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A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on February 10, 2026, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Laura Svab  
Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis  
Councillor Jim Sands  
Councillor Shane Hanson  
Councillor Ryan Brown  
Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte  
Councillor Cory Twerdoelib

**ATTENDING**

Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services (Acting CAO)  
Rick Krecklewich, Director of Community Services  
Renan Bravo, Information Technology Technician  
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor

**REGRETS**

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer

**MEDIA**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

MLA Jennifer Johnson, Lacombe-Ponoka Constituency  
Julie Lapointe, Iron Ridge Secondary Campus  
Melissa Simoneau, Iron Ridge Secondary Campus  
Kari Predinchuk, Blackfalds Minor Hockey

**1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of February 10, 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 AGENDAS**

**036/26** Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for February 10, 2026, as amended, to add the following items:

1. Exemption of Consent Agenda 3.2e) Lacombe Foundation Organizational Meeting Minutes, added under Business as 6.8.
2. Exemption of Consent Agenda 3.2f) Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report – January 2026, added under Business as 6.9.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**037/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for February 10, 2026, as amended, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
  - Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2026

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- **Council Reports**  
None
- **Administrative Reports**
  - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report – January 2026
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
  - Lacombe Foundation Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2025
  - Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2025, October 2, 2025, December 1, 2025
  - Recreation Culture & Parks Board Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2025
- **Information**
  - City of Lacombe Council Highlights – January 26, 2026
  - Lacombe County Council Highlights – January 29, 2026
- **Correspondence**  
None

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****4. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**5. DELEGATION****5.1 Legislative Update**

MLA Jennifer Johnson, representing the constituency of Lacombe-Ponoka, provided Council with a provincial legislative update.

**5.2 IRSC - Graduation Awards and Scholarships Program**

Julie Lapointe and Melissa Simoneau, representing the Iron Ridge Secondary Campus, presented a request for the IRSC Graduation Awards and Scholarships Program.

**5.3 U18A Hockey Alberta Provincial Championship**

Kari Predinchuk, representing U18A Provincial Committee - Blackfalds Minor Hockey, gave a presentation and update to Council on the U18A Hockey Alberta Provincial Championship that will be held in Blackfalds at the Eagle Builders Center March 26-29, 2026

**6. BUSINESS****6.1 Council Motion, Eagle Builders Centre (EBC) Lighting**

Councillor Hanson introduced their Council Motion that was given notice at the January 27, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council for Council's consideration.

**038/26**

Councillor Hanson moved That Council direct Administration to prepare a presentation to Council on the state of the sports lighting for the ice surface at the Eagle Builders Centre (EBC).

**DEFEATED**  
*In favour: Councillor Hanson***6.2 Request for Decision, Community Initiatives Grant – U18A Provincial Championship**

Director Kreklewich presented the Recreation, Culture and Park Board's recommendation regarding the Blackfalds Minor Hockey Association's Community Initiatives Grant Application for Council's consideration.

**039/26**

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council grant funding of \$2,500 to the Blackfalds Minor Hockey Association for the U18A Provincial Championship from the Community Initiatives Grant.

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*Councillor Twerdoclib declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.*

**6.3 Request for Decision, Arena Lease Space 2**

Director Kreklewich presented the Recreation, Culture and Park Board's recommendation regarding Arena Lease Space 2.

- 040/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council authorize Administration to enter into a Lease Agreement with Nick Young to operate a skate-sharpening and sporting-goods business in Lease Space 2 at the Eagle Builders Centre.

**CARRIED**  
*Recused: Councillor Twerdoclib*

*Councillor Twerdoclib returned to the meeting at 7:24 p.m.*

**6.4 Request for Decision, Animal Control Services Contract Extension**

Director/Acting CAO Morrison brought forward a request to extend the current Animal Control Services Agreement.

- 041/26** Councillor Brown moved That Council authorize Administration to enter into an agreement to extend for one year the contractual Animal Control Services Agreement with 327241 Alberta Ltd., Klassic Kennels, as per the terms in the contract.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.5 Request for Decision, RCMP Community Priorities Plan 2026**

Director/Acting CAO Morrison presented the RCMP's Community Priorities Plan initiative for 2026 for Council's review and consideration of support.

*Mayor Svab relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Dennis.*

*Mayor Svab resumed the chair.*

- 042/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council support the RCMP Community Priorities Plan process and actively engage residents through community consultation initiatives during the month of February.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.6 Request for Decision, Friends of Blindman River**

Director/Acting CAO Morrison, on behalf of CAO Isaak, brought forward the information requested by Council at the January 27, 2026, Regular Meeting.

- 043/26** Councillor Brown moved That Council direct Administration to reach out to RDRMUG and The Red Deer River Watershed Alliance for clarification if any conflicts arise being a part of the Friends of Blindman River Committee.

**CARRIED**  
*Opposed: Councillor Sands*

- 044/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council approve the half-day per diem allotment and mileage for Councillor Hanson and Councillor Twerdoclib who wish to attend the Friends of the Blindman River "Our Water's Event" scheduled for February 25, 2026.

**CARRIED**  
*Opposed: Councillor Sands and Councillor Brown*

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**6.7 Request for Decision, Regular Council Meeting Date Change**

Advisor Nealon brought forward a request for Council to reschedule the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council to Monday, March 23, 2026.

**MAIN MOTION**

Councillor Twerdoelib moved That Council reschedule the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Regular Council Meeting for Monday, March 23, 2026, and post notice of the date change accordingly.

**AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THE MAIN MOTION**

Councillor Hanson moved That the main motion be amended to revise the motion to strike out “reschedule” add “cancel”, strike out “for Monday, March 23, 2026, and post notice of the date change accordingly.” and add “post notice of the cancellation accordingly.”

*Prior to voting on the foregoing motion, a motion to postpone was introduced.*

Councillor Twerdoelib moved That Council postpone the 6.7 Request for Decision, Regular Council Meeting Date Change until the February 24, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

*Prior to voting on the foregoing motion to postpone, a motion to withdraw was introduced.*

- 045/26** Councillor Twerdoelib moved That Council withdraw the motion to postpone the 6.7 Request for Decision, Regular Council Meeting Date Change until the February 24, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The amending motion was back on the floor.*

- 046/26** Councillor Hanson moved That the main motion be amended to revise the motion to strike out “reschedule” add “cancel”, strike out “for Monday, March 23, 2026, and post notice of the date change accordingly.” and add “post notice of the cancellation accordingly.”

**CARRIED**

*Opposed: Mayor Svab and Councillor Twerdoelib*

**VOTE ON AMENDED MAIN MOTION**

- 047/26** Councillor Twerdoelib moved That Council cancel the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, and post notice of the cancellation accordingly.

**CARRIED**

*Opposed: Mayor Svab*

**6.8 Lacombe Foundation Organizational Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2025**

Lacombe Foundation Organizational Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025, were exempt from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

**6.9 Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report – January 2026**

Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report for January 2026 was exempt from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

- 048/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council accept the Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report – January 2026, as information.

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**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

**8. CONFIDENTIAL**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Svab adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:32 p.m.

-Original Signed-

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Laura Svab, Mayor

-Original Signed-

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Preston Weran, Acting Chief Administrative Officer