

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY May 6, 2026

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT:	Mayor	Donna Buchinski
	Councillors	Lindsay Brown Trevor Carrier
PRESENT VIA TELE- CONFERENCE		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. 26-148** Moved by Councillor Carrier that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS**

**High Prairie Community Peace Officers – Brady Snow – Senior Peace Officer and Edwin Flores – Peace Officer 7:00 p.m.- 7:10p.m.**

- Discussion with Council regarding Peace Officer service priorities for the Town of Falher.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**Res. 26-149**

**Minutes of April 8th, 2026, Regular Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Fournier that the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 8th, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**Res. 26-150**

**Minutes of April 29th, 2026, Budget Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the minutes of the budget meeting held on April 29th, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**Business Arising**

**Res. 26-151**

**Capital Project – Trunk Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement**

Moved by Councillor Carrier that the tender contract for the Town of Falher Sanitary Sewer Trunk Main Replacement & Water System Improvements - 2026 be awarded to H.A. E. Enterprises Ltd. for a total of \$ 1,036,154.59 with a total estimated project cost (engineering and contingencies included) of \$1,209,000.00.

CARRIED

**In Closed Session**

- Res. 26-152** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek at 7:25 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per:
- Access to Information Act, SA 2024, c A-1.4, s 26
- CARRIED

**Out of Closed Session**

- Res. 26-153** Moved by Councillor Carrier that Council come out of the closed session at 7:49 p.m.
- CARRIED

**IDP & ICF Renewal**

- Res. 26-154** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to accept item as information.
- CARRIED

**FINANCIAL**

**Bank Reconciliation & Cheque Register Summary**

- Res. 26-155** Moved by Councillor Fournier that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending April 30, 2026, together with the cheque register summary dated April 08 and 23, 2026, be approved as circulated.
- CARRIED

**Income Statement**

- Res. 26-156** Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Income Statement for the period ending April 30, 2026, be accepted as information.
- CARRIED

**Airport Financials**

- Res. 26-157** Moved by Councillor Brown that the Airport Financials Report for the period ending February 28, 2026 and March 31, 2026 be accepted as information.
- CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 7:53 p.m. and reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

**Physician House**

- Res. 26-158** Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information.
- CARRIED

**BYLAWS & POLICIES**

**Draft Bylaw 26-01 Snow & Ice Removal**

- Res. 26-159** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to accept item as information.
- CARRIED

**Bylaw No. 26-03 Rate of Taxation**

- Res. 26-160** Moved by Councillor Brown to have first reading of Bylaw No. 26-03.
- CARRIED

- Res. 26-161** Moved by Councillor Fournier that Bylaw No. 26-03 be given a second reading.
- CARRIED

- Res. 26-162** Moved by Councillor Carrier that Bylaw No. 26-03 be presented for a third reading.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Res. 26-163** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that Bylaw No. 26-03 be given a third and final reading.
- CARRIED

**Draft Bylaw No. 26-04 Draft Borrowing**

**Res. 26-164** Moved by Councillor Brown to have first reading of Bylaw No. 26-04.  
CARRIED

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Board Appointments**

**Res. 26-165** **a) Economic Development Member at Large Application**  
Moved by Councillor Fournier to appoint Paige Rey to Smoky River Regional Economic Development Board for a term of 2 years (May 6, 2026- May 6, 2028) with the option for an additional year based on mutual intent of the Town of Falher and Paige Rey.  
CARRIED

**Res. 26-166** **b) Falher Regional Intermunicipal Library Board**  
Moved by Councillor Carrier to extend Luc Levesque's current appointment to the Falher Regional Intermunicipal Library Board with an additional 3-year term expiring June 10, 2029.  
CARRIED

**Res. 26-167** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to extend Alyssa Pollard's current appointment to the Falher Regional Intermunicipal Library Board with an additional 3-year term expiring June 10, 2029.  
CARRIED

**Res. 26-168** Moved by Councillor Fournier to extend Nonthanee (Mai) Noosri-Bérubé's current appointment to the Falher Regional Intermunicipal Library Board with an additional 3-year term expiring June 10, 2029.  
CARRIED

**Res. 26-169** **Honeyfest 2026**  
Moved by Councillor Fournier to approve the HoneyFest Committee's request for the 2026 festival as outlined in the attached agreement.  
CARRIED

**Res. 26-170** **Letter of Support – Club Alouette**  
Moved by Councillor Fournier to approve providing a letter of support for Club Alouette's Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant application.  
CARRIED

**Res. 26-171** **Routhier Facility Enhancement Society (RFES) Request**  
Moved by Councillor Carrier to approve the donation of one (1) family swim pass and one (1) fieldhouse pass, valid for either 2026 or 2027, depending on the timing of RFES raffle.  
CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Res. 26-172** **Alberta Bilingual Municipal Association (ABMA) Strategic Planning**  
Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to authorize Councillor Fournier to attend the ABMA Strategic Planning Session this summer.  
CARRIED

**Res. 26-173** **Disposition of Records**  
Moved by Councillor Carrier to approve the disposal of Municipal Records as presented.  
CARRIED

**Request for Additional Access**

**Res. 26-174**

Moved by Councillor Carrier to deny the request for additional property access due to drainage concerns and potential negative impacts on stormwater management.

CARRIED

**Safety Concern – Waste Collection****Res. 26-175**

Moved by Councillor Fournier to direct Administration to send formal correspondence to the Waste Commission expressing opposition to the ongoing safety and conduct concerns associated with the current waste collection services; and to authorize the Town of Falher's representatives on the Waste Commission to request a special meeting of the Waste Commission in order to bring forward concerns regarding safety, traffic violations, and conduct of the current waste collection contractor for formal review and discussion by the full membership of the board.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE****General Correspondence****Res. 26-176**

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

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**Mayor Buchinski

- Water Commission– March 24, 2026
- ABMunis MLC Spring– March 26/27, 2026
- Economic Development – April 1, 2026
- MMSA Executive – April 8, 2026
- MMSA Regular – April 9, 2026
- Heart River Housing – April 9, 2026
- ABMunis Bill 28 Draft Analysis- April 14, 2026

Councillor Brown

- Falher Library Board– April 7, 2026
- PLS Executive – April 18, 2026

Councillor Carrier

- No Report

Councillor Fournier

- ABMunis – March 25-27, 2026

Councillor Skrepnek

- Mighty Peace Tourism – March 30, 2026

**Res. 26-177**

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

CARRIED

**Director of Public Works Report****Res. 26-178**

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

CARRIED

**Director of Community Services Report****Res. 26-179**

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

CARRIED

**Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List**

**Res. 26-180**

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

CARRIED

**Peace Officers' Report**

**Res. 26-181**

Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that the Peace Officer's report be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**In Closed Session**

**Res. 26-182**

Moved by Councillor Brown at 9:07 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 9:07 p.m.

**Out of Closed Session**

**Res. 26-183**

Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that Council come out of the closed session at 9:32 p.m.

CARRIED

**Next Meeting**

Regular Meeting – June 10, 2026

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

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Mayor

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Municipal Administrator