

**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

Res. 25-299

Pool Report
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

Res. 25-301

2025 Organizational Meeting
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

Res. 25-307

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. 25-308

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

CARRIED

Res. 25-309

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. 25-310

In Closed Session
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.

Res. 25-311

Out of Closed Session
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.

Res. 25-312

Chief Administrative Officer 2026 Salary Grid
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.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator