

MINUTES

A Standing Committee of Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Tuesday, September 15, 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
Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte
Councillor Cory Twerdoclib
Councillor Brenda Dennis

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services
Jessica Robinson, Legislative Advisor
Renan Bravo, IT Technician

REGRETS

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Emilie Daitl, Waterworth Innovations
Mackenzie Read, Heart of Blackfalds Society
Tricia Willis, Heart of Blackfalds Society

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Sands welcomed everyone to the Standing Committee of Council Meeting of September 15, 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

- Withdraw item 6.1 Request for Direction, Council Policy – Community Grant Program Policies

087/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council receive the agenda for September 15, 2026, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

088/26 Councillor Dennis moved That Standing Committee of Council adopt the Minutes for August 17, 2026, as amended, to include the notation of virtual attendance beside Councillor Brown's name in the Closed Session attendance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

089/26 Councillor Brown moved That Standing Committee of Council adopt the Minutes for August 26, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Emilie Daitl with Waterworth Innovations provided a presentation to the Committee on their dashboard for the Town of Blackfalds wastewater and water utility.

5.2 Heart of Blackfalds Society – Heart Garden Proposal

Mackenzie Read and Tricia Willis, representing the Heart of Blackfalds Society, presented their Heart Garden proposal.

6. BUSINESS**6.1 Request for Direction, Council Policy – Community Grant Program Policies**

Withdrawn from Agenda

6.2 Request for Direction, Proposed Revisions to Off-Site Levy Bylaw 1357.26 for 2nd Reading

Director Weran presented the proposed revisions to the Off-Site Levy Bylaw for Committee's consideration.

Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend that Administration revise the Off-Site Levies report's average rate to \$131,439.79/Ha, to be used for Second Reading of the Off-site Levy Bylaw.

Prior to a vote on the foregoing resolution, the following amendment was introduced

090/26 Mayor Svab moved that \$131,439.79/Ha be struck and replaced with \$126,945.72/Ha.

DEFEATED
In favour: Mayor Svab,
Councillor Brown and Councillor Hanson

The original motion was back on the floor

100/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend that Administration revise the Off-Site Levies report's average rate to \$131,439.79/Ha, to be used for Second Reading of the Off-site Levy Bylaw.

CARRIED
Opposed: Mayor Svab,
and Councillor Brown

6.3 Request for Direction, Annual Budget and Taxation Process Policy

Director de Bresser presented the Annual Budget and Taxation Process Policy for Committee's consideration.

101/26 Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend that the Annual Budget and Taxation Process Policy be directed to a Regular Meeting of Council for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

102/26 Councillor Hanson moved That the Standing Committee of Council recommend that Council rescind Budget Process Policy 135.19.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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6.4 Request for Direction, Council Policy - Duty to Document

Director de Bresser presented the Duty to Document Council Policy for Committee's consideration.

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That Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council that Council Policy – Duty to Document be forwarded to a future Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CONFIDENTIAL

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Sands adjourned the Standing Committee of Council Meeting at 7:58 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Jim Sands, Deputy Mayor

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Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer