

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT:	Mayor	Donna Buchinski
	Councillors	Lindsay Brown Robert Lauzé Roger Remillard
	Administration	James Bell Florita Perez
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Mayor Buchinski called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.	
<b>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</b>		
<b>Res. 24-33</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED	
<b>DELEGATIONS</b>		
	<b>Canadian Fiber Optics – Jodi Bloomer – Kaput – 7:04 p.m. – 7:34 p.m.</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided an update on Canadian Fiber Optics.</li> </ul>	
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>		
	<b><u>Minutes of January 10th, 2024, Regular Meeting</u></b>	
<b>Res. 24-34</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 10th, 2024, be approved as circulated. CARRIED	
	<b><u>Minutes of February 13th, 2024, Special Meeting</u></b>	
<b>Res. 24-35</b>	Moved by Councillor Remillard that the minutes of the special meeting held on February 13th, 2024, be approved as circulated. CARRIED	
<b>Business Arising</b>		
	<b><u>Columbarium</u></b>	
<b>Res. 24-36</b>	Moved by Councillor Remillard to repeal Resolution 24-03. CARRIED	
<b>Res. 24-37</b>	<p>Moved by Councillor Brown to set Columbarium prices as follows, and have these fees listed in the Town of Falher's Fees Policy - # 605:</p> <p>Columbarium 1 (SW):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2,060.00 per niche (includes niche &amp; plaque &amp; installation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ \$760.00 per Niche Plaque Replacement</li> </ul> </li> <li>• \$430.00 per Memory Wall Plaque (includes plaque &amp; installation)</li> </ul> <p>Columbarium 2 (NW) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2,885.00 per niche (includes niche &amp; plaque &amp; installation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ \$760.00 per Niche Plaque Replacement</li> </ul> </li> <li>• \$430.00 per Memory Wall Plaque (includes plaque &amp; installation)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	

	<b><u>Curbside Recycling</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-38</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé to approve the Regional Curbside Recycling Services Agreement as presented.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Fire Services Agreement</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-39</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown that this item be tabled for the next council meeting.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Smoky River Regional Economic Development - Census</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-40</b>	Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Smoky River Regional Health Care Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-41</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown to support the Smoky River Family and Community Support Service (FCSS) request to remove them from the Smoky River Regional Health Care Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee.  CARRIED
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	
	<b><u>Accounts Receivable Write Offs</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-42</b>	Moved by Councillor Remillard to Write Off the 2023 Accounts Receivable Debts totaling \$210.34 and the Debts in accordance with Policy No. 602 totaling \$0.08  CARRIED
	<b><u>Airport Financials</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-43</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown to accept Airport Financial for the period ending January 31,2024 as presented.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Bank Reconciliation – General Account</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-44</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending January 31,2024 be approved as circulated.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-45</b>	Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Town of Falher not attend the 2024 Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Annual Conference and Trade Show in Calgary, June 2024.  CARRIED
<b>Res. 24-46</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown to allow Mayor Donna Buchinski to attend the Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2024 Spring Convention on March 18 to 20, 2024 at the Edmonton Convention Centre.
	Meeting recessed at 8:36 p.m. and reconvened at 8:41 p.m.
	<b><u>Grader Repairs</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-47</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown to authorize a maximum \$15,000 expenditure for Grader Repairs (2-3200-253).  CARRIED
	<b><u>Income Statement</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-48</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Income Statement for the period ending January 31, 2024, be accepted as information.  CARRIED

	<b><u>Physician House Report</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-49</b>	Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept Physician House Report for the period ending January 31,2024 as presented.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Society of Local Government Managers (SLGM) 2024 Conference</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-50</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé to allow CAO, James Bell to attend the 2024 Society of Local Government Managers Municipal Administration Leadership Workshop including the optional Pre-Workshop Education, in May 2024.  CARRIED
<b>BYLAWS &amp; POLICIES</b>	
	<b><u>Employee Relations Committee</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-51</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé to hold an Employee Relations Committee meeting.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Proposed Bylaw 24-01 Committees of Council Bylaw</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-52</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé to have first reading of Bylaw No. 24-01  CARRIED
<b>Res. 24-53</b>	Moved by Councillor Remillard that Bylaw No. 24-01 be given a second reading.  CARRIED
<b>Res. 24-54</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw No. 24-01 be presented for a third reading.  CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
<b>Res. 24-55</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé that Bylaw No. 24-01 be given a third and final reading.  CARRIED
<b>Community Services</b>	
	<b><u>2024 Falher Regional Pool Fees</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-56</b>	Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Falher Regional Pool Fees remain unchanged for the 2024 season, as presented.  CARRIED
	<b><u>2024 Fieldhouse Fees</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-57</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Fieldhouse Fees remain unchanged for the 2024 season, as presented.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Professional Bull Riding (PBR) - Update</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-58</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.  CARRIED
	<b><u>Smoky River Manatees</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-59</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé to approve the Smoky River Manatees rate of \$62.00 per hour for the 2024 season.  CARRIED
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
	<b><u>2024 Census</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-60</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown that the Town of Falher conduct a Municipal Census in 2024 without a shadow population count, with an enumeration period of April 15, 2024 to July 15, 2024, and to direct administration to notify Municipal Affairs as such .  CARRIED

	<b><u>Alberta Health Care Engagement Sessions</u></b>	
<b>Res. 24-61</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.	CARRIED
	<b><u>Canadian Fiber Optics</u></b>	
<b>Res. 24-62</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown that this item be tabled for the next meeting.	CARRIED
	<b><u>Facility Use - Evacuation</u></b>	
<b>Res. 24-63</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown to explore the Evacuation Facility Use request from Conseil Scolaire du Nord Ouest further and to clarify details with a formal agreement for the use of the Falher Regional Recreation Complex.	CARRIED
	<b><u>FCM MAMP Compliance</u></b>	
<b>Res. 24-64</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.	CARRIED
	<b><u>Franco-Albertan Flag Raising Ceremony</u></b>	
<b>Res. 24-65</b>	Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Town of Falher attend the flag raising ceremony on Friday, March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Centre Chevalier, situated at 308 Main St. SE, Falher, AB T0H 1M0.	CARRIED
	<b><u>March Council Meeting and ABMunis</u></b>	
<b>Res. 24-66</b>	Moved by Councillor Remillard to set the March Regular Meeting of Council for March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Falher Council Chambers.	CARRIED
	<b><u>RCMP McLennan Detachment Q3 Reports</u></b>	
<b>Res. 24-67</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.	CARRIED
	<b><u>Smoky River Regional Water Management Commission 2023 Year End Report</u></b>	
<b>Res. 24-68</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.	CARRIED
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>		
	<b><u>General Correspondence</u></b>	
<b>Res. 24-69</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown that the attached correspondence be accepted as information.	CARRIED
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>		
	<u>Mayor Buchinski</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABMunis/LGFF Capital– January 18, 2024</li> <li>• Heart River Housing– January 18, 2024</li> </ul> <u>Councillor Brown</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRRHPARC– January 15, 2024</li> <li>• Mighty Peace Tourism – January 22, 2024</li> </ul> <u>Councillor Lauzé</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul> <u>Councillor Pizycki</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul> <u>Councillor Remillard</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul>	
<b>Res. 24-70</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Committee reports be accepted as information.	CARRIED

	<b><u>Director of Community Services Report</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-71</b>	Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Director of Community Services report and action list be accepted as information. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<b><u>Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-72</b>	Moved by Councillor Brown that the Chief Administrative Officer's report and action list be accepted as information. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	
	<b><u>In Closed Session</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-73</b>	Moved by Councillor Lauzé at 9:34 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT; Section 19(2). <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	Florita Perez left the meeting at 9:34 p.m.
	James Bell left the meeting at 9:34 p.m.
	<b><u>Out of Closed Session</u></b>
<b>Res. 24-74</b>	Moved by Councillor Remillard that the council come out of the closed session at 9:49 p.m. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<b><u>Next Meeting</u></b>
	Special (Budget) Meeting – February 29, 2024
<b>ADJOURNMENT:</b>	Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.
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	Mayor
	_____
	Municipal Administrator