

**MINUTES OF AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF FALHER**

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2024

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT:

Councillors: Donna Buchinski
Lindsay Brown
Gaetane Pizycki
Roger Remillard

Administration: James Bell
Florita Perez

CALL TO ORDER James Bell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 24-294

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept agenda.

CARRIED

**LAND
ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Land acknowledgment read by Mayor:
"We acknowledge Treaty 8 territory—the traditional and ancestral territory of the Cree and Dene. We acknowledge that this territory is home to the Métis Settlements and the Métis Nation of Alberta, Regions 1, 4, 5 and 6 within the historical Northwest Métis Homeland. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit who have lived in and cared for these lands for generations. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We make this acknowledgement as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting."

**Appointment of
Chief
Administrative
Officer as
Chairperson during
Appointment of
Mayor**

Res. 24-295

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to appoint Chief Administrative Officer James Bell as Chairperson during the Nomination and Election Process for Mayor.

CARRIED

MAYOR

Chief Administrative Officer James Bell called for nominations for the position of Mayor. Councillor Brown nominated Councillor Buchinski for the position of Mayor. Councillor Buchinski accepted the nomination.

Chief Administrative Officer James Bell called for nominations for the position of Mayor a second time.

Chief Administrative Officer James Bell called for nominations for the position of Mayor a third and final time.

Chief Administrative Officer James Bell declared nominations complete for the position of Mayor, with only 1 nomination received.

Res. 24-296

Moved by Councillor Remillard to appoint Councillor Buchinski as Mayor for the period of October 2024 to October 2025.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer James Bell then turned the chairing of the meeting over to Mayor Buchinski.

DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Buchinski called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. Councillor Pizycki nominated Councillor Brown for the position of Deputy Mayor. Councillor Brown accepted the nomination.

Mayor Buchinski called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor a second time.

Mayor Buchinski called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor a third and final time.

Mayor Buchinski declared nominations complete for the position of Deputy Mayor, with only 1 nomination received.

Res. 24-297

Moved by Councillor Remillard to appoint Councillor Brown as Deputy Mayor, for the period of October 2024 to October 2025.

CARRIED

**SIGNING
AUTHORITIES
Res. 24-298**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the signing authorities for the Town of Falher bank accounts be as follows:

Mayor Buchinski or Deputy Mayor Brown
AND
James Bell or Florita Perez

CARRIED

**MUNICIPAL
ACCOUNTS
Res. 24-299**

Moved by Councillor Brown to designate the Falher ATB Financial as the Town of Falher's primary financial institute; and the Falher Bank of Montreal and the Falher Vision Credit Union will be utilized when required for investments.

CARRIED

**CODE OF
CONDUCT
Res. 24-300**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that all Councillors sign the Code of Conduct for 2024-2025.

CARRIED

**REGULAR MEETING
SCHEDULE
Res. 24-301**

Moved by Councillor Remillard that the 2024 -2025 Regular Meeting of Council Schedule be adopted as follows, with meetings occurring at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Town of Falher Municipal Office.

- Wednesday, November 20, 2024
- Wednesday, December 11, 2024
- Wednesday, January 15, 2025
- Wednesday, February 12, 2025
- Wednesday, March 12, 2025
- Wednesday, April 9, 2025
- Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Wednesday, June 11, 2025
 Wednesday, July 9, 2025
 Wednesday, August 13, 2025
 Wednesday, September 10, 2025
 Wednesday, October 8, 2025

CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Res. 24-302

Moved by Councillor Remillard to not appoint a council representative for the Honey Festival Committee for 2024-2025 term.

CARRIED

Res. 24-303

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that Council appoint the Council representatives as per the attached Boards & Committees list dated October 8, 2024 and that all appointments be effective from October 8, 2024 until the next Alberta General Municipal Election, currently scheduled for October 20, 2025.

CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS TO FALHER INTERMUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD

Res. 24-304

Moved by Councillor Remillard that council appoint Councillor Lindsay Brown to the Falher Intermunicipal Library Board for a 6th Consecutive term, effective October 8, 2024 until October 20th, 2025.

Councillor Brown requested that the vote be recorded.

IN FAVOUR:

Councillor Remillard
 Councillor Pizycki
 Councillor Brown
 Mayor Buchinski

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPOINTMENTS TO REGIONAL BOARDS

Res. 24-305

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to appoint Avis Gagne, Guy Beaudoin and Myrna Lanctot as members of the Regional Assessment Review Board to hear Local Assessment Review Board (LARB) and Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) and furthermore, that Guy Beaudoin be appointed Chair and Avis Gagne as Vice-Chair of the Regional Assessment Review Board and appoint Kelsie Fournier as Clerk and Lorraine Willier and Kate Romyn as alternate clerks.

CARRIED

Res. 24-306

Moved by Councillor Remillard to appoint Bradley Drouin to the Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for 3 years, effective October 8, 2024 to October 8, 2027.

CARRIED

EMAIL AND TECHNOLOGY

Res. 24-307

Moved by Councillor Brown to have all councillors sign Policy 503 Electronic Equipment; Appendix H – Councillors Acknowledgement and Responsibilities Agreement.

CARRIED

LOCATION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Res. 24-308

Moved by Councillor Brown to name the Town of Falher Municipal Office located at #011 Central Avenue S.W. Falher, AB as its municipal office.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

TOWN OF FALHER			
COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND BOARDS			
2024-2025			
Resolution 24-303			
		<u>Council</u>	<u>Members-at-Large or Alternate</u>
1	Alberta Bilingual Municipality Association	Donna Buchinski	NO APPOINTMENT
2	Employee Relations Committee	Roger Remillard Gaetane Pizycki	
3	Falher Intermunicipal Library Board	Refer to Separate Resolution (24-304)	No Alternate as per Library Act
4	Falher Recreation Committee	Gaetane Pizycki Roger Remillard	
5	Heart River Housing	Donna Buchinski	
6	Honey Festival Committee	No appointment Refer to Separate Resolution (24-302)	
7	Intermunicipal Committee	Donna Buchinski Lindsay Brown	
8	Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency	Donna Buchinski	James Bell Alt
9	Mighty Peace Tourism Association	Lindsay Brown	
10	Peace Library System	Lindsay Brown	Gaetane Pizycki Alt
11	Peace Region Economic Development Alliance	Donna Buchinski	
12	Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Appeal Board	Refer to Separate Resolution (24-306)	
13	Policy Review Committee	Roger Remillard Gaetane Pizycki	
14	Regional Assessment Review Board	Refer to Separate Resolution (24-305)	
15	Smoky River Emergency Management	Gaetane Pizycki Donna Buchinski	
16	Smoky River Family and Community Support Services	Lindsay Brown	
17	Smoky River Regional Airport Committee	Donna Buchinski Lindsay Brown	

18	Smoky River Regional Committee	Donna Buchinski	
		Lindsay Brown	
19	Smoky River Regional Economic Development	Donna Buchinski	Amanda Vanden Bosch
20	Smoky River Regional Health Care Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee	Lindsay Brown	
21	Smoky River Regional Waste Commission	Lindsay Brown	
		Roger Remillard	
22	Smoky River Regional Water Commission	Lindsay Brown	
		Donna Buchinski	
23	Smoky River Transportation Committee	Donna Buchinski	

MAYOR

Municipal Administrator