

A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on January 27, 2026, 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 Twerdochlib

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure & Planning Services
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Aws Al-Sammaraie, Engineering Services Manager
Jeff Heindel, Parks & Facilities Manager
Shaun Knowles, Parks Foreman
Renan Bravo, Information Technology Technician
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor

REGRETS

None

MEDIA

None

OTHERS PRESENT

None

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of January 27, 2026, and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

015/26 Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for January 27, 2026, as amended, to amend the order and add the following items:

1. Business item 6.8 was moved to 6.3, and item 6.3 was moved to 6.8.
2. Exemption of Consent Agenda 3.2d) Report for Council, 2026 Blackfalds Community Events – January to December, added under Business as 6.11.
3. Exemption of Consent Agenda 3.2f) Lacombe County Council Highlights – January 8, 2026, added under Business as 6.12.
4. Exemption of Consent Agenda 3.2g) Email from Friends of the Blindman River - Our Waters Event, February 25, 2026, added under Business as 6.13.
5. Exemption of Consent Agenda 3.2c) all Council Reports, added under Business as 6.14.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

016/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for January 27, 2026, as amended, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2026
 - Standing Committee of Council Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2026
- **Council Reports**
None
- **Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, CAO Report – January 2026
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
None
- **Information**
 - CAO Notice - Water Conservation Notice ENDS - January 21, 2026
- **Correspondence**
None

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. DELEGATION

None

6. BUSINESS**6.1 Council Motion, Capital Project Reporting and Fiscal Framework**

Councillor Brown introduced their Council Motion that was given notice at the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council for Council's consideration.

017/26 Councillor Brown moved That Council direct Administration to arrange a dedicated briefing from the Infrastructure and Planning Department outlining the current bylaws, policies, and internal compliance standards related to the reporting of capital projects. The briefing shall include:

1. An overview of all applicable bylaws, policies, and procedures that govern capital-project management;
2. Current reporting practices, including what milestones, deliverables, or performance indicators are tracked internally;
3. How progress on municipal capital projects is communicated to Council and the public;
4. Identification of any gaps or opportunities to establish consistent KPI or milestone-based reporting for major capital projects; and
5. Recommendations for improving transparency, tracking, and accountability in alignment with the Town's strategic and financial planning frameworks.

And further That Administration return to Council with this information at the February 24, 2026, Regular Council meeting for discussion and direction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Council Motion, South St. & Hwy 2A Intersection

Councillor Hanson introduced their Council Motion that was given notice at the January 13, 2026, Regular meeting of Council for Council's consideration.

018/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council direct Administration to, as a part of the South Street & 2A intersection 2026 Capital Project approved at the Tuesday, November 25, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, present Council with a design option which aligns the Eastern portion of South St./Twp. Rd. 394 with Blackfalds Crossing Way.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Request for Decision, Womacks Road & Broadway Avenue Intersection Improvements

Following the recommendation from the Standing Committee of Council on January 19, 2026, Manager Al-Sammarraie brought forward the proposed Womacks Road & Broadway Avenue Intersection improvements.

019/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council approve the plan to revise the Womacks Road & Broadway Avenue Intersection and to include signage indicating where the truck/dangerous goods route will be located.

CARRIED
Opposed: Mayor Svab

6.4 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1348.26 - McKay Ranch Lift Station Borrowing Bylaw

Director de Bresser presented Bylaw 1348.26, being a bylaw for the borrowing of the McKay Ranch Lift Station for Council's consideration.

020/26 Councillor Sands moved That Council give First reading to Bylaw 1348.26 – McKay Ranch Lift Station Borrowing, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 Request for Decision, Council Policy CP 191.26 - Information Governance Framework

Director de Bresser presented the Council Policy for Information Governance Framework for Council's consideration.

021/26 Councillor Brown moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP 191.26 - Information Governance Framework, as presented, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Request for Decision, Town of Blackfalds Playgrounds Information

Manager Heindel brought forward information regarding the Town of Blackfalds Playgrounds as per Council's direction at the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Mayor Svab relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Dennis.

022/26 Mayor Svab moved That Council refer the Town of Blackfalds Playground report back to Administration and direct the Recreation and Culture Parks Board to consider establishing a sub-committee to bring forward recommendations to Council for any new proposed playgrounds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Svab resumed the chair.

6.7 Request for Decision, Eagle Builders Centre Parking

Councillor Twerdochlib declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Director Kreklewich brought forward information regarding the Eagle Builders Centre Parking as per Council's direction at the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

MAIN MOTION

Councillor Brown moved That Council accept the Eagle Builders Centre Parking Report as information, pursuant to Council's direction under Resolution 004/26 and direct Administration to bring forward an analysis report on the Eagle Builders Centre Parking options, focusing on pedestrian safety and parking loads, to a future Standing Committee of Council Meeting for review.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THE MAIN MOTION

Councillor Hanson moved That the main motion be amended to add “and Administration consider studying the ancillary parking lots close to the Eagle Builders Centre and consider options to incentivize parking in these areas.”

VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE MAIN MOTION

023/26 Councillor Hanson moved That the main motion be amended to add “and Administration consider studying the ancillary parking lots close to the Eagle Builders Centre and consider options to incentivize parking in these areas.”

CARRIED*Recused: Councillor Twerdochlib***VOTE ON AMENDED MAIN MOTION**

024/26 Councillor Brown moved That Council accept the Eagle Builders Centre Parking Report as information, pursuant to Council’s direction under Resolution 004/26 and direct Administration to bring forward an analysis report on the Eagle Builders Centre Parking options focusing on pedestrian safety and parking loads to a future Standing Committee of Council Meeting for review and Administration consider studying the ancillary parking lots close to the Eagle Builders Centre and consider options to incentivize parking in these areas.

CARRIED*Recused: Councillor Twerdochlib*

Councillor Twerdochlib returned to the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

6.8 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.

025/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Bylaw 1347.25 - Schedule “B” 2026 Water and Wastewater Rates be referred back to Administration for more information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**6.9 Request for Decision, Member at Large Resignations**

Advisor Nealon brought forward Member at Large resignations from the Policing Committee and Library Board for Council’s formal acceptance.

026/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council formally accept the resignation of Tom Tomkins from the Policing Committee, effective immediately, with regret.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

027/26 Councillor Twerdochlib moved That Council formally accept the resignation of Michael Woykin from the Policing Committee, effective immediately, with regret.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

028/26 Councillor Sands moved That Council formally accept the resignation of Ann Siford from the Library Board, effective immediately, with regret.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

029/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council direct Administration to re-advertise for the member at large vacancies for the Member at Large Review Panel to consider, along with previously submitted applications, and make recommendations to Council for the vacant member at large positions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.10 Email from M. Baker Re: Concern About Town Property Being Used for Political Events

Mayor Svab relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Dennis.

Mayor Svab brought forward the email from M. Baker regarding her concern about Town Property being used for political events.

MAIN MOTION

Mayor Svab moved That Council recommends Administration to develop a policy around rental spaces in the Town of Blackfalds.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THE MAIN MOTION

Councillor Brown moved That the main motion be amended to add “and review the Acceptable Usage Policy for the Abbey Centre and its applicability to other facilities.”

VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE MAIN MOTION

030/26 Councillor Brown moved That the main motion be amended to add “and review the Acceptable Usage Policy for the Abbey Centre and its applicability to other facilities.”

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Hanson

VOTE ON AMENDED MAIN MOTION

031/26 Mayor Svab moved That Council recommends to Administration to develop a policy around rental spaces in the Town of Blackfalds and review the Acceptable Usage Policy for the Abbey Centre and its applicability to other facilities.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Hanson

Mayor Svab resumed the chair.

6.11 Report for Council, 2026 Blackfalds Community Events – January to December

The Report for Council, 2026 Blackfalds Community Events – January to December, was exempt from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

032/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council accept the Report for Council, 2026 Blackfalds Community Events – January to December, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.12 Lacombe County Council Highlights – January 8, 2026

The Lacombe County Council Highlights – January 8, 2026, was exempt from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

033/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council accept the Report for Council, 2026 Blackfalds Community Events – January to December, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.13 Email from Friends of the Blindman River - Our Waters Event, February 25, 2026

The email from Friends of the Blindman River - Our Waters Event, February 25, 2026, was exempt from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

034/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council accept the Email from Friends of the Blindman River - Our Waters Event, February 25, 2026, and direct Administration to request more information from the Friends of the Blindman River to be brought forward to the February 10, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.14 Council Reports

The Council Reports were exempt from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Council discussed, in summary, the meeting, events, and activities they have attended.

035/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council accept the Council Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Eagle Builders Centre (EBC) Lighting – Councillor Hanson

Councillor Hanson provided a Notice of Motion regarding Eagle Builders Centre (EBC) Lighting to be considered by Council at the February 10, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

“That Council direct Administration to prepare a presentation to Council on the state of the sports lighting for the ice surface at the Eagle Builders Centre (EBC).”

8. CONFIDENTIAL

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Svab adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 9:08 p.m.

-Original Signed

Laura Svab, Mayor

-Original Signed

Ken Morrison, Acting Chief Administrative Officer