

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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 7:01 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
AGENDA**

**Res. 25-283**                    Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Bylaw No. 25-06 Amendment to the Municipal Development Plan**  
Mayor Buchinski called the Public Hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Buchinski asked for confirmation from Administration that the Public Hearing has been advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act. The Chief Administration Officer, James Bell, replied yes.

Mayor Buchinski asked Administration to present the applicable report. Chief Administrative Officer, James Bell, reviewed the Council Briefing.

Mayor Buchinski asked Administration, if any submission had been received in writing, by email, or hand delivery to the office. Chief Administrative Officer, James Bell, replied that no submission had been received.

Mayor Buchinski asked if Council had any questions for Administration. No questions were asked.

Mayor Buchinski asked three times for presentations from those who wish to speak in favour of the proposed Bylaw. None were made.

Mayor Buchinski asked three times for presentations from those who wish to speak in opposition of the proposed Bylaw. None were made.

Mayor Buchinski asked a final time for presentations. Hearing no further presentations, Mayor Buchinski adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES****Res. 25-284****Minutes of September 10th, 2025, Regular Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 10th, 2025, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-285****Minutes of September 15th, 2025, Special Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the minutes of the special meeting held on September 15th, 2025, be approved as circulated with amendments.

CARRIED

**Business Arising****Res. 25-286****Alberta Legislature Updates**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-287****Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 Agreement Withdrawal**

Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL****Res. 25-288****Bank Reconciliation**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending September 30, 2025, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-289****Income Statement**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the Income Statement for the period ending September 30, 2025, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-290****Physician House Report**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that Physician House Report for the period ending September 30, 2025, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**BYLAWS & POLICIES****Res. 25-291****Bylaw No. 25-05 Fees and Charges**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that Policy 611 – Fees and Charges be repealed.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-292**

Moved by Councillor Brown to have first reading of Bylaw No. 25-05.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-293**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that Bylaw No. 25-05 be given a second reading.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-294**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that Bylaw No. 25-05 be presented for a third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Res. 25-295**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that Bylaw No. 25-05 be given a third and final reading.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-296****Bylaw No. 25-06 Municipal Development Plan Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw No. 25-06 be given a second reading.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-297**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki that Bylaw No. 25-06 be given a third and final reading.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-298****Policy 401- Plaques Certificates and Gifts**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to amend Policy 401 as presented.

CARRIED

**Community Services****Pool Report****Res. 25-299**

Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-300****Splash Pad Repair**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki to accept item as information.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS****2025 Organizational Meeting****Res. 25-301**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the Organizational Meeting be held on November 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-302****ABMunis 2025 Resolutions**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to accept item as information.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-303****Heart River Housing – Advocacy**

Moved by Councillor Brown that a letter of support be written to the Honourable Premier Danielle Smith regarding the Province's plan to remove the 25 points from Heart River Housing's Ministerial Order, with copies (cc) sent to the Honourable Todd Loewen, MLA; the Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services; the Honourable Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services; and Ms. Darla Driscoll, Chief Administrative Officer, Heart River Housing.

CARRIED

**Res. 25-304****Option to Request Meeting with Honourable Minister Devin Dreeshen at ABMunis**

Moved by Councillor Brown to request a meeting with the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, during the 2025 Alberta Municipalities (ABMunis) Fall Convention to be held on November 12-14, 2025, to discuss the following topics:

- New granting opportunities
- Integrated Water Program

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE****General Correspondence**

**Res. 25-305**

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

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**Mayor Buchinski

- MMSA – August 29, 2025
- NAMP – September 2, 2025
- SR Economic Dev't. - September 3, 2025
- PREDA – September 5, 2025
- SR Water Commission – September 9, 2025
- ABMunis Infras. Committee – September 12, 2025
- SR Regional/Airport – September 16, 2025
- Heart River Housing – September 18, 2025

Councillor Brown

- Mighty Peace Tourism- August 25, 2025
- FCSS – August 27, 2025
- Falher Library – September 9, 2025
- Physician Recruitment – September 11, 2025
- Regional Meeting – September 16, 2025
- Airport Meeting – September 16, 2025
- Peace Library Systems – September 20, 2025

Councillor Lauzé

- No Report

Councillor Pizycki

- No Report

**Res. 25-306**

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

CARRIED

Director of Public Works Report**Res. 25-307**

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

CARRIED

Director of Community Services Report**Res. 25-308**

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. 25-309**

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

CARRIED

**CONFIDENTIAL**In Closed Session**Res. 25-310**

Moved by Councillor Pizycki at 8:08 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per:

- Access to Information Act, SA 2024, c A-1.4, s 22
- Access to Information Act, SA 2024, c A-1.4, s 29

CARRIED

Florita Perez left the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

James Bell left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Councillor Pizycki left the meeting at 8:38 p.m. and returned at 8:40 p.m.

**Out of Closed Session****Res. 25-311**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the council come out of the closed session at 8:44 p.m.

CARRIED

James Bell returned to the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**Chief Administrative Officer 2026 Salary Grid****Res. 25-312**

Moved by Councillor Lauzé to increase Chief Administrative Officer James Bell from Chief Administrative Officer Level 3 to Chief Administrative Officer Level 4 in the salary grid, effective January 1, 2026.

CARRIED

**Next Meeting**

Organizational Meeting – November 3, 2025

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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Mayor

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Municipal Administrator