

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 22, 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 Oscar Rogers Florita Perez

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 26-214 Moved by Councillor Carrier that the agenda be approved as amended.
Add: Item 8e Reappointment of Councillor Carrier.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 26-215 **Minutes of June 10th, 2026, Regular Meeting**
Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 10th, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Res. 26-216 **In Closed Session**
Moved by Councillor Brown at 7:06 p.m. that the council go into a closed session discussion as per:

- Access to Information Act, SA 2024, c A-1.4, s 29(1)(c)

CARRIED

Res. 26-217 **Out of Closed Session**
Moved by Councillor Carrier that Council come out of the closed session at 7:34 p.m.

CARRIED

Res. 26-218 **Bylaw Enforcement Services**
Moved by Councillor Carrier to direct administration to send a letter to the partnering municipalities stating the Town of Falher's intent to terminate the Community Peace Officer Contract Services Agreement.

CARRIED

Open House – Public Engagement

Res. 26-219 Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Town of Falher hold an open house on October 21, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Falher Regional Recreation Complex, for public engagement regarding the following items:

- Snow Removal Bylaw
- Taxation and Assessment
- Policing

CARRIED

FINANCIAL

Bank Reconciliation & Cheque Register Summary

Res. 26-220 Moved by Councillor Brown that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending June 30, 2026, together with the cheque register summary dated June 05 and 23, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Income Statement

Res. 26-221 Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Income Statement for the period ending June 30, 2026, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Airport Financials

Res. 26-222 Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that the Airport Financials Report for the period ending June 30, 2026 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

James Bell left the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and rejoined at 8:01 p.m.

Physician House

Res. 26-223 Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Airport Financials Report for the period ending June 30, 2026 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Auditor Services

Res. 26-224 Moved by Councillor Fournier to approve the 2026-2028 Audit Services Contract with JDP Wasserman LLP Chartered Professional Accountants and hereby appoints JDP Wasserman LLP Chartered Professional Accountants as auditors for the Town of Falher for 2026-2028 pursuant to Section 280 of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Bylaw No. 26-05 (Fees and Charges)

Res. 26-225 Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw No. 26-05 be given a first reading.

CARRIED

Res. 26-226 Moved by Councillor Carrier that Bylaw No. 26-05 be given a second reading.

CARRIED

Res. 26-227 Moved by Councillor Fournier that Bylaw No. 26-05 be presented for a third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Res. 26-228 Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that Bylaw No. 26-05 be given a third and final reading.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Res. 26-229

Honey Fest Camping
Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 26-230

Staff & Council BBQ
Moved by Councillor Carrier to host a Staff and Council BBQ event on August 26, 2026, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Campground Shelter.

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:32 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Res. 26-231

Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association – Alberta Community Partnership
Moved by Councillor Brown to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 26-232

HoneyFest 2026 Review
Moved by Councillor Carrier to defer this item to the next Organizational Meeting.

CARRIED

Res. 26-233

Public Engagement & Communication
Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 26-234

Regional Infrastructure Strategy
Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 26-235

Reappointment of Councillor Carrier
Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Res. 26-236

Banner Request
Moved by Councillor Fournier to direct administration to proceed with discussed measures in support of the Legion's Veteran Banner program (as referenced in Resolution 23-208)

CARRIED

Oscar Rogers left the meeting at 9:07 p.m. and rejoined at 9:10 p.m.

Res. 26-237

Peace Regional Energy Alliance
Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 26-238

Radio Nord Ouest
Moved by Councillor Carrier to direct administration to send a letter of congratulations to Radio Nord-Ouest FM/CKRP on their remarkable milestone of 30 years of francophone radio service in our community.

CARRIED

Res. 26-239

Proclamation Request – Rail Safety Week 2026
Moved by Councillor Fournier to approve the CN proclamation request for “Rail Safety Week “which will take place across Canada

from September 21 to 27, 2026, aiming to raise public awareness about the dangers of crossing and trespassing on railway property.

CARRIED

Res. 26-240

Resident Correspondence – Roadway Condition

Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to direct administration to respond to the homeowner’s email concerning the roadway condition, stating that the email has been received, and assuring them that it was presented to Council at the July 22, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED

Res. 26-241

General Correspondence

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

- Mayor Buchinski
- Emergency Management– May 28, 2026
 - Economic Development– June 3, 2026
 - MMSA – June 8, 2026
 - Honey Festival Events – June 12, 2026
 - Honey Festival Events – June 13, 2026
 - Heart River Housing – June 18, 2026
- Councillor Brown
- FCSS Board– May 27, 2026
 - Falher Library – June 16, 2026
 - PLS executive Meeting– June 20, 2026
 - FCSS Board – June 24, 2026
- Councillor Carrier
- No Report
- Councillor Fournier
- Emergency Management – May 28, 2026
 - Ball Diamond Grand Opening – June 12, 2026
 - Honey Festival Parade – June 13, 2026
 - ABMA – June 25, 2026
- Councillor Skrepnek
- No Report

Res. 26-242

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

CARRIED

Res. 26-243

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. 26-244

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

Director of Public Works

Presented a verbal report and discussed his professional background and previous employment experience.

CONFIDENTIAL

Res. 26-245

In Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Fournier at 9:51 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

Oscar Rogers and Florita Perez left the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Res. 26-246

Out of Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Carrier that Council come out of the closed session at 10:14 p.m.

CARRIED

Res. 26-247

Extend Meeting

Moved by Councillor Brown at 10:15 p.m. to extend the meeting.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting - September 2, 2026

Organizational and Regular Meeting – October 7, 2026

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:19 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator