

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 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
Jessica Hughes

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 24-170 Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

a) Bee Clean – Anne Lanctot – 7:00 p.m. – 7:06 p.m.

- Discussed about their business and requested to have key access to Town of Falher Lagoon.
- Discussion related to separate user base of oilfield & sewage or septic
- Anne specified that Duane is the only operator of their equipment
- 2-4 loads of sewage per week
- Claims that there is nowhere left to dump

b) Jonathan Lee – Acti-Zyme – 7:14 p.m. – 7:32 p.m.

Speaking to Agenda Item (6)(e) Lagoon Sludge Maintenance

- Discussed previous Acti-Zyme projects & successes
- Reviewed current plans for sludge removal at Falher Lagoon
- Also discussed future maintenance plans to avoid issue in the future

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 24-171

Minutes of May 8th, 2024, Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 8th, 2024, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Business Arising

- Res. 24-172** **Baseball Diamonds Fire**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-173** **Big Red Slide**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to authorize administration to explore engineering options for the Slide repairs and begin drafting a Request for Proposal.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-174** **Fire Services Agreement**
 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to sign the 2025-2027 Fire Services Agreement as presented.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-175** **Lift Station Project**
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-176** **Pirates Correspondence**
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.
 CARRIED
- FINANCIAL**
- Res. 24-177** **Bank Reconciliation – General Account**
 Moved by Councillor Brown that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending May 31, 2024 be approved as circulated.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-178** **Income Statement**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Income Statement for the period ending May 31, 2024, be accepted as information.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-179** **Airport Financials**
 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept Airport Financial for the period ending May 31, 2024, as presented.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-180** **Physician House Report**
 Moved by Councillor Brown to accept Physician House report for the period ending May 31, 2024, as presented.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-181** **Lagoon Sludge Maintenance**
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to approve the 2024 Lagoon Sludge Maintenance plan to a total of \$40,000.00 to be funded from the Sewer Operating-Lagoon Maintenance Reserve (4-4200-720).
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-182** **Grader Repairs**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to proceed with additional Grader Transmission repairs to be funded from 4-3200-731 Transportation (other projects) Accumulated reserve.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-183** **Tax Levy Reduction Request**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to deny tax levy reduction request for Roll#070000959; Plan 7621500; Lot 41; Block 15; Civic Address: 119 6th Ave SW.
 CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:19 p.m. and reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

BYLAWS & POLICIES

- Res. 24-184** Land Use Bylaw
 Moved by Councillor Brown to hold first reading of BYLAW 24-04 – The Town of Falher Land Use Bylaw.
 CARRIED
- Community Services**
- Res. 24-185** Ball Diamond Policy
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-186** Campground Repairs
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-187** Canada Summer Jobs
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-188** In Closed Session
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki 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 20(1)(f).
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-189** Out of Closed Session
 Moved by Councillor Remillard that the council come out of the closed session at 8:57 p.m.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-190** Crime Incidents
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-191** Falher Regional Recreation Complex Rates
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to not increase the rates at the Falher Regional Recreation Complex for 2024/2025 season and accept the proposed 2024/2025 Falher Regional Recreation Complex rates as presented.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-192** Smoky River Minor Hockey
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-193** Honey Festival – New Request
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to approve Honey Festival's modified request for use of the Falher Regional Recreation Complex, with the fees scheduled presented by administration.
 CARRIED
- NEW BUSINESS**
- Res. 24-194** AbMunis Awards
 Moved by Councillor Brown to nominate Mayor Buchinski for the Alberta Municipalities Awards - Award of Excellence.
 CARRIED

AbMunis Fall Convention – Registration Numbers**Res. 24-195**

Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Bill 20**Res. 24-196**

Moved by Councillor Brown to write a letter to MLA, Hon. Min. Loewen, on behalf of Council of the Town of Falher, advocating opposition to Bill 20.

CARRIED

Canadian Fiber Optics – Fiber Access Requests**Res.24 – 197**

Moved by Councillor Brown to direct Administration to sign Fiber Access Requests for all Town of Falher owned properties, giving permission to build fiber internet lines on individual lots.

CARRIED

Honey Fest Opening Dinner**Res. 24-198**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to send Deputy Mayor Brown to the 2024 Honey Festival opening ceremonies representing the Town of Falher Council.

CARRIED

Lagoon Access**Res. 24-199**Moved by Councillor Brown to approve a Lagoon Access Agreement with Lanctot Holdings' with \$100.00 fee per callout for supervised dumping, during standard business hours, for maximum load of 13m³.

CARRIED

Letter of Support Request – Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) McLennan**Res. 24-200**

Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept as information.

CARRIED

Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Memorandum of Agreement**Res. 24-201**

Moved by Councillor Brown to sign the Local Government Fiscal Framework Memorandum of Agreement as presented.

CARRIED

Property Line Locate**Res. 24-202**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Town of Falher cease Property Line Locate services indefinitely.

CARRIED

Extend Meeting**Res. 24-203**

Moved by Councillor Brown at 9:58 p.m. to extend the meeting.

CARRIED

Smoky River Water Commission Drought Management Plan**Res. 24-204**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 24-205**Canadian Fiber Optics – Expanded Request**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to approve Canadian Fiber Optics' request to allow Hydrovac slurry from the Village of Girouxville to be disposed of in the Town of Falher.

CARRIED

Res. 24-206**General Correspondence**

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTSMayor Buchinski

- ABMUNIS/Webinar– April 25, 2024
- MMSA– April 26, 2024
- SR Water Commission – April 30, 2024
- LUB Review Committee– May 1, 2024
- LUB Review Committee– May 7, 2024
- Canadian Fibre/EcDev– May 8, 2024
- ABMUNIS/Town Hall – May 8, 2024
- Canadian Fibre Open House – May 9, 2024
- ABMA – May 15, 2024
- Heart River Housing – May 16, 2024
- ABMUNIS/Infrastructure Committee – May 16, 2024
- SR Water Commission – May 21, 2024

Councillor Brown

- Mighty Peace Tourism AGM– April 29, 2024
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- LUB Committee – May 1, 2024
- LUB Committee– May 7, 2024
- Falher Library Board – May 7, 2024
- Peace Library Board – May 25, 2024

Councillor Lauzé

- SR Water Commission – May 23, 2024

Councillor Pizycki

- Honey Festival – May 9, 2024

Councillor Remillard

- No Report

Res. 24-207

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

CARRIED

Res. 24-208**Director of Community Services Report**

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

CARRIED

Res. 24-209**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

Next Meeting

Public Hearing – June 26, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – July 10, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator