TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Civic Cultural Centre – 5018 Waghorn Street
Council Chambers
MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on October 27, 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
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager
Aws Al Sammarraie, Engineering Services Manager
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor
Renan Bravo, Information Technology Technician

REGRETS

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Sheppard, Parkland Regional Library System
Barb Gilliat, Parkland Regional Library System

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of October 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

Council reviewed the Agendas for October 27, 2026, and amended the Regular Agenda and Consent Agenda, as follows:

- Regular Agenda Business item 6.4 Request for Decision, CAEP Economic Development Training Opportunity – Business Investment and Attraction was removed.
- Consent Agenda item f) Red Deer Polytechnic's Healthtech Centre for Applied Learning & Innovation – Letter of Support was removed and added under the Regular Agenda as Business item 6.4.
- Regular Agenda addition of Confidential item 8.1 Confidential Correspondence – ATIA – Section 32 – Privileged Information.

363/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for October 27, 2026, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

364/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for October 27, 2026, as amended, containing:

a) **Declaration of No Interest** *(conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other)*

b) Adoption of Minutes
- Regular Council Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2026

c) Council Reports
None

d) Administrative Reports
- Report for Council, CAO Report – September 2026
- Report for Council, BOLT KPI Monthly Report – September 2026
- Report for Council, Citizen Engagement Budget 2027 Survey Results

e) Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports
- Policing Committee Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2026
- Lacombe Foundation Meeting Minutes – June 22 and September 4, 2026

f) Information
- Lacombe County Council Highlights – October 8, 2026
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights – October 13, 2026
- Alberta Mid-Sized Towns' Mayors Caucus Key Messages
- Special Event Permit – The Hallow – October 31, 2026

g) Correspondence
- Email from J. Donnelly Re: Alberta Youth Pheasant Open House – October 31, 2026

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4.1 Bylaw 1361.26 – Increasing the Authority of the Development Officer

Mayor Svab declared the Public Hearing open at 6:18 p.m. for Bylaw 1361.26.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from any interested parties on the proposed Land Use Bylaw amendment to increase the authority of the Development Officer.

First Reading was given to Bylaw 1361.26 on September 21, 2026.

Notice of this Public Hearing was advertised in accordance with Section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act* and the Town of Blackfalds' Public Notification Bylaw and Public Participation Policy:

- On the bulletin board in the Town's Civic Centre, upstairs outside of Council Chambers, commencing September 24, 2026.
- A hard copy of proposed Bylaw 1361.26 was available for viewing at the Town's Civic Centre Front Counter (upstairs) as of September 24, 2026.
- Via email to all local authorities and agencies on September 29, 2026.
- Via email to internal departments on September 29, 2026.
- On the Town's electronic signs commencing September 28, 2026.
- October 2026 editions of "Talk of the Town".
- On the Town's website commencing on September 24, 2026.
- Via email to the Municipal Planning Commission on September 22, 2026.
- October 15 and 22, 2026, editions of the Lacombe Express.
- On the Town's social media channels in the weeks leading up to the Public Hearing.

The following comments have been received to date.

- 2026-10-13 Rogers Communications - No Objections.

There were no late submissions received for the Bylaw:

Comments from the Planning and Development Department
None

Those in Favour of the Bylaw
None came forward, and none attended virtually.

Those Opposed to the Bylaw
None came forward, and none attended virtually.

Any Person Deemed to be Affected by the Bylaw Who Wishes to be Heard
None came forward, and none attended virtually.

Comments from the Planning and Development Department
None

Mayor Svab declared the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1361.26 closed at 6:21 p.m.

5. DELEGATION

5.1 Parkland Regional Library System Proposed Budget 2027

Ron Sheppard and Barb Gilliat provided Council with an overview of the Parkland Regional Library System's proposed budget for 2027.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1362.26 - Aurora Heights Phase 5 Rezoning

Manager Tejkl presented Bylaw 1362.26, a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw for Council's consideration.

365/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1362.26 - Bylaw 1362.26 – Redesignation of Part of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 2421978, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

366/26 Deputy Mayor Sands moved That a Public Hearing date be set for November 24th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1361.26 - Increasing the Authority of the Development Officer

Following the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1361.26, Manager Tejkl presented Bylaw 1361.26, a bylaw amending the Land Use Bylaw, for Council's consideration.

367/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1361.26 – Increasing the Authority of the Development Officer, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

368/26 Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council give Third Reading to Bylaw 1361.26 – Increasing the Authority of the Development Officer, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Request for Decision, 2027 Parkland Regional Library Budget Request

Following the Parkland Regional Library System's delegation on the proposed 2027 Budget, Director de Bresser brought the budget request forward for Council's consideration.

369/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council accept the proposed budget by the Parkland Regional Library with the 2027 Membership requisition at $11.05 per capita.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Red Deer Polytechnic's (RPD) Healthtech Centre for Applied Learning & Innovation – Letter of Support

RDP's Healthtech Centre for Applied Learning & Innovation – Letter of Support was exempt from Consent Agenda for further discussion.

370/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council provide a letter of support for the RDP's Healthtech Centre for Applied Learning & Innovation grant funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 Request for Decision, South Street Realignment Site Meeting Follow-up

Manager Al Sammarraie presented a follow-up request to the South Street Realignment Site Meeting.

Councillor Hanson moved That Council direct Administration to proceed with Option 2, as presented in this report, to move forward with the realignment of South Street to Blackfalds Industrial Way Intersection.

Before voting on the foregoing motion, an amendment was introduced

Deputy Mayor Sands moved That the main motion be amended to strike "Option 2, as presented in this report, to move forward with the realignment of South Street to Blackfalds Industrial Way Intersection" and replace with "Option 1 as presented in this report to move forward with the design of South Street in its configuration as per the 2026 scope".

Before voting on the foregoing amending motion, a recess was called

RECESS

Mayor Svab called for a recess at 7:40 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 7:48 p.m.

RECESS

Mayor Svab called for a recess at 7:54 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:09 p.m.

Before returning to the amending motion on the floor, another amendment was introduced

Councillor Twerdoclib moved That the main motion be amended to strike "directs Administration to proceed with Option 2 as presented in this report to move forward with the realignment of South Street to Blackfalds Industrial Way Intersection" and replace with "direct Administration to bring the developer to Council to address Option 2".

The amending motions were voted on in reverse

371/26 Councillor Twerdoclib moved That the main motion be amended to strike "directs Administration to proceed with Option 2 as presented in this report to move forward with the realignment of South Street to Blackfalds Industrial Way Intersection" and replace with "direct Administration to bring the developer to Council to address Option 2".

DEFEATED
In favour: Councillor Twerdoclib, Councillor Hoyte and Councillor Hanson

372/26 Deputy Mayor Sands moved That the main motion be amended to strike "Option 2, as presented in this report, to move forward with the realignment of South Street to Blackfalds Industrial Way Intersection" and replace with "Option 1, as presented in this report, to move forward with the design of South Street in its configuration as per the 2026 scope".

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

Before voting on the main motion, a motion to extend the meeting was introduced

MEETING TIME EXTENSION

373/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council approve extending the Regular Meeting for October 27, 2026, beyond the three-hour limit until 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED
Opposed: Councillor Dennis

The main motion was returned to the floor

374/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council direct Administration to proceed with Option 2, as presented in this report, to move forward with the realignment of South Street to Blackfalds Industrial Way Intersection.

CARRIED
Opposed: Deputy Mayor Sands, Councillor Dennis and Councillor Brown

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

8. CONFIDENTIAL

8.1 Confidential Correspondence – ATIA – Section 32 – Privileged Information

375/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 9:03 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss item 8.1 Confidential Correspondence – ATIA – Section 32 – Privileged Information, pursuant to Section 32 of the *Access to Information Act.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

376/26 Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 9:28 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 9:28 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting Attendance: *Mayor Laura Svab, Deputy Mayor Jim Sands, Councillor Shane Hanson, Councillor Ryan Brown, Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, Councillor Brenda Dennis and CAO Kim Isaak.*

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Svab adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 9:29 p.m.

-Original Signed-
Laura Svab, Mayor

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