

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2024

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

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Res. 24-01** Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Res. 24-02** **Minutes of December 12th, 2023, Regular Meeting**  
Moved by Councillor Brown that the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 12th, 2023, be approved as circulated. CARRIED

**Business Arising**

**Res. 24-03** **Cemetery Request**  
Moved by Councillor Remillard to set Columbarium prices as follows, and have these fees listed in the Town of Falher's Fees Policy - # 605:

Columbarium 1 (SW):

- \$2,060.00 per niche (includes niche & plaque & installation)
  - \$760.00 per Niche Plaque Replacement
- \$430.00 per Memory Wall Plaque (includes plaque & installation)

Columbarium 2 (SE) :

- \$2,885.00 per niche (includes niche & plaque & installation)
  - \$760.00 per Niche Plaque Replacement
- \$430.00 per Memory Wall Plaque (includes plaque & installation)

CARRIED

**Res. 24-04** **Curbside Recycling**  
Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information. CARRIED

**Res. 24-05** **Donnelly Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Request**  
Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information. CARRIED

**Res. 24-06** **Fire Services Agreement**  
Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information. CARRIED

- Res. 24-07** **Smoky River Regional Economic Development - Census**  
 Moved by Councillor Brown to send Mayor Donna Buchinski as delegation to the Smoky River Economic Development meeting on January 30, 2024.  
 CARRIED
- Smoky River Regional Health Care Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee**
- Res. 24-08** **a) Independent Contractor Agreement**  
 Moved by Councillor Brown to approve the new Independent Contractor Agreement for the Smoky River Regional Health Care Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee (SRRHCPAR) Coordinator as presented by the SRRHCPAR in consideration of its revisions since Town of Falher Resolution 23-237, and that the copy presented be attached as Appendix B on the Town of Falher Bylaw 23-06 once all parties have accepted and signed the agreement.  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-09** **b) ICF Letter**  
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-10** **In Closed Session**  
 Moved by Councillor Brown at 7:38 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT; Section 21 (1) (ii).  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-11** **Out of Closed Session**  
 Moved by Councillor Remillard that the council come out of the closed session at 8:03 p.m.  
 CARRIED
- FINANCIAL**
- Res. 24-12** **Bank Reconciliation – General Account**  
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending December 31, 2023 be approved as circulated.  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-13** **Income Statement**  
 Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Income Statement for the period ending December 31, 2023, be accepted as information.  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-14** **Airport Financials**  
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept Airport Financial for the period ending December 31, 2023 as presented.  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-15** **Janitorial**  
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to offer a the 3 -year Janitorial Agreement (2024-2026) as amended, to our current Janitorial contractor, with the amended agreement featuring an annual increase of \$10.00 to the monthly rate, for each year of the agreement.  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-16** **Local Government Fiscal Framework**  
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-17** **Parks Maintenance**  
 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to notify MowMentum that the Town of Falher is not interested to hire a contractor to conduct Town's Park Maintenance at this time.  
 CARRIED

- Res. 24-18**                    **Donation Request**  
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to deny the Ecole Heritage donation request.  
 CARRIED
- BYLAWS & POLICIES**
- Res. 24-19**                    **Sub Committees**  
 Moved by Councillor Remillard that this item be tabled.  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-20**                    **Water Bylaw Review Update**  
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.  
 CARRIED
- Community Services**
- Res. 24-21**                    **Falher Professional Bull Riding (PBR) 2024**  
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to approve the 2024 Professional Bull Riding Agreement as presented.  
 CARRIED
- Meeting recessed at 8:34 p.m. and reconvened at 8:37 p.m.
- NEW BUSINESS**
- Res. 24-22**                    **2024 Minister's Awards for Transportation Innovation**  
 Moved by Councillor Brown that administration nominate Smoky River Transportation for the 2024 Minister's Awards for Transportation Innovation.  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-23**                    **Alberta Health Services (AHS) Information**  
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-24**                    **Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Letter of Support**  
     **a) Nord Ouest FM- CIP Letter of Support**  
 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to write a letter of support for the local Radio station Nord Ouest FM Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Grant Application.  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-25**                    **b) Société historique et généalogique de Smoky River**  
 Moved by Councillor Brown to write a letter of support for the Société historique et généalogique de Smoky River Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Grant Application.  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-26**                    **Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency (MMSA) Service Update**  
 Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.  
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-27**                    **Smoky River Regional Economic Development**  
 Moved by Councillor Brown to write a letter of support for the Smoky River Regional Economic Development Conseil de développement économique de l'Alberta (CDEA) application to the Small Community Opportunity Program.  
 CARRIED
- CORRESPONDENCE**
- Res. 24-28**                    **General Correspondence**  
 Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the attached correspondence be accepted as information.  
 CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Buchinski

- McGrath Elementary School– November 21, 2023
- ABMunis Town Hall Meeting– November 30, 2023
- SR Transportation – November 30, 2023
- PREDA – December 1, 2023
- MMSA executive Meeting –December 4, 2023
- Council Special/ CAO Evaluation – December 4, 2023
- ABMunis/Infrastructure Committee – December 6, 2023
- SR Regional/Airport Committees – December 6, 2023
- CAO Evaluation Presentation – December 7, 2023
- MMSA Regular/Organizational – December 8, 2023
- IC/Physician Coordination – December 14, 2023

Councillor Brown

- SRRHARC– November 28, 2023
- FCSS – November 29, 2023
- Falher Library – December 5, 2023
- Regional Meeting – December 6, 2023
- Regional Airport – December 6, 2023
- SRRHARC – December 18, 2023

Councillor Lauzé

- Water Commission– October 4, 2023

Councillor Pizycki

- No Report

Councillor Remillard

- No Report

**Res. 24-29**

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

CARRIED

**Director of Public Works Report**

**Res. 24-30**

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

CARRIED

**Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List**

**Res. 24-31**

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

CARRIED

**Next Meeting**

Regular Meeting – February 14, 2024

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Mayor

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Municipal Administrator