

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2023

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT:

Mayor	Donna Buchinski
Councillors	Lindsay Brown Robert Lauzé Gaetane Pizycki Roger Remillard
Administration	James Bell Florita Perez Sherry Limoges

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
AGENDA**

**Res. 23-145** Moved by Councillor Brown that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS**

- a) Community Association for Professional Services (CAPS) – Dione Guerette and Adele Parker-7:00 p.m.- 7:25 p.m.**
- Provided an overview of the Falher Medical Clinic History.
  - Discussed the decision made on the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of council regarding snow removal.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**Res. 23-146** Minutes of April 11th, 2023, Special Meeting  
Moved by Councillor Brown that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**Res. 23-147** Minutes of April 12th, 2023, Regular Meeting  
Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**Community Services**

**Res. 23-148** Donna's Kitchen  
Moved by Councillor Brown that this item be tabled.

CARRIED

**Res. 23-149** Manatees  
Moved by Councillor Brown to accept the Smoky River Manatees agreement amendment as amended.

CARRIED

Sherry Limoges left the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

**Business Arising****In Closed Session****Res. 23-150**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki at 7:48 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT; Section 24(1)(c).

CARRIED

**Out of Closed Session****Res. 23-151**

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

CARRIED

**Canadian Fiber Optics****Res. 23-152**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to conditionally approve the draft municipal access agreement with Canadian Fiber Optics with the condition being final copies of Schedule A – 'RIGHT OF WAY'.

CARRIED

**Joint Use and Planning Agreement (JUPA)****Res. 23-153**

Moved by Councillor Brown to direct administration to continue work on Joint Use and Planning Agreement (JUPA) and provide updates to council as needed.

CARRIED

**Municipal Census Regulation****Res. 23-154**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to direct Administration to submit application for the PREDA's 2023 Municipal Project Fund for a 2024 Municipal Census, requesting 50% of the project funding from the MPF.

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:28 p.m. and reconvened at 8:32 p.m.

**FINANCIAL****Bank Reconciliation – General Account****Res. 23-155**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending April 30, 2023 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**Income Statement****Res. 23-156**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Income Statement for the period ending April 30, 2023, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**Airport Financial****Res. 23-157**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept Airport Financial for the period ending April 30, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

**Municipal Auditor Services****Res. 23-158**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to direct administration to approach JDP Wasserman for another 3-year agreement for municipal auditor services.

CARRIED

**Alberta Municipal Water Wastewater Partnership****Res. 23-159**

Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.

CARRIED

**Tax Roll Reductions****Res. 23-160**

Moved by Councillor Remillard to cancel a portion of the minimum tax levy, for the properties listed below, to equal a payment of \$300 for 2023 while transitioning the properties to making the full minimum tax payment for 2024 and onwards. Rolls (legal land descriptions):

ROLL	Legal Land Description
090000065	NE1/4, 4-78-21-W5
090000083	Lot 1, Blk 6, PI 832 2628
090000092	Lot 2, Blk 6, PI 832 2628
090000109	Lot 3, Blk 6, PI 832 2628

CARRIED

**BYLAWS & POLICIES****Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF) Review****Res. 23-161**

Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.

CARRIED

**Land Use Bylaw Project Update****Res. 23-162**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS****ABMunis President's Summit & Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus****Res. 23-163**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.

CARRIED

**Big Red Slide****Res. 23-164**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to move forward with the repairs of Big Red Slide located at the Honey Capital Park.

CARRIED

**Community Association for Professional Services (CAPS)****Res. 23-165**

Moved by Councillor Brown to deny CAPS' request for council reconsider their previous decision to cease snow removal at the parking lot of the medical clinic located in Falher.

CARRIED

**Evacuation Center****Res. 23-166**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.

CARRIED

**Honey Fest****Res. 23-167**

Moved by Councillor Remillard to allow the Honey Festival Committee to use the tents free of charge and Public Works on site, with a maximum of 2 staff, to supervise and assist with assembly and that the Honey Festival Committee be responsible for damages to the tent.

CARRIED

**Res. 23-168**

Moved by Councillor Brown to deny the request of Honey Festival Committee to utilize the Town of Falher's water connection at the pool.

CARRIED

**Res. 23-169**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to allow partial road closure at Main Street from the south side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave to the North side of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a maximum of 2 hours on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the Fun Run.

CARRIED

**Extend Meeting****Res. 23-170**

Moved by Councillor Remillard at 10:04 p.m. to extend the meeting.

CARRIED

**Next Generation 911 (NG911)****Res. 23-171**

Moved by Councillor Brown that this item be tabled.

CARRIED

**Res. 23-172**      **Public Works Summer Projects**  
 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.      CARRIED

**Res. 23-173**      **Sidewalks**  
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.      CARRIED

**Res. 23-174**      **Weed & Pest Inspection Appeal Committee**  
 Moved by Councillor Brown to appoint Denis Boucher, Richard Limoges, Andre Lussier, Darcy Tokarz and Lucien Houle as the Town of Falher appeal committee under Sect. 14(5) of the Agricultural Pests Act and the appeal panel under Sect. 19(1) of the Weed Control Act effective until the end of this calendar year.      CARRIED

**Res. 23-175**      Moved by Councillor Brown to appoint Shayne Steffen, David Skinner, and Susan Ouellette as inspectors under Section 7 of the Weed Control Act & Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act and the Agricultural Pests Act for the 2023 calendar year or until termination of their employment.      CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Res. 23-176**      **General Correspondence**  
 Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the attached correspondence be accepted as information.      CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**Mayor Buchinski

- Waste/Water Commission – March 27, 2023
- Minister of Parks Loewen – March 28, 2023
- Presidents Summit/Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus – March 29-31, 2023
- Minister Parks/Loewen – April 5, 2023
- Heart River Housing – April 20, 2023

Councillor Brown

- FCSS Board – March 29, 2023
- Library Board – April 4, 2023
- Travel to GP – April 19, 2023
- Asset Management Course – April 20, 2023

Councillor Lauzé

- Waste Commission – March 27, 2023
- Water Commission – March 27, 2023
- Wind Farm – April 5, 2023

Councillor Pizycki

- No Report

Councillor Remillard

- No Report

**Res. 23-177**      Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Committee reports be accepted as information.      CARRIED

**Res. 23-178**      **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. 23-179**      Moved by Councillor Remillard to offer the Old Gravel Truck – Chev C-60 – 3 Ton with VIN # CCE618V103905 for \$500.00 to the Smoky River Regional Waste Management Commission.

CARRIED

**Res. 23-180**      **Director of Community Services Report**  
 Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Director of Community Services report and action list be accepted as information.  
 CARRIED

**Res. 23-181**      **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

**Res. 23-182**      **Peace Officers' Reports**  
 Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Peace Officer's report and action list be accepted as information.  
 CARRIED

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**Res. 23-183**      **In Closed Session**  
 Moved by Councillor Lauzé at 10:39 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

Florita Perez left the meeting at 10:39 p.m.

**Res. 23-184**      **Out of Closed Session**  
 Moved by Councillor Remillard that the council come out of the closed session at 10:53 p.m.  
 CARRIED

**Res. 23-185**      **Chief Administrative Officer**  
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki that Chief Administrative Officer, James Bell transition from Chief Administrative Officer In-Training Level 4 to Chief Administrative Officer Level 1 in the Town of Falher Salary Grid effective June 1<sup>st</sup> 2, 2023.  
 CARRIED

**Res. 23-186**      **Staff & Council BBQ**  
 Moved by Councillor Brown to postpone the Staff & Council BBQ originally scheduled Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> , 2023 to a future date to be announced.  
 CARRIED

**Next Meeting**  
 Regular Meeting – June 14, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

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Mayor

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Municipal Administrator