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An inaugural Organizational Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Laura Svab
Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis
Councillor Jim Sands
Councillor Shane Hanson
Councillor Ryan Brown
Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte
Councillor Cory Twerdoclib

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure & Planning Services
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Renan Bravo, IT Tech
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor

REGRETS

None

MEDIA

None

OTHERS PRESENT

None

WELCOME

CAO Isaak welcomed everyone to the inaugural Organizational Council Meeting of October 30, 2025.

TREATY SIX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Land Acknowledgement was read to recognize that the Town of Blackfalds is on Treaty 6 territory.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCIL

CAO Isaak introduced Blackfalds' newly elected Council for the 2025-2029 term.

Mayor Laura Svab
Councillor (Deputy Mayor) Brenda Dennis
Councillor Jim Sands
Councillor Shane Hanson
Councillor Ryan Brown
Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte
Councillor Cory Twerdoclib

OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

Suzanne Alexander-Smith performed a reaffirmation of Council's Oaths of Office, which were taken on October 27, 2025.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Organizational Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

279/25 Councillor Hanson moved That Council adopt the Organizational Meeting Agenda for October 30, 2025, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS

Request for Decision, 2025 – 2026 Regular Council Meeting and Standing Committee of Council Meeting Schedule

Advisor Nealon presented the proposed 2025 – 2026 Regular Council Meeting and Standing Committee of Council Meeting Schedule for Council's consideration.

280/25 Councillor Sands moved That Council approve the 2025 - 2026 Town of Blackfalds Regular Council Meeting Schedule, in which meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month commencing at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Civic Cultural Centre (municipal office) and That the meeting of December 23rd and August 11th be cancelled to allow for a Christmas Break and a Summer Break and direct Administration to bring forward the Council Procedural Bylaw for amendment to reflect the change in commencement time.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Hoyte

281/25 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council set the 2026 Organizational Meeting of Council for October 27, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

282/25 Councillor Brown moved That Council approve the 2025 - 2026 Standing Committee of Council Meeting Schedule, in which meetings are to be held on the third Monday of each month commencing at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Civic Cultural Centre (municipal office) and That the meetings held in February and May be moved to the third Tuesday due to the third Monday falling on statutory holidays (Family Day and Victoria Day).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Appointment of Deputy Mayor Rotation

Advisor Nealon requested Council set the Deputy Mayor rotation schedule for the Council term 2025-2029.

283/25 Councillor Hanson moved That Council move to set the Deputy Mayor rotation terms commencing with the longest serving Council members and then in order of highest received votes commencing in eight (8) month terms, with the order of appointments as follows:

- Councillor Brenda Dennis, November 2025 – June 2026
- Councillor Jim Sands, July 2026 – February 2027
- Councillor Shane Hanson, March 2027 – October 2027
- Councillor Ryan Brown, November 2027 – June 2028
- Councillor Aaron Hoyte, July 2028 – February 2029
- Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, March 2029 – October 2029

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alberta Municipalities Conference Attendance

CAO Isaak brought forward for discussion, Council's participation in the Alberta Municipalities Conference.

284/25 Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council authorize attendance and associated expenses for all members of Council and the Chief Administrative Officer to attend the Alberta Municipalities Conference from 2025 to 2029.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Federation of Canadian Municipalities Attendance

CAO Isaak brought forward for discussion, Council's participation in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference.

- 285/25** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council authorize attendance for all members of Council and the CAO, to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference, June 4 - June 7, 2026, Edmonton, AB.

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*Opposed: Councillor Hanson
Councillor Brown*

Request for Decision, Council Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions

CAO Isaak brought forward a request for Council to appoint Council members to Town and external Boards, Committees and Commissions.

- 286/25** Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council approve the 2025-2026 Council Appointments to Committees, as amended, by adding:

- Councillor Hoyte - Alt Policing Committee
- Councillor Hanson - Alt Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee
- Councillor Twerdoclib - Alt Recreational Culture and Parks Board
- Councillor Sands - Alt FCSS

effective immediately, with terms expiring as outlined.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Mayor Dennis nominated Councillor Sands as Chair of the Municipal Planning Commission.

Councillor Hanson and Councillor Hoyte nominated Councillor Brown as Vice Chair of the Municipal Planning Commission.

- 287/25** Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Councillor Sands be appointed as Chair, and Councillor Brown be appointed as Vice Chair to the Municipal Planning Commission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Report for Council, Council Remuneration and Compensation Policy Review

CAO Isaak presented an overview report of the Council Remuneration and Compensation Policy.

- 288/25** Councillor Sands moved That Council receive the Council Policy - Remuneration and Compensation Review report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Svab adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Laura Svab, Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer