

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON TUESDAY, December 12, 2023

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT:

Mayor	Donna Buchinski
Councillors	Lindsay Brown Gaetane Pizycki Roger Remillard
Administration	James Bell Florita Perez

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 23-393 Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

**Smoky River Regional Water Management Commission – Rick Gervais -
Manager & Joe Zdeb – Chair - 7:02 p.m. – 7:12 p.m.**

- Discussed about the Truck Fill Station closure.
- Request that the Truck Fill Station remain open in 2024.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 23-394 **Minutes of November 8th, 2023, Regular Meeting**
Moved by Councillor Remillard that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 8th, 2023, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Res. 23-395 **Minutes of November 14th, 2023, Employee Relations Committee**
Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the minutes of the Employee Relations Committee held on November 14th, 2023, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Business Arising

Res. 23-396 **Curbside Recycling Services**
Moved by Councillor Remillard to proceed with a month-to-month, Regional Curbside Recycling Agreement with Prairie Disposal in partnership with the Village of Donnelly & the Town of McLennan in order to support cost effective services for the region.

CARRIED

Res. 23-397 **Fire Services Agreement**
Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 23-398 **Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs)**
Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 23-399 **Smoky River Regional Economic Development - Census**
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to direct administration to send a letter to the Smoky River Regional Economic Development Board expressing disappointment in their November 2023 decision while also requesting that they reconsider funding 50% of the Town of Falher 2024 Municipal Census Project.

CARRIED

Res. 23 - 400 **Smoky River Regional Health Care Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to authorize an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) meeting Smoky River Regional Health Care Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee and the subsequent Contractor Agreement.

CARRIED

Dave Brown joined the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Res. 23-401 **Lift Station Upgrade – Project Update**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Town of Falher's Lift Station Upgrade Project proceed with an electrical design for a back up generator system capable of operating only one (1) pump.

CARRIED

Dave Brown left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

Res. 23 - 402 **Town of Falher Truck Fill Station**
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Town of Falher Truck Fill Station remain open through 2024 with a new closing date of January 1, 2025.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL

Res. 23 -403 **2024 Falher Regional Intermunicipal Library Board Funding**
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 23-404 **Administrative Services Agreement – Regional Service Commission**
 Moved by Councillor Brown to approve Schedule "A" 2024 Administrative Services Agreement for the Smoky River Regional Waste Management Commission at a grand total of \$7,590.00 as presented.

CARRIED

Res. 23-405
 Moved by Councillor Brown to approve Schedule "A" 2024 Administrative Services Agreement for the Smoky River Regional Water Management Commission at a grand total of \$4,456.00 as presented.

CARRIED

Res. 23-406 **Airport Financials**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept Airport Financial for the period ending November 30, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

Res. 23-407 **Bank Reconciliation – General Account**
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending November 30,2023 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Res. 23-408 **Chief Administrative Officer 2024 Salary Grid**
 Moved by Councillor Brown to increase Chief Administrative Officer James Bell from CAO Level 1 to CAO level 2 in the salary grid, effective January 1, 2024.

CARRIED

Income Statement

- Res. 23-409** Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Income Statement for the period ending November 30, 2023, be accepted as information. CARRIED
- Res. 23-410** **Interim Budget**
Moved by Councillor Remillard to pass 2024 Interim Budget based on 2023 Budget. CARRIED
- Res. 23-411** **Recycling Rates**
Moved by Councillor Brown to set the Residential Recycling utility rate at \$8.50 per month, effective January 1, 2024. CARRIED
- Res. 23-412** **Old Fire Hall Furnace Replacement**
Moved by Councillor Pizycki to replace the furnace at the Old Fire Hall as soon as possible and to utilize Fred's Heating services to replace the furnace. CARRIED
- Community Services**
- Res. 23-413** **Columbarium Pricing**
Moved by Councillor Pizycki to increase the rate of the Niche Plaque to \$760.00 and the Memory Wall Plaque to \$430.00 as presented. CARRIED
- NEW BUSINESS**
- Res. 23-414** **Cemetery Request**
Moved by Councillor Brown that this item be tabled for next meeting on January 10, 2024 and have administration bring forward columbarium pricing for the second columbarium. CARRIED
- Res. 23-415** **Council Chambers Chairs**
Moved by Councillor Remillard that this item be brought forward at the Budget meeting in 2024. CARRIED
- Res. 23-416** **Chargepoint EV Charger**
Moved by Councillor Brown to approve the following EV charging rates and have them added to Policy 605 - Rates:

Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charger:
\$2.50/hour < 4 hours
\$25.00/day flat rate > 4 hours CARRIED
- Res. 23-417** **Communication – E-Newsletter**
Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information. CARRIED
- Res. 23-418** **Municipal Service Expansion Request**
Moved by Councillor Brown to approve the request for expansion of Municipal Services to the property described as Lot:14,15,16, Block 3, Plan 789HW upon condition that the expansion would be 100% at the cost of the property owner, including the municipally owned infrastructure, including but not limited to the water lines, water meter, water valve etc., with the Town of Falher having final approval on the design and construction of municipal infrastructure and a dually executed Municipal Service Agreement outlining such terms and conditions. CARRIED
- Smoky River Transportation**

- Res. 23-419** Moved by Councillor Pizycki to approve the Smoky River Transportation Board Agreement as presented. CARRIED
- Res. 23-420** Moved by Councillor Remillard to approve the Smoky River Transportation Board 2024 Budget as presented. CARRIED
- Res. 23-421** Moved by Councillor Brown to approve the Smoky River Transportation Program Policy and Procedures as presented. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- Res. 23-422** General Correspondence
Moved by Councillor Brown that the attached correspondence be accepted as information. CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTSMayor Buchinski

- Oats/School Delivery– October 26, 2023
- Remembrance Day Ceremony – November 11, 2023
- Employee Relations Committee – November 14, 2023
- Heart River Housing – November 16, 2023
- NAEL –November 17, 2023
- FCSS/Town – November 20, 2023
- Water Commission – November 20, 2023
- Smoky River Emergency – November 21, 2023
- 1A Girls Volleyball Provincial Championship – Nov. 23, 2023

Councillor Brown

- FCSS Board – October 25, 2023
- Mighty Peace Tourism – October 30, 2023
- Falher Library Board – November 7, 2023
- Peace Library System – November 25, 2023

Councillor Lauzé

- Economic Development– October 31, 2023
- Water Commission – November 20, 2023
- Emergency Services – November 21, 2023

Councillor Pizycki

- No Report

Councillor Remillard

- No Report

- Res. 23-423** Moved by Councillor Brown that the Committee reports be accepted as information. CARRIED

- Res. 23-424** Director of Public Works Report
Moved by Councillor Remillard to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$13,770.12 from operating reserve 4-7202-720 to 1-7202-920 for Big Slide Project at the Town of Falher Park. CARRIED

- Res. 23-425** Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Director of Public Works report and action list be accepted as information. CARRIED

- Res. 23-426** Director of Community Services Report
Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Director of Community Services report and action list be accepted as information. CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List

Res. 23-427

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

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL

In Closed Session

Res. 23-428

Moved by Councillor Brown at 8:52 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. 23-429

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the council come out of the closed session at 9:06 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – January 10, 2024

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator