

Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by the Town of Blackfalds Council. Residents, businesses, and stakeholders are encouraged to keep in touch with Council news. Council Meetings are live-streamed on the Town's [YouTube channel](#). Official Minutes are posted on the Town of Blackfalds website at [www.blackfalds.ca](http://www.blackfalds.ca). Minutes from meetings before 2020 are available upon request.

## Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – December 9, 2025

### WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of December 9, 2025 and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

Council adopted the Regular Agenda for December 9, 2025, as amended to reflect the exemption of Consent Agenda 3.2 Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report – November 2025 and was added under Business as item 6.9.

Council adopted the Consent Agenda for December 9, 2025, as amended, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
  - Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 25, 2025
- **Council Reports**  
None
- **Administrative Reports**
  - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report – November 2025
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
  - Lacombe Foundation Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2025
- **Information**
  - Lacombe County Council Highlights – November 27, 2025
- **Correspondence**
  - Letter from Canada Post Re: Mail Service Concerns - December 2, 2025

### DELEGATION

#### Years of Service Awards Recognition

Mayor Svab recognized Town Employees receiving Years of Service Awards from the Town of Blackfalds.

#### 5 Years

- Mandi Gerhardt, recognized for 5 years of service with the Town – Marketing & Communications.
- Erin Lawrence, recognized for 5 years of service with the Town – Human Resources.
- Jodie Pearson, recognized for 5 years of service with the Town – Public Works.
- Taylor Mulder, recognized for 5 years of service with the Town – Fire Department.

#### **Future Meetings:**

**Standing Committee of Council Meeting – December 15, 2025**

**Regular Council Meeting – January 13, 2026**

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**10 Years**

- Maralee Bisio, recognized for 10 years of service with the Town – Financial Services.
- Marco Jadie, recognized for 10 years of service with the Town – Information Technology.
- Jesse Moerike, recognized for 10 years of service with the Town – Public Works.
- Jeff Dahms, recognized for 10 years of service with the Town – Fire Department.
- Brandon Hauck, recognized for 10 years of service with the Town – Fire Department.
- Kurtis Kenway, recognized for 10 years of service with the Town – Fire Department.
- Maria Chapeton, recognized for 10 years of service with the Town – Abbey Centre.
- Jennifer Leonhardt, recognized for 10 years of service with the Town – Abbey Centre.

**15 Years**

- Joe Croken, recognized for 15 years of service with the Town – Municipal Enforcement.
- Robert Cote, recognized for 15 years of service with the Town – Fire Department.

**25 Years**

- Rick Yelland-Kewin, recognized for 25 years of service with the Town – Public Works.
- Mike Elder, recognized for 25 years of service with the Town – Fire Department.

**30 Years**

- Brad Brown, recognized for 30 years of service with the Town – Fire Department.

**Blackfalds RCMP Semi-Annual Report**

S/Sgt. Andrew Allan presented a semi-annual overview of Blackfalds RCMP activities.

**Blackfalds Franchise Renewal**

Kyla Belich, representing ATCO, gave a presentation on the ATCO Franchise Renewal and the steps involved.

**BUSINESS****Request for Decision, 2026 Interim Operating Budget**

Director de Bresser presented for Council's consideration the Interim Operating Budget for 2026 and 3-Year Financial Plan and indicated that the finalized Operating Budget will come to Council for approval in Spring 2026. Council adopted the 2026 Interim Operating Budget and accepted the 3-Year Financial Plan.

**Request for Decision, Community Initiatives Grant – Seniors' Club**

Manager Heindel brought forward the Recreation, Culture & Parks Board recommendation regarding the Senior Club's Community Initiative Grant Application. Council resolved to grant funding to the Seniors' Club from the Community Initiatives Grant in the amount of up to \$1,800.

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**Request for Decision, Community Initiatives Grant – IRSC Leadership Group**

Manager Heindel brought forward the Recreation, Culture & Parks Board recommendation regarding the IRSC Leadership Group's Community Initiative Grant Application. Council granted funding to the IRSC Leadership Group from the Community Initiatives Grant in the amount of \$700.

**Request for Decision, Bylaw 1347.25 - Schedule "B" 2026 Water and Wastewater Rates**

Director Weran presented Bylaw 1347.25, being a bylaw to amend Schedule "B" of Bylaw 1250.20 and to set the 2026 Water and Wastewater rates. Council referred Bylaw 1347.25 – Schedule "B" 2026 Water and Wastewater Rates back to Administration for more information.

**Request for Decision, Blackfalds Xing Sanitary Trunk (NE-22-39-27-W4) Final Project Report**

Director Weran brought forward the final project report for the Blackfalds Xing Sanitary Trunk. Council approved the budget increase of \$41,454 for the Blackfalds Crossing Sanitary Trunk Project for a total budget of \$2,794,965.00 and instructed Administration to update the County cost sharing agreement total to \$2,794,965.00.

**Request for Decision, Electoral Boundary Review**

CAO Isaak brought forward the Electoral Boundary Review for Council's review and direction. Council directed Administration to work with Mayor Svab to attend the Electoral Boundary Review virtual town hall in January 2026 and to submit the concerns outlined in the report along with the additional concerns that Council had to the Electoral Boundaries Commission by the submission deadline of December 19, 2025.

**Request for Decision, 2026 Member at Large Appointments**

CAO Isaak on behalf of the Member at Large Review Panel, brought forward the Panel's recommendations regarding Member at Large Appointments to various Council Committees. Council approved the 2026 Member at Large Schedule of appointments to the various Council Boards, Committees, and Commissions with terms of appointment and expiry as outlined in the schedule and further appointed Vincent Wolfe, Starr Sinclair and Marina Appel to the Library Board.

**Request for Decision, Canada Post Community Mailboxes**

CAO Isaak brought forward a request from Canada Post for Council to provide clarification regarding the concerns expressed in the letter sent on October 22, 2025. Council resolved to request that Canada Post, with approval from the P&D Department, install community mailboxes in the following locations Parkwood Rd, Cottonwood Rd, Blackfalds Crossing, Duncan Ave, South St, Leung Rd, parts of Womacks Rd, Broadway Ave, remaining areas without community mailboxes on the west side of Blackfalds including the Broadway Village Mobile Home Park, Blackfalds Mobile Home Park and install community mailboxes to service all businesses within the Town of Blackfalds including those located in the Blackfalds Industrial Park.

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**Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report – November 2025**

The Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report - November 2025 was exempt from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Council accepted the Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report - November 2025, as information.

**NOTICES OF MOTION****Town of Blackfalds Playgrounds – Mayor Svab**

Mayor Svab provided a Notice of Motion regarding Town of Blackfalds Playgrounds to be considered by Council at the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

“That Council direct Administration to bring forward a report on the age restrictions on all Town of Blackfalds playgrounds, along with any information regarding safety and liability and if there are any companies that sell playground equipment for 0-5 years of age.”

**Eagle Builders Centre Parking – Councillor Brown**

Councillor Brown provided a Notice of Motion regarding Eagle Builders Centre Parking to be considered by Council at the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

“That Council direct Administration to bring forward a report with the parking options presented to Council and the details and the history on why the proposed project was not put forward by Council previously.”

**RECESS**

Mayor Svab called for a five-minute recess at 8:47 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 8:55 p.m.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

- **Seniors Development – ATIA Section 19 - Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party**

Council moved into a closed session commencing at 8:55 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Section 19 of the *Access to Information Act* and reverted to an open meeting at 9:27 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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