member move to the Town of Falher anytime between February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 and February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 that the following incentives be offered effective from their possession date, regardless if the member is a home owner or a renter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiving of the deposit required to set up a water account.</li> <li>• Waived fees for monthly refuse &amp; recycle pickup for 12 months.</li> <li>• One (1) annual pass for the following local recreational facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Family pool pass (Falher Regional Pool)</li> <li>➤ Family Library membership (Falher Intermunicipal Library)</li> <li>➤ Family Gym pass (Falher gym)</li> <li>➤ Family pass to the Fieldhouse (Falher Regional Recreation Complex ;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>It will be the responsibility of the RCMP member to self-identify to Town of Falher Administration.</p> CARRIED
	<b><u>STARS</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-65</b>	Moved by Councillor Morin to commit \$2.00 per capita contribution to STARS for years 2022 to 2025 consecutive.  CARRIED
	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>
<b>Res. 21-66</b>	Moved by Councillor Limoges that the attached correspondence be accepted as information.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Land Use Bylaw Rezoning</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-67</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauze to accept item as information.  CARRIED

	<b><u>MD Snow Plow Letter</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-68</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin to accept item as information. CARRIED
	<b><u>Stop Sign Request</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-69</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin to accept item as information. CARRIED
	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
	<p><u>Mayor Buchinski</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICF/Fire Services Agreement – January 5, 2021</li> <li>• Waste Sub-Committee – January 20, 2021</li> <li>• Heart River Housing – January 21, 2021</li> </ul> <p><u>Councillor Brown</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul> <p><u>Councillor Drouin</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul> <p><u>Councillor Lauzé</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physician Recruitment – January 4, 2021</li> </ul> <p><u>Councillor Limoges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul> <p><u>Councillor Morin</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul>
<b>Res. 21-70</b>	Moved by Councillor Limoges that the Committee Reports be accepted as information. CARRIED
	<b><u>Director of Public Works Report</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-71</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin that the Director of Public Works report and action list be accepted as information. CARRIED
	<b><u>Director of Community Services Report</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-72</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin that the Director of Community Services report and action list be accepted as information. CARRIED
	<b><u>Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-73</b>	Moved by Councillor Morin that the Chief Administrative Officer's report and action list be accepted as information. CARRIED
	<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>
	<b><u>In Closed Session</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-74</b>	Moved by Councillor Limoges that the council go into a closed session at 9:49 p.m. to discuss Personnel as per Section 17 of FOIP. CARRIED
	Florita Perez left the meeting at 9:49 p.m.
	Public Access Via Tele-Conference Muted
	<b><u>Out of Closed Session</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-75</b>	Moved by Councillor Morin that the council return to an open meeting at 10:50 p.m. CARRIED
	<b><u>Extend Meeting</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-76</b>	Moved by Councillor Drouin at 10:52 p.m. that the meeting be extended. CARRIED

	Meeting recessed at 10:53 p.m. and reconvened at 10:54 p.m.
	Public Access Via Tele-Conference unmuted at 10:54 p.m.
	<b><u>Adele Parker's 9% Employer RRSP Contribution</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-77</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauze to pay Adele Parker's 9% Employer RRSP contributions for 2 months. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<b><u>Fire Services Agreement</u></b>
<b>Res. 21-78</b>	Moved by Councillor Limoges to sign a regional letter with Donnelly and McLennan to the MD of Smoky River No. 130 requesting more information regarding the Fire Services Agreement. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<b><u>Next Meeting</u></b>
	Regular Meeting – March 8, 2021
ADJOURNMENT:	Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.
	<hr/> Mayor
	<hr/> Municipal Administrator