

Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by the Town of Blackfalds Council. Residents, businesses, and stakeholders are encouraged to keep in touch with Council news. Council Meetings are live-streamed on the Town's [YouTube channel](#). Official Minutes are posted on the Town of Blackfalds website at www.blackfalds.ca. Minutes from meetings before 2020 are available upon request.

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – January 13, 2026

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of January 13, 2026, and called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

Council adopted the Regular Agenda for January 13, 2026, as amended, to add the following items:

1. Delegation 5.1 Introduction of Jessica Robinson, Executive & Legislative Coordinator.
2. Confidential 8.1 Personnel – ATIA Section 29 – Advice from Officials
3. Confidential 8.2 Library Board - ATIA Section 22 – Confidential Evaluations
4. Exemption of Consent Agenda 3.2f) Lacombe Foundation 2026 Requisition added under Business as 6.5.
5. Exemption of Consent Agenda 3.2f) Save the Date CommUnity Power of One – March 19, 2026, added under Business as 6.6.
6. Exemption of Consent Agenda 3.2b) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2025, added under Business as 6.7.

Council adopted the Consent Agenda, as amended, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
 - Standing Committee of Council Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2025
- **Council Reports**
None
- **Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report - December 2025
 - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report - December 2025
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Family & Community Support Services Board Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2025
- **Information**
 - Lacombe County Council Highlights – December 11, 2025
 - Servus Credit Union Library Programming Report - December 2025
 - Metrix Group - Audit Planning Report 2025
 - Battle River Watershed Alliance – Quarterly Report – December 2025
- **Correspondence**
 - Letter from Parkland Regional Library System Re Council Congratulations
 - Letter from Mayor Cindy Jefferies - December 2, 2025
 - Letter from Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services - December 9, 2025
 - Letter from Speaker McIver - Letter to Municipalities – December 16, 2025
 - Email from Don Cooper, Manager, Government and Community Affairs (Alberta)
 - Canada Post Corporation Re: Community Mailboxes – Blackfalds – January 6, 2026

Future Meetings:

Standing Committee of Council Meeting – January 19, 2026

Regular Council Meeting – January 27, 2026

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5.1 DELEGATION

5.1 Introduction of Jessica Robinson, Executive & Legislative Coordinator

Acting CAO/Director Weran introduced Jessica Robinson, the Town's new Executive & Legislative Coordinator.

6.1 BUSINESS

6.1 Council Motion, Town of Blackfalds Playgrounds

Mayor Svab introduced their Council Motion that was given notice at the December 9, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council for Council's Consideration. Council directed Administration to bring forward a report on the age restrictions on all Town of Blackfalds playgrounds, along with any information regarding safety and liability and if there are any companies that sell playground equipment for 0-5 years of age.

6.2 Council Motion, Eagle Builders Centre Parking

Councillor Brown introduced their Council Motion that was given notice at the December 9, 2025, Regular meeting of Council for Council's Consideration. Council directed Administration to bring forward a report with the parking options presented to Council and the details and the history on why the proposed project was not put forward by Council previously.

6.3 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1347.25 - Schedule "B" 2026 Water and Wastewater Rates

Acting CAO/Director Weran presented Bylaw 1347.25, being a bylaw to amend Schedule "B" of Bylaw 1250.20 and to set the 2026 Water and Wastewater rates. Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 1347.25 – Schedule "B" 2026 Water and Wastewater Rates, a Bylaw to amend Schedule "B" of Bylaw 1250.20, as presented.

6.4 Request for Decision, McKay Ranch Lift Station Project – Re-tender

Manager Al-Samarraie presented a request to re-tender the McKay Ranch Lift Station Project. Council authorized Administration to re-tender the McKay Ranch Lift Station project in February 2026, with construction to be undertaken in the spring of 2026 and further allocated capital funds of \$5,528,275.35 to build the McKay Ranch Lift Station Project

6.5 Lacombe Foundation 2026 Requisition

The Lacombe Foundation 2026 Requisition was exempt from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Council directed Administration to write a letter to the Lacombe Foundation requesting they attend a Blackfalds' Council Meeting as a Delegation.

6.6 Save the Date CommUnity Power of One – March 19, 2026

Save the Date CommUnity Power of One to be held on March 19, 2026, was exempt from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Council accepted the Save the Date CommUnity Power of One – March 19, 2026 correspondence, as information.

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6.7 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2025

The Regular Council Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2025, were exempt from the Consent Agenda for amendments. Council adopted the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2025, as amended, to correct an error in the members present from Deputy Brenda Dennis to Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Capital Project Reporting and Fiscal Framework – Councillor Brown

Councillor Brown provided a Notice of Motion regarding Capital Project Reporting and Fiscal Framework to be considered by Council at the January 27, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

“That Council direct Administration to arrange a dedicated briefing from the Infrastructure and Planning Department outlining the current bylaws, policies, and internal compliance standards related to the reporting of capital projects. The briefing shall include:

1. An overview of all applicable bylaws, policies, and procedures that govern capital-project management;
2. Current reporting practices, including what milestones, deliverables, or performance indicators are tracked internally;
3. How progress on municipal capital projects is communicated to Council and the public;
4. Identification of any gaps or opportunities to establish consistent KPI or milestone-based reporting for major capital projects; and
5. Recommendations for improving transparency, tracking, and accountability in alignment with the Town’s strategic and financial planning frameworks.

And further That Administration return to Council with this information at the February 24, 2026, Regular Council meeting for discussion and direction.”

7.2 South St. & Hwy 2A Intersection – Councillor Hanson

Councillor Hanson provided a Notice of Motion regarding South Street & Highway 2A Intersection to be considered by Council at the January 27, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

“That Council direct Administration to, as a part of the South Street & 2A intersection 2026 Capital Project approved Tuesday, November 25, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, present Council with a design option which aligns the Eastern portion of South St./Twp. Rd. 394 with Blackfalds Crossing Way.”

RECESS

Mayor Svab called for a five-minute recess at 8:01 p.m.

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CONFIDENTIAL**8.1 Personnel - ATIA Section 29 - Advice from Officials****8.2 Library Board - ATIA Section 22 - Confidential Evaluations**

Council resumed the meeting at 8:09 p.m. and moved into a closed session commencing at 8:09 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Sections 29 and 22 of the *Access to Information Act* and reverted to an open meeting at 8:59 p.m., where Council resolved to proceed as discussed in closed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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