

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21, 2026

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT: Mayor Donna Buchinski

Councillors Lindsay Brown  
Trevor Carrier  
Kelsie Fournier  
Lynn Skrepnek

Administration James Bell  
Florita Perez

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
AGENDA**

**Res. 26-01** Moved by Councillor Carrier that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS**

**Comité du Terrain Multisport extérieur de Smoky River – Christine Aubin and Maryse Simon – 7 :00 p.m.-7 :13 p.m.**

- Provided an overview of the completed project, including its features, intended use, and anticipated benefits for the community.
- Discussed citizen accessibility to the site, including access procedures and any potential needs for signage or additional improvements.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**Res. 26-02** **Minutes of December 15th, 2025, Regular Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Fournier that the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**Business Arising**

**Res. 26-03** **Smoky River Regional Airport Board Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Carrier to defer the decision to a future CAO or IC meeting, allowing further discussion with the region.

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL**

**Res. 26-04** **Bank Reconciliation & Cheque Run Listing**

Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Bank Reconciliation & Cheque Run Listing for the period ending December 31, 2025, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**Income Statement**

**Res. 26-05** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that the Income Statement for the period ending December 31, 2025, be accepted as information.  
CARRIED

**Airport Financials**

**Res. 26-06** Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Airport Financials Report for the period ending November 30, 2025 be accepted as information.  
CARRIED

**Physician House Report**

**Res. 26-07** Moved by Councillor Fournier that the Physician House Report for the period ending December 31, 2025, and the 2025 Audited Financial Statement be accepted as information.  
CARRIED

**Cheque Run Listing – Added Information and Consideration**

**Res. 26-08** Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information.  
CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

**Request for Reduction of Property Tax**

**Res. 26-09** Moved by Councillor Carrier that Council approve the request for a reduction of property taxes related to Roll#070000959; Plan7621500; Lot 41; Block:15; Civic Address: 119 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SW as discussed; bringing the taxes owed on the property from \$7,302.27 to \$5,500, on the condition that the sale proceed prior to February 18, 2026.  
CARRIED

**Community Services**

**Arena Update**

**In Closed Session**

**Res. 26-10** Moved by Mayor Buchinski at 8:24 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per:  

- Access to Information Act, SA 2024, c A-1.4, s 32

CARRIED

Florita Perez left the meeting at 8:24 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

**Out of Closed Session**

**Res. 26-11** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that the council come out of the closed session at 8:33 p.m.  
CARRIED

**Res. 26-12** Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information.  
CARRIED

**Curling Club Agreement Request**

**Res. 26-13** Moved by Councillor Carrier that Clause 5.5 state that all advertising in the complex shall be shared with municipality excluding the ice surface and score boards and all other space to be given to the municipality and if unused to be given to the Curling Club to use, and advertising in the lounge area shall be given priority to the municipality and to the Curling Club if unused.  
DEFEATED

**Res. 26-14** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that the Recreation Committee meet with the Falher Curling Club to discuss their request that the Town waive Clause 5.5 of the 2025-2028 Falher Curling Club Agreement.  
CARRIED

**Manatees Agreement**

**Res. 26-15** Moved by Councillor Fournier to accept the Manatees Agreement as amended including:

- Swim Club Hours of 5pm – 8pm
- 0% increase in fees from prior agreement

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ABMunis Spring Municipal Leader Caucus**

**Res. 26-16** Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.  
CARRIED

**Comité du Terrain Multisport extérieur de Smoky River**

**Res. 26-17** Moved by Councillor Fournier that this item be tabled to the next Council meeting, and that administration be directed to write a letter to Comité du Terrain Multisport extérieur de Smoky River advising that Council will revisit this matter in the Spring.  
CARRIED

**Energy Alberta – Peace River Nuclear Power Project Introduction**

**Res. 26-18** Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information.  
CARRIED

**Fire Master Plan (Municipal District of Smoky River – McLennan ACP)**

**Res. 26-19** Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.  
CARRIED

**Res. 26-20** Moved by Councillor Brown to request that Fire Chief Marcel Maure attend a Council meeting as a delegation to highlight some aspects of the Fire Master Plan.  
CARRIED

**Police Funding Model - Update**

**Res. 26-21** Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.  
CARRIED

**Meeting with Hon. Min. Williams (Response & New Offer)**

**Res. 26-22** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to direct administration to submit a request to meet with Hon. Min. Williams at the ABMunis Municipal Leaders Caucus to be held in March 2026 at the Edmonton Convention Centre, on the following topics:

- New Police Funding Model
- Council Code of Conduct
- Taxation & Assessment of Fiber Optic Lines

CARRIED

**Extend Meeting**

**Res. 26-23** Moved by Councillor Fournier at 10:02 p.m. to extend the meeting.  
CARRIED

Councillor Fournier left the meeting at 10:02 p.m. and rejoined at 10:04 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE****Res. 26-24****General Correspondence**

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

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**Mayor Buchinski

- Water Commission/organizational/Regular – Nov. 25, 2025
- MMSA Executive Committee– November 27, 2025
- Emergency Management – December 2, 2025
- SR Regional Meeting – December 4, 2025
- MMSA Organizational/Regular – December 11, 2025
- PREDA – December 12, 2025
- Heart River Housing – December 18, 2025

Councillor Brown

- Water Commission– November 25, 2025
- Airport Board – November 27, 2025
- SRRHCPAAR Committee – December 1, 2025
- Falher Library Board – December 2, 2025
- FCSS Board – December 3, 2025

Councillor Carrier

- Airport Committee – December 4, 2025
- SRRESC – December 2, 2025
- SRRC – December 4, 2025

**Res. 26-25**

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

CARRIED

**Res. 26-26****Director of Public Works Report**

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

CARRIED

**Res. 26-27****Director of Community Services Report**

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

CARRIED

**Res. 26-28****Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List**

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

CARRIED

Councillor Skrepnek left the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

**CONFIDENTIAL****Res. 26-29****In Closed Session**

Moved by Councillor Fournier at 10: 19 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per:

- Access to Information Act, SA 2024, c A-1.4, s 20

CARRIED

Florita Perez left the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

**Res. 26-30**

**Out of Closed Session**

Moved by Councillor Carrier that the council come out of the closed session at 10:35 p.m.

CARRIED

**Next Meeting**

Regular Meeting – February 11, 2026

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:36 p.m.

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Mayor

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Municipal Administrator