

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2023

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT: Mayor Donna Buchinski
Councillors Lindsay Brown
Robert Lauzé
Administration James Bell
Florita Perez

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 23-02 Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Res. 23-03 Moved by Councillor Brown to postpone the Regular Meeting of Council and commence the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bylaw 22-07 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment

No objections or concerns were filed with the Municipal Administrator with regards to Bylaw 22-07.

Res. 23-04 Moved by Councillor Brown to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting of council at 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

a) Fire Chief – Marcel Maure 7:03 p.m.-7:13 p.m.

- Provided an update on Emergency Responses.
- Provided the total volume of calls for 2022.

b) Société du Centre Communautaire Rivière-la-Paix – Tracy Gagné 7 :14 p.m. – 7 :28 p.m.

- Provided information about the financial situation of Société du Centre Communautaire Rivière- la-Paix.
- Asked for possible help or support from the Town to keep the Hall going.
- Council advised they would consider it as they finalize the budget for 2023.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 23-05 **Minutes of December 14th, 2022, Regular Meeting**
Moved by Councillor Brown that the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 14th, 2022, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Minutes of January 12th, 2023 Special Meeting**Res. 23-06**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 12th, 2023 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Business Arising**RCMP Quarterly Visit****Res. 23-07**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to revise council's previous request of a quarterly update in-person, instead request that the McLennan RCMP detachment present to council in-person annually and continue to provide quarterly updates via correspondence.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL**Bank Reconciliation****Res. 23-08**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Bank Reconciliation for General and Property Tax Sale Accounts for the period ending December 31, 2022 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Income Statement**Res. 23-09**

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

CARRIED

Airport Financial**Res. 23-10**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept Airport Financial for the period ending November 30, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) Funding**Res. 23-11**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to write a letter of support for Conseil de Développement Économique de l'Alberta.

CARRIED

Administrative Services Agreement – Regional service Commissions**Res. 23-12**

Moved by Councillor Brown to approve Schedule "A" 2023 Administrative Services Agreement for the Smoky River Regional Waste Management Commission at a Grand Total of \$7,190.00 as presented.

CARRIED

Res. 23-13

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to approve Schedule "A" 2023 Administrative Services Agreement for the Smoky River Regional Water Management Commission at a Grand Total of \$4,220.00 as presented.

CARRIED

BYLAWS & POLICIES**Proposed Bylaw No. 22-07 Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw****Res. 23-14**

Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw 22-07 be given a second reading.

CARRIED

Res. 23-15

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that Bylaw 22-07 be given a third and final reading.

CARRIED

Bylaw No. 23-01 Proposed Meeting Procedures**Res. 23-16**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to have first reading of Bylaw No. 23-01.

CARRIED

Res. 23-17

Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw 23-01 be given a second reading.

CARRIED

- Res. 23-18** Moved by Councillor Lauzé that Bylaw 23-01 be presented for a third reading.
CARRIED
- Res. 23-19** Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw 23-01 be given a third and final reading.
CARRIED
- Res. 23-20** **Bylaw No. 23-02 Proposed Regional Emergency Management**
Moved by Councillor Brown to have first reading of Bylaw No. 23-02.
CARRIED
- Res. 23-21** Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw 23-02 be given a second reading.
CARRIED
- Res. 23-22** Moved by Councillor Lauzé that Bylaw 23-02 be presented for a third reading.
CARRIED
- Res. 23-23** Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw 23-02 be given a third and final reading.
CARRIED
- Community Services**
- Res. 23-24** **Fieldhouse Fees**
Moved by Councillor Brown to accept the 2023 Fieldhouse Fees as presented.
CARRIED
- Res. 23-25** **Healthy Community Grant**
Moved by Councillor Lauzé to direct the Director of Community Services to apply for Healthy Community Grant to be used for the improvement of the walking trail going to campground.
CARRIED
- Res. 23-26** **Pickleball**
Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.
CARRIED
- Res. 23-27** **Pool Fees**
Moved by Councillor Lauzé that Town staff and council be eligible for a free 2023 membership/seasonal pass for both the FRRRC Fieldhouse and the Falher Regional Pool in addition to household family members receiving a 50% discount on membership passes for both the FRRRC Fieldhouse and the Falher Regional Pool.
- Res. 23-28** Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept the 2023 Falher Regional Pool Fee Schedule as presented.
CARRIED
- Res. 23-29** **Pool Wage Grid**
Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept the Falher Regional Pool Staff Wage Grid as presented.
CARRIED
- Meeting recessed at 8:22 p.m. and reconvened at 8:28 p.m.
- NEW BUSINESS**
- Res. 23-30** **2022 Alberta Gov Apartment Vacancy and Rental Cost Survey (AVS) Report**
Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.
CARRIED
- Res. 23-31** **Alberta Broadband Fund Application Opening**
Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 23-32 Councillor Resignation

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept the resignation of Patrick Simon as information.

CARRIED

Res. 23-33

Move by Councillor Brown to proceed with a Municipal By-Election and select Monday May 1st, 2023 as Election Day with Nomination Day being Monday April 3rd, 2023.

CARRIED

Res. 23-34 In Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Brown at 8:33 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT; Section 25(1)(iii).

CARRIED

Res. 23-35 Out of Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the council comes out of the closed session at 8:41 p.m.

CARRIED

Res. 23-36 Ecole Heritage Sewer

Moved by Councillor Brown to write a letter to Ecole Heritage advising that they may proceed with their Sewer Line Replacement Project upon condition that the project be 100% at their cost, further council suggests that École Héritage consider adding an additional rear parking lot during construction.

CARRIED

Res. 23-37 Joint Use Planning Agreements (JUPA)

Moved by Councillor Lauze to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 23-38 Local Government Fiscal Framework Allocation Formula Proposal

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE**Res. 23-39**General Correspondence

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTSMayor Buchinski

- SR Transportation – November 24, 2022
- Recreation Committee – November 29, 2022
- ABMA – November 30, 2022
- Heart River Housing – November 30, 2022
- AB Munis Infrastructure Committee – December 2, 2022
- Water Commission – December 5, 2022
- SR Regional Committee/Airport Committee – December 6, 2022
- PREDA – December 9, 2022
- Heart River Housing – December 15, 2022
- MMSA – December 16, 2022

Councillor Brown

- PLS Board – November 26, 2022
- FCSS – November 30, 2022
- Regional – December 6, 2022
- Smoky River Airport Board – December 6, 2022
- Falher Public Library – December 8, 2022

Councillor Lauzé

- Economic Development – November 29, 2022
- Water Commission – December 5, 2022

Councillor Pizycki

- SR Regional Attraction/Retention – December 5, 2022

Res. 23-40

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

CARRIED

Director of Public Works Report

Res. 23-41

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

CARRIED

Director of Community Services Report

Res. 23-42

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

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List

Res. 23-43

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

CARRIED

Peace Officers' Reports

Res. 23-44

Moved by Councillor Brown that the Peace Officers' report and action list be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – February 15, 2023

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator