

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

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

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT: Mayor Donna Buchinski

Councillors Lindsay Brown
Gaetane Pizycki
Roger Remillard

Administration James Bell
Jessica Hughes
Florita Perez

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 24-213 Moved by Councillor Brown that the agenda be approved as amended:

- Moved item 8b) AbMunis 2024 Resolutions to be addressed last.
- Deleted item 10e) Peace Officers' Report

CARRIED

Res. 24-214 Moved by Councillor Brown to address item 11(a) Councillor Leave of Absence Request out of the standard order of business as approved in the agenda, to ensure the matter is addressed within the time constraints of this meeting with many items on the agenda.

Res. 24-215 **In Closed Session**
Moved by Councillor Remillard at 7:02 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT; Section 17(1).

CARRIED

Res. 24-216 **Out of Closed Session**
Moved by Councillor Remillard that the council come out of the closed session at 7:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Res. 24-217 **Councillor Leave of Absence Request**
Moved by Councillor Pizycki to approve a leave of absence for Councillor Robert Lauzé effective August 14, 2024 until November 14, 2024 with a possibility for review at the November 2024 Council Meeting for the Town of Falher.

CARRIED

Res.24-218

Moved by Councillor Remillard that the following councillors and the Mayor be appointed to various boards and committees:

Employee Relations Committee – Councillor Remillard and Councillor Pizycki

Falher Recreation Committee – Councillor Remillard and Councillor Pizycki

Smoky River Emergency Management – Mayor Buchinski and Councillor Brown

Smoky River Regional Waste Management Commission – Councillor Brown and Councillor Remillard

Smoky River Regional Water Management Commission – Mayor Buchinski and Councillor Brown

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**Minutes of June 12th, 2024, Regular Meeting****Res. 24-219**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 12th, 2024, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Minutes of June 26th, 2024, Public Hearing Minutes**Res. 24-220**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the minutes of the Public Hearing held on June 26th, 2024, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Minutes of July 31st, 2024, Recreation Committee Meeting**Res. 24-221**

Moved by Councillor Brown to table the minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on July 31st, 2024, for the next council meeting.

CARRIED

Business Arising**AbMunis Awards****Res. 24-222**

Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Bill 20**Res. 24-223**

Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.

CARRIED

FCM Green Municipal Fund (GMF) & E-Mission Software**Res. 24-224**

Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Land Use Bylaw Public Hearing**Res. 24-225**

Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Open House**Res. 24-226**

Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Rural Transit Solutions Fund**Res. 24-227**

Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Town of Falher enter into an agreement with Smoky River FCSS and/or Smoky River Transportation with the following conditions:

1. Confirm that the Town of Falher will receive and manage the Rural Transit Solutions Funds, own the bus, and be responsible for all obligations under the funding agreement with Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada.
2. Authorize the delegation of all administrative tasks related to the agreement, such as preparing requests for payment and reports, to Smoky River FCSS and/or Smoky River Transportation, with details further formalized through a written agreement between the Town of Falher and Smoky River FCSS/Smoky River Transportation.
3. Authorize the Town of Falher to sign the formal funding agreement with Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada.
4. Provide written confirmation of acceptance of these roles and Responsibilities to Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada.
5. Ensure that signing authority for the Town of Falher is designated to handle the agreement and related documentation.

CARRIED

Smoky River Regional Health Care Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee**Res. 24-228**

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 Smoky River Regional Health Care professionals Attraction and Retention Committee in consideration of its revisions since Town of Falher Resolution 24-08, 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

FINANCIAL**Bank Reconciliation****Res. 24-229**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending June 30 and July 31, 2024 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Income Statement**Res. 24-230**

Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Income Statement for the period ending June 30 and July 31, 2024, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Airport Financials**Res. 24-231**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept Airport Financial for the period ending April 30, May 31, June 30, and July 31, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

Physician House Report**Res. 24-232**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept Physician House report for the period ending June 30 and July 31, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

BYLAWS & POLICIES

- Res. 24-233** **Bylaw 20-12 Waste Collection Bylaw**
 Moved by Councillor Brown to direct administration to bring forward an amended Waste Collection Bylaw for the next council regular meeting.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-234** **Bylaw 20-18 Code of Conduct**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.
 CARRIED
- Community Services**
- Res. 24-235** **ACFA – Vacant Lot Request**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to approve the land use agreement presented, with amendments discussed related to final approval by the Director of Public Works in consideration on the current state of the lands due to nearby utility construction.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-236** **Crime Update**
 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-237** **Smoky River Minor Hockey – Early Access Agreement**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to approve the Smoky River Hockey early ice agreement as presented.
 CARRIED
- NEW BUSINESS**
- Res. 24-238** **Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association (ABMA) Bilingual Signage**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-239** **Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant Application**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Town of Falher supports the submission of a 2024/25 Alberta Community Partnership grant application in support of the Regional Infrastructure Master Plan project and is prepared to manage the grant project and related compliance requirements. There is no matching contribution required.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-240** **Development Permit 24-10**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to approve Development Permit Application 24-10.
 CARRIED
- Res. 24-241** **Letter of Support – Société des Amis**
 Moved by Councillor Remillard to direct administration to send a letter of support for the Société des amis grant application to the UFA Agricultural Community, to assist with an outdoor classroom at Ecole Héritage.
 CARRIED

Res.24 – 242**Meeting with Hon. Minister McIver – Alberta Municipalities**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to submit a request to Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs at the 2024 Alberta Municipalities Fall Convention to be held on September 25-27, 2024 in Red Deer, Alberta regarding;

- Ability for municipalities to collect linear tax from Fiber Internet Service Providers.
- Future and predictability of the Police Funding Model beyond 2024.
- Bill 20

CARRIED

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) McLennan Detachment Q1 Reports**Res. 24-243**

Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 24-244**Vanier Evergreen Gardens Project**

Moved by Councillor Remillard to offer initial support to Georges P Vanier's "The Evergreen Gardens" project by completing the expression of Interest form.

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:47 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

General Correspondence**Res. 24-245**

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Mayor Buchinski**

- ABMA/Francophonie Secretariat– May 22, 2024
- ICF Fire Services Agreement– May 27, 2024
- PHAC/AHS – May 28, 2024
- ABMA/Transportation Grant - May 31, 2024
- Town Open House– June 5, 2024
- ABMunis Summer MLC– June 12, 2024
- NAEL– June 14, 2024
- IC SRRHCPA&R – June 18, 2024
- NADC – June 19, 2024
- Heart River Housing – June 20, 2024
- SR Transportation/Federal Grant – June 25, 2024
- PREDA AGM – June 26, 2024
- Value Added Forestry Conference – June 27, 2024
- ABMA – June 28, 2024
- ABMUNIS Bill 20 Consultation – July 18, 2024
- ABMUNIS Infrastructure Committee – July 19, 2024

Councillor Brown

- IC Meeting Fire Agreement– May 27, 2024
- FCSS Board – May 29, 2024
- Falher Library Board – June 4, 2024
- Open House– June 5, 2024
- Heritage Graduation – June 7, 2024
- Opening Ceremonies for Honeyfest – June 14, 2024
- FCSS Board– June 17, 2024
- ICF SRRHPARC – June 18, 2024
- SRRHPARC – June 19, 2024

Councillor Lauzé

- Economic Development – May 28, 2024
- Waste Management – June 17, 2024

Councillor Pizycki

- Honey Festival – May 30 & June 6, 13, 2024

Councillor Remillard

- No Report

Res. 24-246

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

CARRIED

Director of Public Works Report

Res. 24-247

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

CARRIED

Director of Community Services Report

Res. 24-248

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

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List

Res.24-249

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to direct administration to get more information regarding the regional recreation.

CARRIED

Res. 24-250

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

CARRIED

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In Closed Session

Res. 24-251

Moved by Councillor Pizycki at 9:24 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

Jessica Hughes left the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Out of Closed Session

Res. 24-252

Moved by Councillor Remillard that the council come out of the closed session at 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Extend Meeting

Res. 24-253

Moved by Councillor Brown at 10:01 p.m. to extend the meeting.

CARRIED

Property Tax Recovery

Res. 24-254

Moved by Councillor Remillard to direct administration to obtain a new land title for property located at 619 Labbe Crescent S.E. Falher, with Roll# 080000244.

CARRIED

Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2024 Fall Convention

Res. 24-255

Moved by Councillor Brown to allow Mayor Donna Buchinski to attend the Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2024 Fall Convention on November 4 to 7, 2024 at the Edmonton Convention Centre because she could not attend the Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2024 Spring Convention in March 2024 previously approved in Resolution 24-46 .

CARRIED

AbMunis 2024 Resolutions

Res. 24-256

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to hold a special meeting of council on Tuesday, August 20th, 2024 at 5.p.m. at the Town of Falher Council Chambers to discuss AbMunis 2024 Resolutions.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

Special Meeting – August 20, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – September 11, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular & Organizational Meeting – October 8, 2024

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator