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A Standing Committee of Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services (*Acting CAO*)
Darolee Bouteiller, Finance Manager
Aws Al Sammarraie, Engineering Services Manager
Renan Bravo, IT Technician
Jessica Robinson, Legislative Advisor

REGRETS

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Jody Quinn (*item 7.1*)
Doug Quinn (*item 7.1*)

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Sands welcomed everyone to the Standing Committee of Council Meeting of August 17, 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 AGENDA

071/26 Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council receive the agenda for August 17, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

072/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council adopt the Minutes for July 20, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DELEGATIONS

None

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Request for Direction, Revised Council Policy - Asset Management

Manager Al Sammarraie presented the revised Asset Management Council Policy for the Committee's consideration.

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- 073/26** Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend that Council consider approval of the revised Asset Management Council Policy at a future Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Report for Committee, Citizen Engagement & Budget Survey

Manager Bouteiller presented the proposed Citizen Engagement and Budget Survey questions and report for the Committee's consideration.

- 074/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Standing Committee of Council receive the Community Engagement Open House Planning report as information and refer the survey to Administration to add Mayor Svab's Question for inclusion in the Budget Survey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Report for Committee, Alberta Municipalities 2026 Resolutions

CAO Isaak provided an administrative overview of the Alberta Municipalities 2026 Resolutions for Council's consideration in advance of voting at the Alberta Municipalities Convention and Trade Show.

- 075/26** Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council receive the Alberta Municipalities 2026 Resolutions report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Request for Direction, Increasing the Authority of the Development Officer

CAO Isaak presented the Committee with the steps required to dissolve the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC), which would necessitate amendments to the Land Use Bylaw.

- 076/26** Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Standing Committee of Council refer the matter to Administration to prepare amendments to the Land Use Bylaw to increase the authority of the Development Officer and bring the proposed amendments forward for Council's consideration at a future Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 Request for Direction, Proclamation Policy

CAO Isaak advised that the Town does not have a formal Proclamations Policy and presented a proposed policy for the Committee's consideration.

- 077/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend that Council consider the approval of the Proclamations Policy at the September 8, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Deputy Mayor Sands called for a five-minute recess at 7:14 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Sands called the Standing Committee of Council Meeting back to order at 7:19 p.m.

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7. CONFIDENTIAL

- 078/26** Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council move to a closed session commencing at 7:19 p.m., in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, to discuss items 7.1 Ice Agreement and 7.2 Intersection Crossing, as per Sections 19 and 29 of the *Access to Information Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1 Ice Agreement – ATIA Sections 19 – Disclosure Harmful to Business interests of a third party and 29 – Advice from Officials

Closed Session Attendance: Mayor Laura Svab, Deputy Mayor Jim Sands, Councillor Shane Hanson, Councillor Ryan Brown (virtual attendance), Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, Councillor Brenda Dennis, Acting CAO Rick Kreklewich, CAO Kim Isaak, Legislative Advisor Jessica Robinson, Jody Quinn and Doug Quinn.

7.2 Intersection Crossing – ATIA Section 29 – Advice from Officials

Closed Session Attendance: Mayor Laura Svab, Deputy Mayor Jim Sands, Councillor Shane Hanson, Councillor Ryan Brown (virtual attendance), Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, Councillor Brenda Dennis, Acting CAO Kreklewich and CAO Kim Isaak.

- 079/26** Councillor Dennis moved That Standing Committee of Council move to come out of the closed session at 9:03 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Sands called the Standing Committee of Council Meeting back to order at 9:03 p.m.

Standing Committee of Council Meeting Attendance: Mayor Laura Svab, Deputy Mayor Jim Sands, Councillor Shane Hanson, Councillor Ryan Brown (virtual attendance), Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, Councillor Brenda Dennis, Acting CAO Kreklewich and CAO Kim Isaak.

7.2 Intersection Crossing – ATIA Section 29 – Advice from Officials

- 080/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council to discontinue plans for the realignment of South Street with the Blackfalds Crossing Way Intersection.

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***Opposed: Councillor Hanson
and Councillor Twerdoclib***

- 081/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council to give unanimous consent to revisit the South Street / Highway 2A Intersection project sooner than the 6-month timeframe as outlined in the Council Procedural Bylaw.

CARRIED

***Opposed: Councillor Hanson
and Councillor Twerdoclib***

8. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Sands adjourned the Standing Committee of Council Meeting at 9:11 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Jim Sands, Deputy Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer