

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT:	Mayor	Donna Buchinski
	Councillors	Lindsay Brown Gaetane Pizycki Robert Lauzé
	Administration	James Bell Florita Perez

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 25-110 Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Dale Bond – Director of Ken Sargent House – 7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

- Provided Power Point Presentation to Council regarding the Ken Sargent House and their capital project funding efforts.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 25-111 **Minutes of March 12th, 2025, Regular Meeting**
Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 12th, 2025, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Res. 25-112 **Minutes of April 3rd, 2025, Budget Meeting**
Moved by Councillor Brown that the minutes of the budget meeting held on April 3rd, 2025, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Business Arising

Res. 25-113 **Peace Officer Services – Contract Renewal**
Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL

Res. 25-114 **Bank Reconciliation**
Moved by Councillor Brown that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending March 31, 2025 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Income Statement

Res. 25-115 Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Income Statement for the period ending March 31, 2025, be accepted as information.
CARRIED

Airport Financials

Res. 25-116 Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Airport Financials for the period ending March 31, 2025, be accepted as information.
CARRIED

Physician House Report

Res. 25-117 Moved by Councillor Brown that Physician House Report for the period ending March 31, 2025, be accepted as information.
CARRIED

Police Funding Model - 2025

Res. 25-118 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.
CARRIED

2024 Audited Financial Statement

Res. 25-119 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to approve the 2024 Audited Financial Statement as presented.
CARRIED

2025 Budget

Res. 25-120 Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the 2025 Operating and Capital Budget (including the 3- year Operating plan and 5-year Capital Plan) be approved with the new levy increase of 4.05 % with a split of 60.69283% Residential and 39.30717% Non- Residential.
CARRIED

Councillor Brown left the meeting at 8:03 p.m. and rejoined at 8:03 p.m.

Res. 25-121 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to direct administration to bring back the Honorarium Policy for consideration at the next Council meeting, with a proposed increase of \$15 per meeting attended and a monthly honorarium increase of \$100 for both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
CARRIED

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Proposed Bylaw No. 25-02 (Meeting Procedures)

Res. 25-122 Moved by Councillor Lauzé to have first reading of Bylaw No. 25-02.
CARRIED

Res. 25-123 Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw No. 25-02 be given a second reading.
CARRIED

Res. 25-124 Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw No. 25-02 be presented for a third reading.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Res. 25-125 Moved by Councillor Pizycki that Bylaw No. 25-02 be given a third and final reading.
CARRIED

**Community
Services**

Res. 25-126

Bench Program

Moved by Councillor Brown that the Town of Falher discontinue the Bench Program at this time, and that future memorial benches be considered on a case by case basis by Council.

CARRIED

Res. 25-127

Curling Club Agreements

Moved by Councillor Brown to accept the Falher Curling Club Bar and Ice Agreements as presented.

CARRIED

Res. 25-128

HoneyFest 2025

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Town of Falher donate the use of the Dry Pad at the Falher Regional Recreation Complex to the Honeyfest Committee, on the condition that admission for any and all events held within the facility are free of charge, while maintaining the requirement for a \$500.00 damage deposit.

CARRIED

Res. 25-129

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Town of Falher approve the various requests from the Honey Festival Committee, with the exception of Horse or Tractor Rides, pending the receipt of further information for the next Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Res. 25-130

Pirates Agreement

Moved by Councillor Brown to accept the 2025-2028 Falher Pirates Agreement, as amended.

CARRIED

Res. 25-131

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to send a letter to the Falher Pirates Senior Men's AA Hockey Club, congratulating them on their 2024-2025 North Peace Hockey League Championship.

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:51 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Res. 25-132

Delegation Review – Dale Bond – Director of Ken Sargent House

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Town of Falher donate \$1,500 to the Ken Sargent House, with funds from General Contingency (4-0000-710).

CARRIED

Res. 25-133

Moved by Councillor Brown that the Town of Falher donate \$1,500 to Maskwa Medical Center, with funds from General Contingency (4-0000-710).

CARRIED

Res. 25-134

Town of Falher Municipal Accountability Program Report

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept the Town of Falher's 2024-2025 Municipal Accountability Program Report, as presented.

CARRIED

Res. 25-135 **Intermunicipal Library Legislation Changes**
Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.
CARRIED

Res. 25-136 **Chief Administrative Officer – CLGM Designation**
Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.
CARRIED

Res. 25-137 **Chief Administrative Officer Appointment**
Moved by Councillor Lauzé :

WHEREAS Section 205 of the Municipal Government Act requires that a Council must, by resolution, appoint a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO);

AND WHEREAS Council previously passed Resolution 20-474 on October 13, 2020, accepting the Chief Administrative Officer Agreement with (James Bell) as presented;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Falher formally appoints James Bell as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Falher, effective January 1, 2021, in accordance with Section 205 of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED

Res. 25-138 **Bill 50 (MGA & ICF Legislation Changes)**
Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Res. 25-139 **General Correspondence**
Moved by Councillor Brown that the listed correspondence be accepted as information.
CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mayor Buchinski
- Water Management in AB Boreal Conference 2025– February 25, 26, 2025
 - Environment & Protected Areas Ministry – Feb. 28, 2025
 - Minister McIver Town Hall – February 28, 2025
 - ABMUNIS/GOA 2025 Budget Review – Feb. 28, 2025
 - ABMUNIS Presidents Summit – March 5, 2025
 - ABMUNIS Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus – March 6-7,2025
 - Water Commission – March 3, 2025
 - Heart River Housing Special Meeting – March 13, 2025
 - NAEL – March 14, 2025
 - RMA Spring Convention – March 17-19, 2025
 - Heart River Housing Regular Meeting – March 20, 2025
- Councillor Brown
- FCSS – February 26, 2025
 - SRRHCPAARC – March 3, 2025
 - Spring ABMUNIS – March 5, 2025

- Spring ABMUNIS – March 6, 2025
- Spring ABMUNIS – March 7, 2025

Councillor Lauzé

- Water Commission – March 2, 2025

Councillor Pizycki

- No Report

Res. 25-140

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

CARRIED

Res. 25-141

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

CARRIED

Res. 25-142

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

CARRIED

Res. 25-143

Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List
Moved by Councillor Brown that the Chief Administrative Officer's report and action list be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Next Meeting
Regular Meeting– May 7, 2025
Regular Meeting – June 11, 2025

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator