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

**TOWN OF FALHER**

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2026

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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| PRESENT: | Mayor | Donna Buchinski |
| | Councillors | Lindsay Brown<br>Trevor Carrier<br>Kelsie Fournier<br>Lynn Skrepnek |
| | Administration | James Bell<br>Sherry Limoges<br>Oscar Rogers |

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Buchinski called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Res. 26-298** Moved by Councillor Carrier that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**DELEGATION**

Presentation from MPE Engineering regarding the Regional Infrastructure Strategy (RIS). The RIS is and presentation are the final deliverable in the project which was funded through successful application through the Alberta Community Partnerships grant.

Presentation from:

- Trevor Siemens
- Ivan Kagoro

Start 8:01 p.m. – End 8:39 p.m.

- Council discussion on Report results and future capital planning
- Administration will be synthesizing the information provided
- Brief overview on capital granting opportunities and payment of debenture for 2026 project.

**Director of Public Works Report**

**Res. 26-299** Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Director of Public Works report and action list be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Oscar Rogers left the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Café Nord-Ouest**

**Res. 26-300** Moved by Councillor Carrier that Council supports the proposed Intergenerational Francophone Art Project and directs Administration to work with CAFÉ Nord-Ouest on a suitable location, design, and project details. The Town would consider providing materials up to a predetermined amount, provided they align with the Town's planned Bee park project. All artwork and installation plans would require approval from Town staff prior to proceeding.

CARRIED

**Club Alouette – Letter of Support**

**Res. 26-301** Moved by Councillor Fournier to provide a letter of support for Club Alouette's CIP Facility Grant application for the proposed siding repairs.

CARRIED

**FABULAS**

**Res. 26-302** Moved by Councillor Brown to approve FABULAS' request to provide horse-drawn carriage rides during Moonlight Madness on Friday, November 27, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

**Falher Pirates NPHL Season Withdrawal**

***Pirates Information***

**Res. 26-303** Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept item as information.

CARRIED

***Curling Club Request***

**Res. 26-304** Moved by Councillor Carrier to approve the Curling Club's request for temporary relief in the form of a 50% reduction of the rates outlined in the current FRRC Bar Rental Agreement during the 2026-2027 season.

CARRIED

**Gym Agreement**

**Res. 26-305** Moved by Councillor Brown to approve the three-year agreement with the Falher Recreation Development Society (FRDS), as amended including the starting rate in 2027 reflecting an increase of 2.5% from 2026 rates, rather than CPI.

CARRIED

**Smoky River Community Hall – Letter of Support**

**Res. 26-306** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to provide a letter of support for the Smoky River Community Hall's MD Recreation Grant application.

CARRIED

**Smoky River Minor Hockey (SRMH) Request**

**Res. 26-307** Moved by Councillor Fournier to approve the request of Smoky River Minor Hockey to install decals in the Falher Regional Recreation Complex, with final design, size, location, and installation details to be reviewed and approved by Administration in consultation with Smoky River Minor Hockey.

CARRIED

**2026 Christmas Party**

**Res. 26-308** Moved by Councillor Brown to have staff consult internally for direction on a 2026 Holiday Party within the budget limits discussed.

CARRIED

**Director of Community Services Report**

**Res. 26-309** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek that the Director of Community Services report and action list be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Sherry Limoges left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of September 2nd, 2026, Regular Meeting**

**Res. 26-310** Moved by Councillor Carrier that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on September 2nd, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**Minutes of September 16th, 2026, Regular Meeting**

**Res. 26-311** Moved by Councillor Brown that the minutes of the Special meeting held on September 16th, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**ACP Application Support**

**Res. 26-312** Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept as information.

CARRIED

**Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework - Update**

**In Closed Session**

**Res. 26-313** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek at 9:27 p.m. that council go into closed session discussions as per:

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

CARRIED

**Out of Closed Session**

**Res. 26-314** Moved by Councillor Fournier that council come out of closed session at 9:44 p.m.

CARRIED

**Res. 26-315** Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept as information.

CARRIED

**Regional Infrastructure Strategy**

**Res. 26-316** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to accept as information.

CARRIED

**FINANCIALS**

**Res. 26-317** Moved by Councillor Fournier to defer items:

a) Bank Reconciliation & Cheque Register
b) Income Statement
c) Physician House

to the next Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

**COPTER Application**

**Res. 26-318** Moved by Councillor Fournier to approve Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTER) application for Busy Bee Day Care operations located within the outbuilding of Plan: 5291RS Block: 1 Lot: 2, effective from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2029.

CARRIED

**Smoky River Regional Economic Development - 2027 Budget**

**Res. 26-319** Moved by Councillor Carrier to defer a decision on the Smoky River Regional Economic Development 2027 Budget until after a delegation presentation to Town of Falher Council, currently scheduled for November 10th, 2026.

CARRIED

**Extend Meeting**

**Res. 26-320** Moved by Councillor Fournier at 10:02 p.m. to extend the meeting.

CARRIED

**BYLAWS & POLICIES**

**Land Use Bylaw Amendment Application – Bylaw 26-06**

Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to hold first reading of Bylaw 26-06.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Cemetery**

**Res. 26-321** Moved by Councillor Skrepnek to accept as information.

CARRIED

**Res. 26-322** **Smoky River Regional Committee – Agenda Package Review**

Moved by Councillor Carrier to accept as information.

CARRIED

**Heart River Housing – Municipal Support / Capital Plan**

**Res. 26-323** Moved by Councillor Fournier to sign the Heart River Housing Letter of Understanding as presented.

CARRIED

**Authorization of Remuneration**

**Res. 26-324** Moved by Councillor Carrier to authorize remuneration for Councillor Brown's attendance to training held on October 6th, 2026 by Public Library Services Branch (PLSB).

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**General Correspondence**

**Res. 26-325** Moved by Councillor Brown that the listed correspondence be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Buchinski

- Water Commission – August 24, 2026
- MMSA Executive Meeting – August 31, 2026
- Economic Development – Sept. 1, 2026
- PREDA Regular Meeting– Sept. 4, 2026
- MMSA Board Meeting – Sept. 10, 2026
- Heart River Housing– Sept. 17, 2026

Councillor Brown

- SRRHCP – Sept. 10, 2026
- Falher Library – Sept. 15, 2026
- PLS Board – Sept. 19, 2026

Councillor Fournier

- ABMA – Strategic Planning – August 27, 2026
- ABMA Strategic Planning – Sept. 8, 2026

Councillor Skrepnek

- Mighty Peace Tourism Regular Meeting – Aug. 31, 2026

Councillor Carrier

- ABMUNIS – Sept. 22-25, 2026

**Res. 26-326** Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Committee reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List**

**Res. 26-327** Moved by Councillor Carrier that the Chief Administrative Officer's report and action list be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**In Closed Session**

**Res. 26-328** Moved by Councillor Carrier at 10:41 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

**Out of Closed Session**

**Res. 26-329** Moved by Councillor Fournier that Council come out of the closed session at 10:52 p.m.

CARRIED

**Next Meeting**

Special Meeting – October 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting – November 10, 2026
Regular Meeting – December 9, 2026

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

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Mayor

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Municipal Administrator