

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT:	Mayor	Donna Buchinski
	Councillors	Lindsay Brown Gaetane Pizycki Roger Remillard
	Administration	James Bell Florita Perez
CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Buchinski called the meeting to order at 7:54 p.m.	
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA		
Res. 24-309	<p>Moved by Councillor Remillard that the agenda be approved as amended. ADD: 9c) Chief Administrative Officer Evaluation</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
	<u>Minutes of September 11th, 2024, Regular Meeting</u>	
Res. 24-310	<p>Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 11th, 2024, be approved as circulated.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
Business Arising		
	<u>2024 Municipal Census Results</u>	
Res. 24-311	<p>Moved by Councillor Remillard to approve the 2024 Municipal Census Report as presented and direct administration to share the Report with the Public, regional municipal partners, Smoky River Economic Development, and Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
	<u>Ecole Héritage Modernization</u>	
Res. 24-312	<p>Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
DELEGATIONS		
	<p>Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency – Director Brian Allen and Komiete Tetteh - 8:07 p.m.- 8:31 p.m. Discussed the upcoming service agreement plan proposal 2025 to 2029.</p>	
Res. 24-313	<p>Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Town of Falher enter into a 5-year service agreement contract 2025 to 2029 with Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	

	<u>Meeting with Hon. Minister McIver- Alberta Municipalities</u>
Res. 24-314	Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information. CARRIED
	<u>Northern and Regional Economic Development</u>
Res. 24-315	Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information. CARRIED
	<u>Northern Lights Fiber Services</u>
Res. 24-316	Moved by Councillor Brown to move forward with the current offer presented by Northern Lights Fiber, and to move forward with furthering discussions with Telus to cancel internet services once Northern Lights Fiber installation and operation is successful. CARRIED
Res. 24-317	Moved by Councillor Brown that the following transfers be completed in order to fund unbudgeted expenses related to Fiber internet services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$334.00 from 4-12-720 Administration (Equipment) to 1-12-920 General Administration (Transfer from Reserves) • \$747.00 from 4-31-720 Common services (Accumulated Reserve) to 1-31-920 Common services (Transfer from Reserves) • \$747.00 from 4-7201-720 Recreation Complex (Operating Reserve) to 1-7201-920 Recreation Complex (Transfer from Reserves) CARRIED
	<u>Roadway Expansion</u>
Res. 24-318	Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information. CARRIED
	<u>Smoky River Regional Health Care Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee</u>
Res. 24-319	Moved by Councillor Brown to approve the redistribution of municipal reserve funds from the Smoky River Regional Health Care Professionals Attraction and Retention (SRRHCPA&RC) Committee, total reserve amount of \$14,344.88, refund amount received will be based on the population and assessment formula. CARRIED
Res. 24-320	Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Town of Falher portion of the funds from the Smoky River Regional Health Care Professionals Attraction and Retention (SRRHCPA& RC) Committee Municipal Reserve be allocated to Physician Recruitment Reserve 4-5300-720. CARRIED
FINANCIAL	
	<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>
Res. 24-321	Moved by Councillor Brown that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending September 30, 2024 be approved as circulated. CARRIED
	<u>Income Statement</u>
Res. 24-322	Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Income Statement for the period ending September 30, 2024, be accepted as information. CARRIED

	<u>Airport Financials</u>
Res. 24-323	Moved by Councillor Brown that the 2025 Smoky River Regional Airport Budget be accepted as information. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Res. 24-324	Moved by Councillor Brown to accept the Smoky River Regional Airport 3 Year Operational Plan (2026-2028) & Capital Replacement Plan as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Res. 24- 325	Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept the Smoky River Regional Airport Statement of Operations for the period ending September 30, 2024 as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<u>Physician House Report</u>
Res. 24-326	Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept Physician House report for the period ending August 31, 2024 and September 30, 2024, as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
BYLAWS & POLICIES	
	<u>Policy 501 – Council Remuneration</u>
Res. 24-327	Moved by Councillor Remillard to direct administration to draft a policy amendment for Policy 501 – Council remuneration and present it on the next council meeting on November 20, 2024. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Res. 24-328	Moved by Councillor Remillard to approve remuneration for Deputy Mayor Brown's attendance to Meeting Procedure and Effectiveness Training for Library Boards, held Friday September 27 th in Grande Prairie, in consideration of her role as Town of Falher Council representative on the Falher Regional Intermunicipal Library Board. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<u>Proposed Bylaw 24-05 Code of Conduct</u>
Res. 24-329	Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Community Services	
	<u>Splashpark Repairs</u>
Res. 24-330	Moved by Councillor Pizycki to continue with the current water feature and replace the broken yellow flower feature with the quoted price of \$1,213.75 from Playquest. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<u>Splashpark Report</u>
Res. 24-331	Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept item as information. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
NEW BUSINESS	
	<u>2025 Post Election Guest Speaker</u>
Res. 24-332	Moved by Councillor Brown to Acknowledge the Town of Falher's interest to participate in Northern Sunrise Counties proposal. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

	<u>Smoky River Regional Economic Development</u>
Res. 24-333	Moved by Councillor Brown to approve the 2025 Smoky River Regional Economic Development Budget as presented, representing a regional contribution from the 4 member municipalities of \$106,000.00 before GST, with Town of Falher's portion to be confirmed in the near future. CARRIED
Res. 24-334	Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept Smoky River Regional Economic Development grant opportunities as information. CARRIED
	<u>Chief Administrative Officer Evaluation</u>
Res. 24-335	Moved by Councillor Remillard to accept the Chief Administrative Officer evaluation template as presented. CARRIED
CORRESPONDENCE	
	<u>General Correspondence</u>
Res. 24-336	Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the listed correspondence be accepted as information. CARRIED
	<u>Extend Meeting</u>
Res. 24-337	Moved by Councillor Remillard at 10:00 p.m. to extend the meeting. CARRIED
COMMITTEE REPORTS	
	<p><u>Mayor Buchinski</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Commission– August 27, 2024 • Economic Development– August 29, 2024 • MMSA Executive – September 3, 2024 • Water Commission – September 4, 2024 • PREDA – September 6, 2024 • MD/ACP Request – September 11, 2024 • MMSA Regular Meeting – September 13, 2024 • Airport – September 18, 2024 • Heart River Housing – September 19, 2024 <p><u>Councillor Brown</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mighty Peace Tourism – August 26, 2024 • Water Commission – August 27, 2024 • Falher Library – September 3, 2024 • Water Commission visit to water intake – Sept. 4, 2024 • FCSS Personnel Committee – Sept. 9, 2024 • PLS Personnel Committee – Sept. 12, 2024 • SRRHCPA&RC – Sept. 12, 2024 • Airport Budget Meeting – Sept. 18, 2024 • PLS Board Meeting – Sept. 21, 2024 • Waste Commission – Sept. 23, 2024 <p><u>Councillor Lauzé</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report <p><u>Councillor Pizycki</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report <p><u>Councillor Remillard</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report

Res. 24-338	Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Committee reports be accepted as information. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<u>Director of Public Works Report</u>
Res. 24-339	Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Director of Public Works report and action list be accepted as information. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<u>Director of Community Services Report</u>
Res. 24-340	Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Director of Community Services report and action list be accepted as information. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<u>Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List</u>
Res. 24-341	Moved by Councillor Remillard that the Chief Administrative Officer's report and action list be accepted as information. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Confidential	No Confidential items to discuss.
	<u>Next Meeting</u>
	Regular Meeting – November 20, 2024
ADJOURNMENT:	Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.
	_____ Mayor
	_____ Municipal Administrator