

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2026

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT:	Mayor	Donna Buchinski
	Councillors	Lindsay Brown Trevor Carrier Kelsie Fournier Lynn Skrepnek
PRESENT VIA TELE- CONFERENCE	Administration	James Bell Florita Perez

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Buchinski called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 26-109 Moved by Councillor Carrier that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Energy Alberta – Katie McKinnon – Regulatory and Engagement Specialist, Susan Dowse – Socio-economic Lead and Sohila Shahin– Communications Coordinator - 7:01 p.m.- 7:41 p.m.

- Provided presentation about the Peace River Nuclear Power Project, followed by questions and discussion with Council.

Councillor Fournier left the meeting at 7:18 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 26-110

Minutes of March 11th, 2026, Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Carrier that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 11th, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

James Bell left the meeting at 7:43 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Business Arising

Res. 26-111

In Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Brown at 7:44 p.m. that council go into a closed session discussion as per:

- Access to Information Act, SA 2024, c A-1.4, s 26

CARRIED

Res. 26-112

Out of Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Carrier that council come out of closed session at 9:15 p.m.

CARRIED

IDP & ICF Review

Res. 26-113

Moved by Councillor Brown to direct administration provide the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 a copy of the Town of Falher's working edits of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Agreement for further discussion, prior to the upcoming review meeting between the organizations.

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 9:16 p.m. and reconvened at 9:21 p.m.

Truck Fill Station**Res. 26-114**

Moved by Councillor Brown to direct administration to send correspondence to the Smoky River Regional Water Management Commission regarding the closing date of the Town of Falher's Truck Fill Station on June 15, 2026, and to initiate further discussion on the future of the current Truck Fill Station building.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL**Bank Reconciliation & Cheque Register Summary****Res. 26-115**

Moved by Councillor Fournier that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending March 31, 2026, together with the cheque register summary dated March 11 and 24, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Income Statement**Res. 26-116**

Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Income Statement for the period ending March 31, 2026, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Airport Financials

Item not presented

Physician House**Res. 26-117**

Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Physician House Report for the period ending March 31, 2026 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Audited Financials and Transfers**Res. 26-118**

Moved by Councillor Fournier to approve the 2025 Draft Financial Statement with final reserve transfers and adjustments as discussed.

CARRIED

Res. 26-119

Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that the amount of \$136,678 from the 2025 Unrestricted Surplus be transferred to the following reserves:

- \$136,678 to 4-0000-710 General Contingency.

CARRIED

Capital Project – Trunk Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement**Res. 26-120**

Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information.

CARRIED

BYLAWS & POLICIES**Bylaw 26-02 Municipal Credit Card Borrowing & Policy****Res. 26-121**

Moved by Councillor Fournier to approve and adopt Policy 622 Municipal Corporate Credit Cards, as presented.

CARRIED

Res. 26-122

Moved by Councillor Carrier to have first reading of Bylaw No. 26-02.

CARRIED

- Res. 26-123** Moved by Councillor Fournier that Bylaw No. 26-02 be given a second reading.
CARRIED
- Res. 26-124** Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw No. 26-02 be presented for a third reading.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Res. 26-125** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that Bylaw No. 26-02 be given a third and final reading.
CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Policing Priorities

- Res. 26-126** Moved by Councillor Brown that the Town host a Community Priorities Plan Open House on May 11, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Alberta Legislature Updates

- Res. 26-127** Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information.
CARRIED

Circular Materials

- Res. 26-128** Moved by Councillor Carrier to have Town of Falher proceed with a transition to an "Opt-Out" model for curbside recycling with Circular Materials, as discussed.
CARRIED

Upcoming Administrative items

- Res. 26-129** Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.
CARRIED

Weed and Pest Inspector and Committee Appointments

- Res. 26-130** Moved by Councillor Brown to appoint Denis Boucher, Richard Limoges, Andre Lussier, Darcy Tokarz, and Lucien Houle as the Weed Control Appeal Committee for 2026.
CARRIED

- Res. 26-131** Moved by Councillor Fournier to appoint Shayne Steffen, David Skinner and Susan Dechambre-Ouellette as Weed Inspector under the Weed Control Act for the 2026 season or until termination of their employment with the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

General Correspondence

- Res. 26-132** Moved by Councillor Brown that the listed correspondence be accepted as information.
CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Buchinski

- ABMUNIS GOA 2026– February 27, 2026
- SR Regional– March 5, 2026

Councillor Brown

- FCSS– February 25, 2026
- Library Meeting – February 3, 2026
- SRRHCPAARC– March 23, 2026
- Water Commission – March 24, 2026

Councillor Carrier

- Recreation – March 3, 2026
- SR Regional Committee – March 5, 2026

Councillor Fournier

- Recreation Committee – March 10, 2026

Councillor Skrepnek

- No Report

Res. 26-133

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

CARRIED

Director of Public Works Report**Res. 26-134**

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

CARRIED

Director of Community Services Report**Res. 26-135**

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

CARRIED

Extend Meeting**Res. 26-136**

Moved by Councillor Brown at 10:01 pm to extend the meeting.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List**Res. 26-137**

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

CARRIED

Peace Officers' Report**Res. 26-138**

Moved by Councillor Carrier to request that contracted Community Peace Officers attend the next Regular Meeting of Council to discuss the Town of Falher's service priorities.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL**In Closed Session****Res. 26-139**

Moved by Councillor Carrier at 10:11 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 10:11 p.m.

Out of Closed Session**Res. 26-140**

Moved by Councillor Carrier that Council come out of the closed session at 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Res. 26-141 Moved by Councillor Fournier to have a letter sent from Council to the resident discussed, outlining expectations for conduct in the Town of Falher Administrative Office.

CARRIED

Res. 26-142 Moved by Councillor Carrier to include messaging in the next utility bill, reminding patrons of the Town of Falher Administrative Office about appropriate conduct.

CARRIED

Budget Meeting

Res. 26-143 Moved by Councillor Carrier to reschedule the Special Meeting of Council from April 28, 2026, to April 29, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Falher Council Chambers.

CARRIED

Res. 26-144 Moved by Councillor Brown to authorize the attendance of Councillor Fournier to the Smoky River Regional Health Care Professionals Attraction & Recruitment Committee on May 4th, 2026.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

Special Meeting – April 29, 2026

Regular Meeting – May 6, 2026

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator