

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 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. 26-31 Moved by Councillor Carrier that the agenda be approved as amended.
 ADD: Item 6- e Physician House

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bylaw No. 25-09 Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw

Mayor Buchinski called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 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.

No members of the public in attendance to speak in favour or against the proposed bylaw.

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Res. 26-32** **Minutes of January 21st, 2026, Regular Meeting**
 Moved by Councillor Carrier that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 21st, 2026, be approved as amended. CARRIED

Business Arising

- Res. 26-33** **Fairview College – Info Update**
 Moved by Councillor Fournier to accept item as information. CARRIED

- Res. 26-34** **Sport Court Access Information**
 Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to accept item as information. CARRIED

FINANCIAL

- Res. 26-35** **Bank Reconciliation & Cheque Register Summary**
 Moved by Councillor Brown that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending January 31, 2026, together with the cheque register summary dated January 21, 2026, be approved as circulated. CARRIED

- Res. 26-36** **Income Statement**
 Moved by Councillor Fournier that the Income Statement for the period ending January 31, 2026, be accepted as information. CARRIED

- Res. 26-37** **Airport Financials**
 Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Airport Financials Report for the period ending December 31, 2025 be accepted as information. CARRIED

- Res. 26-38** **Fire Services Fees Invoice Appeal**
 Moved by Councillor Carrier to deny the appeal of Fire Services Fees as applied for by Mr. Bin Xu, maintaining Invoice #1737 and it's owing amount of \$3,326.25. CARRIED

- Res. 26-39**
 Moved by Councillor Fournier to have administration explore payment plan options related to unpaid Fire Services Fees related to invoice #1737; Should the owner fail to meet the terms of the repayment agreement the remaining balance shall be transferred to the property tax roll; If the owner refuses to enter into the repayment agreement or if they refuse to pay the invoice in full, the amount owing shall be transferred to the tax roll as of June 5, 2026. CARRIED

- Res. 26-40** **Physician House Report**
 Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that the Physician House Report for the period ending January 31, 2026 be accepted as information. CARRIED

BYLAWS & POLICIES

- Res. 26-41** **Bylaw No. 25-09 Land Use Bylaw Amendment**
 Moved by Councillor Carrier that Bylaw No. 25-09 be given a second reading. CARRIED

Res. 26-42 Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw No. 25-09 be given a third and final reading. CARRIED

Draft Bylaw 26-01 Snow & Ice Removal

Res. 26-43 Moved by Councillor Carrier that this item be deferred to the next regular meeting of Council. CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:13 p.m. and reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

Community Services

ACFA Honeyfest Request

Res. 26-44 Moved by Councillor Fournier to approve the request from ACFA to allow for partial street closures along Central Avenue during Honeyfest 2026 to accommodate and celebrate the 100th anniversary of l'Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta. CARRIED

Res. 26-45 Moved by Councillor Brown to approve the attendance of the Mayor (or their designate, as may be required) to provide welcome words at the ACFA/Opening Ceremony dinner for Honeyfest 2026. CARRIED

ACFA Request

Res. 26-46 Moved by Councillor Carrier to approve ACFA's request to light the Bee for the month of March to recognize Francophone heritage and ACFA's 100th anniversary, subject to coordination with FABULAS for removal in early April. CARRIED

Res. 26-47 Moved by Councillor Carrier to approve the attendance of the Mayor (or their designate, as may be required) for participation in the March 10, 2026, flag-rising ceremony hosted by ACFA. CARRIED

Economic Development – Member at Large

Res. 26-48 Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information. CARRIED

Honey Festival - Update

Res. 26-49 Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Alberta Municipalities – Call for Resolutions

Res. 26-50 Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information. CARRIED

Meeting with Minister Loewen

Res. 26-51 Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to authorize the Mayor (or their designate, as may be required) to meet with the Honourable Minister Loewen during Constituency Week in March 2026. CARRIED

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

Res. 26-52 Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information. CARRIED

Res. 26-53 Moved by Councillor Carrier that a monthly report related to activities of contracted Bylaw Enforcement services be presented to Council. CARRIED

Res. 26-54 Moved by Councillor Brown to direct administration to begin preparations to hold a Community Priorities Plan event with the RCMP in the future. CARRIED

Smoky River Regional Transportation Board

Res. 26-55 Moved by Councillor Fournier to approve the Smoky River Regional Transportation Board Agreement as amended. CARRIED

Res. 26-56 Moved by Councillor Fournier to accept the Smoky River Transportation Program Policy and Procedures as information and to request that other Transportation Program parties review and/or approve the Town of Falher's notes. CARRIED

James Bell left the meeting at 9:25 p.m. and rejoined at 9:26 p.m.

Res. 26-57 Moved by Councillor Carrier to approve Smoky River Transportation Board's recommended 2026 Operational Budget as presented. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE**General Correspondence**

Res. 26-58 Moved by Councillor Brown that the listed correspondence be accepted as information. CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTSMayor Buchinski

- Emergency Management/LAEO – January 15, 2026
- Heart River Housing– January 15, 2026

Councillor Brown

- Falher Library– January 6, 2026
- PLS Executive – January 24, 2026

Councillor Carrier

- LAEO Training – January 15, 2026

Councillor Fournier

- Emergency Management/LAEO – January 15, 2026
- ABMA – AGM – January 16, 2026

Councillor Skrepnek

- LAEO - AEMA – January 15, 2026

Res. 26-59 Moved by Councillor Fournier that the Committee reports be accepted as information. CARRIED

Director of Public Works Report

Res. 26-60 Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Director of Public Works report and action list be accepted as information. CARRIED

Director of Community Services Report

Res. 26-61 Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Director of Community Services report and action list be accepted as information. CARRIED

Councillor Skrepnek left the meeting at 9:40 p.m. and rejoined at 9:42 p.m.

Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List

Res. 26-62 Moved by Councillor Fournier that the Chief Administrative Officer's report and action list be accepted as information. CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL

In Closed Session

Res. 26-63 Moved by Councillor Carrier at 9:46 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
- Access to Information Act, SA 2024, c A-1.4, s 20(4)
- Access to Information Act, SA 2024, c A-1.4, s 22

CARRIED

Florita Perez left the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Out of Closed Session

Res. 26-64 Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that the council come out of the closed session at 11:02 p.m. CARRIED

Extend Meeting

Res. 26-65 Moved by Councillor Carrier at 11:03 p.m. to extend the meeting. CARRIED

Budget Meeting

Res. 26-66 Moved by Councillor Carrier to hold a budget meeting on February 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Falher Council Chamber. CARRIED

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – March 11, 2026

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 11:07 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator