TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Civic Cultural Centre – 5018 Waghorn Street

MINUTES

A Standing Committee of Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Monday, October 19, 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

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services/Acting CAO
Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Aws Al Sammarraie, Engineering Services Manager
Jessica Robinson, Legislative Advisor
Renan Bravo, IT Technician

REGRETS

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Andrew, Trustee, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Sands welcomed everyone to the Standing Committee of Council Meeting of October 19, 2026, and called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 AGENDA

106/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Standing Committee of Council adopt the Agenda for October 19, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

107/26 Councillor Brown moved That Standing Committee of Council adopt the Minutes for October 13, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Board of Trustees - St. Veronica Catholic School Playground

Chris Andrew, Trustee, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, provided a presentation to the Committee on a joint-funding model to widen the scope of the St. Veronica Catholic School Playground, which would include equipment accessible for toddlers.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Report for Committee, Northwest Stormwater Area Linear Wetland and Outlet Trunk – Project Update

Aws Al Sammarraie, Engineering Services Manager, provided an update on the Northwest Storm Area Linear Wetland and Outlet Trunk.

108/26 Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Standing Committee of Council receive the Northwest Storm Area Linear Wetland and Outlet Trunk – Project Update, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Request for Direction, Proposed Recreation Rates and Fees

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services/Acting CAO, presented the updated Recreation Rates and Fees for Committee's consideration.

109/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee recommend that the proposed Recreation Rates and Fees, as reviewed by the Recreation and Parks Board, be incorporated into Schedule "C" of the Rates Bylaw and an amending Bylaw be brought forward to a Regular Council Meeting for consideration, with an effective date of January 1, 2027, with the exception of ice rental rates, which will take effect for the 2027/2028 ice season.

CARRIED
Opposed: Deputy Mayor Sands and Councillor Brown

110/26 Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council that the non-prime ice rate be effective retroactively to the beginning of the 2026/2027 ice season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Request for Direction, Council Policy – Community Grant Program Policies

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services/Acting CAO, presented the Community Grant Program Policies for Committee's consideration.

111/26 Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council that Council Policy – Public Donation be forwarded to a future Regular Council Meeting for consideration, with the following amendment:

- Section 6.6 striking "Council may require" and replacing with "Council shall require".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

112/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council that Council Policy – Community Initiatives Grant be forwarded to a future Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

113/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council that Council Policy – Event Attraction and Hosting Grant be forwarded to a future Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Request for Direction, Council Conferences and Professional Development Policy

CAO Isaak presented to Committee the proposed Council Conference and Professional Development Policy.

114/26 Councillor Brown moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend that Council consider the adoption of the Council Conferences and Professional Development Policy at a future Regular Meeting of Council and consider rescinding the Elected Officials Development Opportunities at the same time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL

None

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Sands adjourned the Standing Committee of Council Meeting at 6:58 p.m.

-Original Signed-
Jim Sands, Deputy Mayor

-Original Signed-
Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer