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A Standing Committee of Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Wednesday, October 7, 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 Cory Twerdoclib
Councillor Brenda Dennis

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Jessica Robinson, Legislative Advisor
Renan Bravo, IT Technician

REGRETS

Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte

OTHERS PRESENT

Catherine Peirce, Executive Director of the Battle River Watershed Alliance
Louise Rellis, Founder & Executive Director, Anam Rural Youth Association
Rudy Friesen, Executive Director, Red Deer River Municipal Users Group
Nicole Rice, Library Administrator, Servus Credit Union Public Library/Blackfalds Public Library
Abisola Allison, Watershed Science Coordinator, Red Deer River Watershed Alliance
Paul Salvatore, Executive Director, Central Alberta Economic Partnership
Jeannette Edwards, Secretary, Blackfalds Seniors Club
Chris Keim, Executive Director, Beyond Food Community Hub
Assar Grinde, President, of the Friends of the Blindman River Watershed Alliance

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Sands welcomed everyone to the Standing Committee of Council Meeting of October 7, 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

104/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Standing Committee of Council adopt the Agenda for October 7, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

105/26 Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council adopt the Minutes for September 15, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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5. DELEGATIONS**5.1 Battle River Watershed Alliance**

Catherine Peirce, Executive Director, Battle River Watershed Alliance, provided an overview of their organization and the value of Town funding.

5.2 Anam Rural Youth Association

Louise Rellis, Founder & Executive Director, Anam Rural Youth Association, provided an overview of their organization and the value of Town funding.

5.3 Red Deer River Municipal Users Group

Rudy Friesen, Executive Director, Red Deer River Municipal Users Group, provided an overview of their organization and the value of Town funding.

5.4 Servus Credit Union Public Library/Blackfalds Public Library

Nicole Rice, Library Administrator, Servus Credit Union Public Library/Blackfalds Public Library, provided an overview of their organization and the value of Town funding.

5.5 Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

Abisola Allison, Watershed Science Coordinator, Red Deer River Watershed Alliance, provided an overview of their organization and the value of Town funding.

5.6 Central Alberta Economic Partnership

Paul Salvatore, Executive Director, Central Alberta Economic Partnership, provided an overview of their organization and the value of Town funding.

5.7 Blackfalds Senior's Club

Jeannette Edwards, Secretary, Blackfalds Senior's Club, provided an overview of their organization and the value of Town funding.

5.8 Beyond Food Community Hub

Chris Keim, Executive Director, Beyond Food Community Hub, provided an overview of their organization and the value of Town funding.

5.9 Friends of the Blindman River Watershed Alliance

Assar Grinde, President, of the Friends of the Blindman River Watershed Alliance, provided an overview of their organization and the value of Town funding.

6. CONFIDENTIAL

None

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7. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Sands adjourned the Standing Committee of Council Meeting at 8:58 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Jim Sands, Deputy Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer