

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT: Mayor Donna Buchinski

Councillors Lindsay Brown
Robert Lauzé
Gaetane Pizycki

Administration James Bell
Florita Perez

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 25-182 Moved by Councillor Brown that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

**Ecole Héritage Modernization– Anita Anctil, CSNO Board Chair,
Sylvianne Maisonneuve, Vice Chair and Brigitte Kropilnicki,
Superintendent -7:00 p.m.- 7:25 p.m.**

- Provided Power Point Presentation to Council regarding the Ecole Heritage K-12 Modernization.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 25-183 **Minutes of May 7th, 2025, Regular Meeting**
Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 7th, 2025, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Business Arising

Res. 25-184 **Destination Falher – World's Largest Bee**
Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.

CARRIED

MAP Review Items

- **Assessment Notices**
- **Disposal of Land**
- **Public Hearings**
- **Tax Recovery Auctions - Land**

Res. 25-185 Moved by Councillor Lauzé that Council acknowledges and approves administration's discussed methods of addressing specified legislative gaps as identified in the Town of Falher's 2024 MAP Review.

CARRIED

Res. 25-186

Municipal Government Act s546 & Tax Recovery Item

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to direct administration to proceed with discussed plans for enforcement measures to remedy unsightly property S 546 Municipal Government Act & notice of entry S 542 Municipal Government Act for properties:

- Roll # 080000244; 619- Labbe Crescent S.E. – Plan 9021483 Block 18 Lot 28
- Roll # 070000352; 3rd Avenue S.W.- Plan 7822026 Block 12 Lot 5A

With any costs associated as such to be paid from General Contingency Reserves, recognizing a potential cost nearing approximately \$20,000.00, and further directing administration to have all applicable costs added to the properties' tax rolls' as provided in the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL

Res. 25-187

Bank Reconciliation

Moved by Councillor Brown that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending May 31,2025 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Res. 25-188

Income Statement

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Income Statement for the period ending May 31,2025, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Res. 25-189

Airport Financials

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Airport Financials for the period ending May 31, 2025, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Res. 25-190

Physician House Report

Moved by Councillor Brown that Physician House Report for the period ending May 31, 2025, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Res. 25-191

Splash Park Pad Replacement

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Splash Park Pad replacement proceed with a 1" thickness in a 50/50 black and blue color, with any budget overages coming from general contingency reserves.

CARRIED

Community Services

Res. 25-192

Falher Curling Club

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 25-193

FABuLAS Request

Moved by Councillor Brown to direct administration to set up a meeting with Recreation Committee and FABuLAS to discuss the request further.

CARRIED

Honey Festival 2025
a) Committee Society Status

Res. 25-194 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information. CARRIED

Res. 25-195 **b) Additional Request**
Moved by Councillor Brown that the Town of Falher agrees to assist with the 2025 Honey Festival with the transportation and placement of the bee cage and the bouncy castles, similarly to 2024; furthermore, the Town of Falher offers the conditional approval for the event tents to be used during the 2025 Honey Festival, with a completed agreement between the Town of Falher and the Lessee outlining (at minimum) the following:

- The Lessee is wholly responsible for any and all forces required to install and dismantle the tents.
- The Town of Falher is only responsible for delivery and pick up of the event tents to/from the designated event location (Smoky River Community Hall) subject to change in consideration of municipal priorities as dictated by the Director of Public Works.
- Lessee is responsible for the event tents to be returned to the Town of Falher in an equal or better condition than when they were received.

CARRIED

Res. 25-196 **c) Council Participation Discussion – Confirmation of Details**
Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information. CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Res. 25-197 **Appointment of Substitute Returning Officer**
Moved by Councillor Brown to appoint Sherry Limoges, Director of Community Services, as Substitute Returning Officer for the Town of Falher, for the 2025 General Municipal Election. CARRIED

Res. 25-198 **Q4 Stats McLennan RCMP**
Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information. CARRIED

Res. 25-199 **Peace Library System – Master Agreement – 2025 Amendment**
Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Town of Falher agrees to the terms of the amended Peace Library System Master Agreement as presented and directs administration and Council to proceed with signing the proposed agreement as required. CARRIED

Res. 25-200 **Smoky River Regional Meeting**
Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information. CARRIED

Res. 25-201 **Weed & Pest Inspectors & Appeal Committee**
Moved by Councillor Brown to appoint Denis Boucher, Richard Limoges, Andre Lussier, Darcy Tokarz, and Lucien Houle as the Weed Control Appeal Committee for 2025. CARRIED

Res. 25-202 Moved by Councillor Pizycki to appoint Shayne Steffen, David Skinner, and Susan Ouellette as Weed Inspectors under the Weed Control Act for the 2025 season from April 28, 2025 to October 31, 2025.

CORRESPONDENCE

Res. 25-203

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mayor Buchinski
- Minister Loewen – April 23, 2025
 - ABMUNIS Bill 50 – April 24, 2025
 - MMSA – April 25, 2025
 - Minister of Health Town Hall– May 7, 2025
 - GOA water Engagement/Water Commission– May 14, 2025
 - AB Mid-Size Towns Mayors Caucus– May15, 2025
 - Heart River Housing – May 22, 2025
- Councillor Brown
- FCSS AGM – April 28, 2025
 - Mighty Peace Tourism – May 5, 2025
 - Falher Library– May 6, 2025
 - SRRHCPARC – May 8, 2025
 - Peace Library Systems – May 24, 2025
- Councillor Lauzé
- Economic Development – May 6, 2025
- Councillor Pizycki
- No Report

Res. 25-204

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

CARRIED

Res. 25-205

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. 25-206

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. 25-207

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

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Res. 25-208

In Closed Session
Moved by Councillor Lauzé at 8:50 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per:

- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000, c F-25, s 20
- Freedom of Information and Protection of Policy Act, RSA 2000, c F-25, s 27

CARRIED

Florita Perez left the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Res. 25-209

Out of Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Brown that the council come out of the closed session at 9:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – July 30, 2025

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator