

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 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

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 26-248 Moved by Councillor Brown that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 26-249 **Minutes of July 22nd, 2026, Regular Meeting**
Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 22nd, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Res. 26-250 **Bylaw Enforcement Services**
Moved by Councillor Fournier to proceed with an Ad Hoc / On Call Service Agreement for Bylaw Enforcement with Integrated Municipal Support/APEX effective January 1, 2027.

CARRIED

Res. 26-251 Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Town of Falher terminate its participation in regional Bylaw Enforcement Services with the Town of High Prairie effective October 31, 2026.

CARRIED

Res. 26-252 **Safety Concern – Waste Collection**
Moved by Councillor Brown to accept as information.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL

- Res. 26-253

Bank Reconciliation & Cheque Register Summary

Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending July 31, 2026, together with the cheque register summary dated July 3, July 22, and July 29, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED
- Res. 26-254

Income Statement

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

CARRIED
- Res. 26-255

Airport Financials

Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Airport Financials Reports for the periods ending July 31, and August 31, 2026, be accepted as information.

CARRIED
- Res. 26-256

Physician House

Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that the Airport Financials Reports for the periods ending July 31, and August 31, 2026, be accepted as information.

CARRIED
- Res. 26-257

Residential Sewer Repairs

Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to proceed with residential sewer repairs on Central Avenue in 2026 as discussed.

CARRIED

BYLAWS & POLICIES

- Res. 26-258

DRAFT Bylaw 26-01 Snow & Ice Removal

Moved by Councillor Fournier to present the draft Bylaw 26-01 Snow & Ice Removal and the current Snow Removal and Disposal Policy 614 at the Town of Falher's Open House in October 2026.

CARRIED
- Res. 26-259

Resident Complaint - Water Shut Off Procedures

Moved by Councillor Carrier to send a letter in response to resident concerns regarding the Town of Falher's Water Shut Off Procedures.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Res. 26-260

Campground

Moved by Councillor Carrier to bring this item to a budget meeting with further information related to Option 2, and replacement options for the Mobile Home, along with comparison information for other municipal Campgrounds.

CARRIED

Res. 26-261

Pirates Request

Moved by Councillor Carrier to approve the Falher Pirates request for installation of camera equipment at the FRRC with associated costs borne by the Falher Pirates.

CARRIED

Res. 26-262

Welcome Sign

Moved by Councillor Carrier to proceed with the Welcome Sign Design as discussed.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Res. 26-263

Alberta Municipalities Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Alberta Community Partnership Grant

ACP Support - MD Smoky River

Councillor Fournier declared a Conflict of Interest pursuant to Section 172.1(1) of the Municipal Government Act due to professional involvement with the preparation of the request and its ongoing management as part of her employment, and declared that she would not be voting on the matter.

Res. 26-264

Moved by Councillor Carrier to support the M.D. of Smoky River's ACP application for a Financial Sustainability Initiative.

CARRIED

Res. 26-265

Municipal Internship Program

Moved by Councillor Fournier that the Town of Falher proceed with an application for Alberta Community Partnership Grant Municipal Internship Program.

CARRIED

Res. 26-266

ATCO 2027 Franchise Fees

Moved by Councillor Carrier to not increase current franchise fee rates for ATCO Electric.

CARRIED

Res. 26-267

Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to not increase current franchise fee rates for ATCO Gas for 2027.

CARRIED

Council unanimously agreed to adjust the agenda in order to address Public Works items in order to accommodate staff scheduling.

Res. 26-268

Director of Public Works

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

CARRIED

Oscar Rogers left the Meeting - 9:31pm

Meeting recessed at 9:32 p.m. and reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

Res. 26-269

General Scheduling and Attendance Discussion

Moved by Councillor Carrier to authorize Councillor Brown's attendance in the place of Mayor Buchinski for the next Smoky River Regional Meeting, as applicable.

CARRIED

Res. 26-270

Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept as information.

CARRIED

Res. 26-271

Peace Regional Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Appointments

Moved by Councillor Carrier that Council appoint the following individuals as temporary Members of the Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for the sole purpose of hearing Appeal Files No. 26PRSDAB001-A to 26PRSDAB001-E, effective August 11, 2026, with the appointments terminating upon the Board issuing its written decision in those appeals:

Member	Municipality (representing)
John Croken	MD 136
Lynne Coulter	Town of Fairview

CARRIED

Res. 26-272

Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that Council approve the appointment of the following individual as a Member of the Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for a three-year term, effective August 11, 2026:

Member	Municipality (representing)
Mercedes Doiron	Town of Fairview

CARRIED

Res. 26-273

Moved by Councillor Carrier at 9:55 p.m. to extend the meeting.

CARRIED

Res. 26-274

Q1 202627 Community Policing Report – McLennan

Moved by Councillor Fournier to accept item as information.

CARRIED

Res. 26-275

Vacant Land Use Request
Moved by Councillor Fournier to approve the request by Conseil Scolaire Nord Ouest for use of vacant land on Main Street pending an approved agreement with the Town of Falher.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Res. 26-276

General Correspondence
Moved by Councillor Brown that the listed correspondence be accepted as information.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mayor Buchinski
 - PREDA AGM – June 26, 2026
 - Sport Courts Committee – June 29, 2026
 - Mid Sized Towns Mayors Caucus – July 9, 2026
 - ABMUNIS/ Finance & Economy Committee – July 10, 2026
 - Bylaw ESA Presentation to High Prairie Council – July 14, 2026
 - PREDA Board of Directors Orientation– July 30, 2026
- Councillor Brown
 - Sport Courts Committee – June 29, 2026
 - Water Commission – August 18, 2026
 - Water Commission – August 24, 2026
- Councillor Fournier
 - Sport Courts Committee – June 29, 2026
 - ABMA Strategic Planning – August 17, 2026
 - Waste Commission – August 18, 2026
- Councillor Skrepnek
 - Mighty Peace Tourism AGM & Regular Meeting – June 29, 2026
 - Sport Courts Committee – June 29, 2026
- Councillor Carrier
 - No report

Res. 26-277

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

CARRIED

Res. 26-278

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. 26-279

Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List
Moved by Councillor Brown that the Chief Administrative Officer’s report and action list be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

Organizational and Regular Meeting – October 7, 2026
Regular Meeting – November 10, 2026

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator