

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

**IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, November 9, 2022**

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

PRESENT: Mayor Donna Buchinski  
Councillors Lindsay Brown  
Robert Lauzé  
Patrick Simon  
Administration James Bell

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Buchinski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
AGENDA**

**Res. 22-350** Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS**

**a) Chamber of Commerce – Nichole Simard 7:01p.m. – 7:13 p.m.**

- Discussed Moonlight Madness event scheduled for November 18, 2022.
- 4-6 Fire Pits in greenspace; Would be spaced apart
- Horse drawn sleigh/wagon + Small Tractor to pull items
- Horse operator has insurance
- Chamber is not insured currently
- Will obtain event insurance prior to event
- John Deere will donate use of small tractor to pull wagon
- Final Sleigh route to be confirmed

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**Res. 22-351**

**Minutes of October 12th, 2022, Organizational Meeting**

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

CARRIED

**Res. 22-352**

**Minutes of October 12th, 2022, Regular Meeting**

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

CARRIED

**Business Arising**

**Res. 22-353**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Street W**

Moved by Councillor Simon to accept item as information.

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL**

**Res. 22-354**

**Bank Reconciliation – General Account**

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

CARRIED

**Income Statement****Res. 22-355**

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

CARRIED

**Airport Financials****Res. 22-356**

Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.

CARRIED

**2023 Equalized Assessment****Res. 22-357**

Moved by Councillor Simon to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Councillor Brown recused herself from discussion due to pecuniary interest and any resulting motions on the matter as it involves a financial benefit for her spouse; Councillor Brown left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

**2023 Salary Grid****Res. 22-358**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to increase the Town of Falher Staff Salary Grid by 3.5% effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

CARRIED

Councillor Brown returned to the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**CAO Review****Res. 22-359**

Moved by Councillor Simon to increase Chief Administrative Officer James Bell from CAO In- Training Level 3 to CAO In-Training Level 4 in the salary grid, effective January 1, 2023.

CARRIED

**In Closed Session****Res. 22-360**

Moved by Councillor Brown at 7:34 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT; Section 16(1)(c)(i).

CARRIED

**Out of Closed Session****Res. 22-361**

Moved by Councillor Simon that the council comes out of the closed session at 7:54 p.m.

CARRIED

**Central Area Subdivision Property Sale Pricing****Res. 22-362**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to request that the prospective buyer provide an offer letter for the parcel with description Lot 24, Block 2, Plan 1621774, prior to adjusting the price of the lot originally set with Resolution 15-444.

CARRIED

**Smoky River Regional Attraction and Retention Committee 2023 Budget****Res. 22-363**

Moved by Councillor Brown to accept the Smoky River Regional Attraction and Retention Committee 2023 budget representing a contribution of \$5,106.01 for the Town of Falher.

CARRIED

Dave Brown entered the meeting at 8:01 PM

Discussed Sewer Encrustation, and related budget items included in his reports

Dave Brown left the meeting at 8:21 PM

**BYLAWS & POLICIES****Bylaw No. 22-06 – (Amendment to Water Utility Bylaw)**

**Res. 22-364** Moved by Councillor Lauzé to have first reading of Bylaw No. 22-06.  
CARRIED

**Res. 22-365** Moved by Councillor Simon that Bylaw 22-06 be given a second reading.  
CARRIED

**Res. 22-366** Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw 22-06 be presented for a third reading.  
CARRIED

**Res. 22-367** Moved by Councillor Lauzé that Bylaw 22-06 be given a third and final reading.  
CARRIED

**Plan Cancellation Bylaw - Exploration**

**Res. 22-368** Moved by Councillor Brown to direct administration to draft a Plan Cancellation Bylaw with MMSA and bring forward a proposed fee for the administration of this and future Plan Cancellation Bylaws.  
CARRIED

**Community Services****Campground Report**

**Res. 22-369** Moved by Councillor Simon to accept item as information.  
CARRIED

**Manatees Agreement**

**Res. 22-370** Moved by Councillor Lauzé to approve the Smoky River Swim Club 2023-2025 Agreement as presented.  
CARRIED

**Montréal Canadiens Alumni**

**Res. 22-371** Moved by Councillor Simon to accept item as information.  
CARRIED

**In Closed Session**

**Res. 22-372** Moved by Councillor Brown at 8:42 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT; Section 16(1)(c)(i).  
CARRIED

**Out of Closed Session**

**Res. 22-373** Moved by Councillor Simon that the council comes out of the closed session at 8:59 p.m.  
CARRIED

**Res. 22-374** Moved by Councillor Lauzé to hold a Recreation Committee Meeting with Falher Curling Club

James Bell left meeting at 9:00 PM  
James Bell returned to the meeting 9:01 PM

**NEW BUSINESS****Alberta Municipalities Infrastructure Committee**

**Res. 22-375** Moved by Councillor Simon to accept item as information.  
CARRIED

**Res. 22-376**      **Chamber of Commerce – Moonlight Madness**  
 Moved by Councillor Brown to approve the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Chamber of Commerce Moonlight Madness event, with a scope as described to council, subject to proof of event insurance being provided to administration prior to the event.  
 CARRIED

**Res. 22-377**      **Federation of Canadian municipalities (FCM)- Municipal Asset Management Program**  
 Moved by Councillor Simon to accept item as information.  
 CARRIED

**Res. 22-378**      **Physician Housing Committee**  
 Moved by Councillor Brown that the Town of Falher not participate in a regional Physician Committee as requested by the Town of McLennan.  
 CARRIED

**Res. 22-379**      **Provincial Cabinet**  
 Moved by Councillor Simon that the administration write a letter to Premier Danielle Smith, and the Minister of Culture Hon. Jason Luan, cc-ing Minister of Municipal Affairs Hon. Rebecca Schulz, MLA for Central Peace-Notley Hon. Minister Todd Loewen, and Leader of the Official Opposition MLA Rachel Notley, to request an update on the position of Parliamentary Secretary of Francophonie in further support to ACFA's October 21, 2022 press release.  
 CARRIED

**Res. 22-380**      Moved by Councillor Brown to approve the request from CAFÉ NORD OUEST and donate to their annual 'Brunch Familial' event, whereas the donation will be several Town of Falher branded marketing items, a family pass to the Falher Regional Pool and a Family Membership Pass to the Town of Falher Fieldhouse.  
 CARRIED

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Res. 22-381**      **Alberta Utilities Commission Response**  
 Moved by Councillor Simon to accept item as information  
 CARRIED

**Res. 22-382**      **Victim Services Redesign**  
 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.  
 CARRIED

**Res. 22-383**      **General Correspondence**  
 Moved by Councillor Brown that the attached correspondence be accepted as information.  
 CARRIED

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Mayor Buchinski

- Water Commission – September 26, 2022
- JSG-Community Justice Centre Engagement – September 27, 2022
- SR Regional Committee – September 27, 2022
- Waste Commission – October 3, 2022
- LUB Steering Committee – October 5, 2022
- Heart River Housing – October 25, 2022

### Councillor Brown

- FCSS Board – September 28, 2022
- Falher Library – October 4, 2022

### Councillor Lauzé

- Water Commission – September 26, 2022
- Waste Commission – October 3, 2022

### Councillor Pizycki

- No Report

Councillor Simon

- No Report

**Res. 22-384**

Moved by Councillor Lauze that the Committee reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**Director of Public Works Report**

**Res. 22-385**

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

CARRIED

**Res. 22-386**

Moved by Councillor Brown to transfer \$13,272 from 4-4200-720 to 1-4200-251 in order to fund removal of sewer line encrustations from 124 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Southeast, eastward to 302 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Southeast.

**Director of Community Services Report**

**Res. 22-387**

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

CARRIED

**Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List**

**Res. 22-388**

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

CARRIED

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**In Closed Session**

**Res. 22-389**

Moved by Councillor Brown at 9:23 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT; Section 19(2).

CARRIED

**Out of Closed Session**

**Res. 22-390**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the council comes out of the closed session at 9:35 p.m.

CARRIED

**Next Meeting**

Regular Meeting – December 14, 2022

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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Mayor

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Municipal Administrator