

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, February 09, 2022

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT: Mayor Donna Buchinski
Councillors Lindsay Brown
Robert Lauzé
Gaetane Pizycki

PRESENT VIA TELE-
CONFERENCE Daniel Morin

Administration James Bell
Florita Perez
Dave Brown

**PUBLIC ACCESS VIA
TELE-CONFERENCE**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Buchinski called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 22-34

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

a) Smoky River Chamber of Commerce – Nichole Simard – 7:03 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.

- Discuss possibility of amalgamation with McLennan & District Chamber of Commerce.
- Discuss Council's budget of \$25.00/business license toward the Smoky River Chamber of Commerce.
- Discuss Flower Baskets and Town beautification.
- Discuss Business sign advertising along the South entry to Falher.

Dave Brown join the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

b) Municipal Energy Manager – Emily Plihal – 7:20 p.m. – 7:33 p.m.

- Provide update on Electrical Vehicle Charging stations grant application options.
- Provide update on previous granting application such as solar.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 22-35

Minutes of January 12th, 2022 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Brown that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12th,2022 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Res. 22-36

Minutes of February 8th, 2022 Special Meeting

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the minutes of the special meeting held on February 8th,2022 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Business Arising**Self-Service Recycling Bins – Initial Updates****Res. 22-37**

Moved by Councillor Brown that this item be tabled.

CARRIED

Villa Beausejour**Res. 22-38**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the cost of municipal service expansions for the proposed Villa Beausejour development expansion project be the responsibility of the developer and/or the property owner and therefore not the Town of Falher.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL**Bank Reconciliation – General Account****Res. 22-39**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending January 31, 2022 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Income Statement**Res. 22-40**

Moved by Councillor Morin that the Income Statement for the period ending January 31, 2022 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

In Closed Session**Res. 22-41**

Moved by Councillor Morin at 7:53 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT; Section 27(1) (b) (iii).

CARRIED

Councillor Brown recused herself from discussion due to pecuniary interest and any resulting motions on the matter as it involves a possible financial benefit for her spouse, an employee of the Town of Falher. Councillor Brown left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Dave Brown left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Res. 22-42**Out of Closed Session**

Moved by Councillor Morin that the council comes out of the closed session at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Salary Grid**Res. 22-43**Moved by Councillor Morin to increase Town of Falher Salary Grid by 4% retroactive to January 1st, 2022.

CARRIED

Res. 22-44

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to fill a position at Public Works Department.

CARRIED

Councillor Brown and Dave Brown returned to the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 8:08 p.m. and reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

Budget 2022**Res. 22-45**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.

CARRIED

BYLAWS & POLICIES**Council Consultation – Tax Due Dates & Penalties; Municipal Legislation****Res. 22-46**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to direct administration to move forward with drafting a new Tax Due Dates & Penalties Bylaw.

CARRIED

Policy 614- Snow Removal and Disposal**Res. 22-47**

Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Dave Brown left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Proposed Policy 802- Costs of COVID Testing

Res. 22-48

Moved by Councillor Brown to approve Policy 802 – Costs of COVID Testing as presented.

CARRIED

Community Services

Family Day 2022

Res. 22-49

Moved by Councillor Morin to approve free drop-in facility use at the Falher Regional Recreation Complex and Fieldhouse for Family Day, February 21, 2022 as well as free hot chocolate paid for through the FCSS Family Day Grant.

CARRIED

Alberta Restrictions Exemption Program

Res. 22-50

Moved by Councillor Morin to remove the Restrictions Exemption Program at the Falher Regional Recreation Complex effective February 10, 2022.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Airport

Res. 22-51

Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS)

Res. 22-52

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Letter of Support – Economic Development/Conseil de développement économique de l'Alberta (CDEA)

Res. 22-53

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to approve sending a letter of support for CDEA's application to the PrairiesCan Jobs & Growth Fund for the Industrial Hemp Cluster project in the Smoky River Region.

CARRIED

Municipal Energy Manager Granting

Res. 22-54

Moved by Councillor Morin to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Planning 101 Workshop

Res. 22-55

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Regular Meeting Dates; March and May 2022

Res. 22-56

Moved by Councillor Morin to have the Regular Meeting of the Council on March 7th and May 4th 2022.

CARRIED

Rural Education Supplement and Integrated Doctor Experience (RESIDE) Program

Res. 22-57

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Smoky River Chamber of Commerce

Res. 22-58

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to direct administration to write a letter to Smoky River Chamber of Commerce in response to their discussion items of:

- Free Standing Signs Along Public Right-Of-Ways – Main Street East
- Budget allocations of Business License Fees
- Councillor Attendance to Chamber of Commerce Meetings

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Res. 22-59

General Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Morin that the attached correspondence list be accepted as information.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Buchinski

- AB Municipalities/Policing – January 19, 2022
- Heart River Housing – January 20, 2022

Councillor Brown

- No Report

Councillor Lauzé

- Economic Development – January 18, 2022

Councillor Morin

- No Report

Councillor Pizycki

- No Report

Res. 22-60

Moved by Councillor Brown that the Committee Reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Res. 22-61

Director of Public Works Report

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Director of Public Works report and action list be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Res. 22-62

Director of Community Services Report

Moved by Councillor Brown that the Director of Community Services report and action list be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Res. 22-63

Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Chief Administrative Officer's report and action list be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – March 7, 2022

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator