TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
Civic Cultural Centre – 5018 Waghorn Street
Council Chambers
MINUTES

An Organizational Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on October 27, 2026, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 5:00 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
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor
Renan Bravo, Information Technology Technician

REGRETS

None

OTHERS PRESENT

None

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Organizational Council Meeting of October 27, 2026, and called the meeting to order at 5:01 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

Council reviewed the Organizational Meeting Agenda for October 27, 2026.

356/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt the Organizational Agenda for October 27, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Request for Decision, 2026 – 2027 Regular Council Meeting and Standing Committee of Council Meeting Schedule

Senior Legislative Advisor Nealon brought forward the proposed 2026 - 2027 Regular Council Meeting and Standing Committee of Council Meeting Schedule for consideration.

357/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council approve the 2026 - 2027 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 the meetings of December 22nd and August 10th be cancelled to allow for a Christmas Break and a Summer Break; and

That Council set the 2027 Organizational Meeting of Council for October 26, 2027, at 5:00 p.m. and schedule a Regular Council Meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

358/26 Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council approve the 2026 - 2027 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 meeting held in February be moved to the third Tuesday due to the third Monday falling on a statutory holiday (Family Day); and

That the meeting held in June be moved to the third Tuesday due to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Request for Decision, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference

CAO Isaak brought forward a request for Council to authorize attendance for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual conference and trade show.

359/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council authorize the Mayor, CAO, Deputy Mayor Sands and Councillor Twerdoclib to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show, to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from June 10 - 13, 2027.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Senior Legislative Advisor Nealon requested Council appoint members to Boards, Committees and Commissions.

360/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council appoint the following Council members to the following Committees, effective immediately, with terms expiring as follows:

- Mayor Svab, Councillor Hanson and Councillor Dennis be appointed to the Indigenous Engagement Committee, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Councillor Hoyte and Councillor Brown be appointed to the Municipal Policing Committee, expiring October 26, 2027.

DEFEATED
In Favour: Deputy Mayor Sands, Councillor Hoyte and Councillor Brown

361/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council appoint the following Council members to Boards, Committees and Commissions, as presented, effective immediately, with terms expiring as follows:

- Mayor Svab, Councillor Hanson and Councillor Hoyte be appointed to the Council Communication & Engagement Committee, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Deputy Mayor Sands and Councillor Brown be appointed to the Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee (EDTAC), with Councillor Hoyte as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Deputy Mayor Sands and Councillor Twerdoclib be appointed to the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), with Councillor Dennis as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Councillor Dennis and Councillor Twerdoclib be appointed to the Blackfalds Municipal Library Board, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Councillor Hanson and Councillor Brown be appointed to the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board, with Councillor Twerdoclib as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.

- Mayor Svab, Councillor Brown and Councillor Twerdoclib be appointed to the Member at Large Review Panel, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Mayor Svab, Councillor Hoyte and Councillor Dennis be appointed to the Indigenous Engagement Committee, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Deputy Mayor Sands be appointed to the Iron Ridge Collaborative, with Mayor Svab as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Councillor Hoyte be appointed to the Iron Ridge Secondary Campus Parent Council, with Councillor Hanson as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Councillor Dennis be appointed to the St. Gregory the Great Catholic School Parent Council, with Councillor Hoyte as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Councillor Hanson and Councillor Brown be appointed to the Municipal Policing Committee, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Councillor Hanson be appointed to the Lacombe Chamber of Commerce, with Councillor Hoyte as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Councillor Twerdoclib be appointed to the Parkland Regional Library Systems Board, with Mayor Svab as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Councillor Ryan Brown be appointed to the Red Deer River Municipal Users Group (RDRMUG), with Councillor Twerdoclib as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Deputy Mayor Sands be appointed to the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance, with Councillor Brown as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Mayor Svab be appointed to the Lacombe Foundation Board, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Deputy Mayor Sands be appointed to the North Red Deer River Water Services Commission and North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission, with Councillor Twerdoclib as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Mayor Svab be appointed to the Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership Plan Advisory Committee (LREMP), with Deputy Mayor Sands as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Mayor Svab, Deputy Mayor Sands and Councillor Hoyte be appointed to the Municipal Emergency Advisory Committee, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Mayor Svab and Councillor Hoyte be appointed to the Wolf Creek School Division Joint Use Planning Agreement Governing Committee, with Councillor Brown as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Mayor Svab and Councillor Twerdoclib be appointed to the Red Deer Catholic School Division Joint Use Planning Agreement Governing Committee, with Councillor Hoyte as alternate, expiring October 26, 2027.
- Mayor Svab and Councillor Twerdoclib be confirmed as appointed to the North Blindman River Tri-Municipal Collaborative Committee, with Councillor Brown as alternate, expiring October 22, 2029.
- Mayor Svab and Councillor Brown be confirmed as appointed to the Intermunicipal Development Plan and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee, expiring October 22, 2029.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

362/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council appoint Deputy Mayor Sands, Councillor Hoyte and Councillor Dennis to the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC), expiring October 26, 2027, and that Councillor Hoyte be appointed Chair and Deputy Mayor Sands be appointed Vice Chair for the term of the appointment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Svab adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 5:35 p.m.

-Original Signed-
Laura Svab, Mayor

-Original Signed-
Justin de Bresser, Acting Chief Administrative Officer