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A Standing Committee of Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager
Renan Bravo, IT Technician
Jessica Robinson, Executive and Legislative Coordinator

REGRETS

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Carla Beck, CEO, The Bethany Group – Lacombe Foundation
Melodie Stol, Stakeholder Relations Advisor, The Bethany Group – Lacombe Foundation
Shannon Holtz, Senior Director Housing, The Bethany Group – Lacombe Foundation

1.1 WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Dennis welcomed everyone to the Standing Committee of Council Meeting of March 16, 2026, and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 REVIEW OF AGENDA

011/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council receive the agenda for March 16, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Land Acknowledgement was read to recognize that the Town of Blackfalds is on Treaty 6 territory.

3. DELEGATIONS**3.1 Lacombe Foundation Update**

Carla Beck, Chief Executive Officer, Melodie Stol, Stakeholder Relations Advisor, and Shannon Holtz, Senior Director Housing with The Bethany Group, provided Council with a Lacombe Foundation update.

4. BUSINESS**4.1 Report for Direction, Municipal Development Plan Vision Statement Refresh**

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Planning and Development Manager Tejkl presented the Municipal Development Plan Vision Statement Refresh.

- 012/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That the Municipal Development Plan Vision Statement read:

“Blackfalds is an active, family-oriented community that desires to provide a high-quality of life opportunities for all residents and families, in a safe, sustainable environment.

We are committed to responsible growth, a strong and diverse economy, enhanced neighbourhoods and built form, and fiscally responsible service delivery.

Rooted in a welcoming spirit and supported by regional collaboration, Blackfalds continues to evolve as a vibrant, connected community where people and businesses can thrive.”

BY CONSENSUS

- 013/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council recommends Council adopt the updated Municipal Development Plan Vision Statement, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Report for Committee, Offsite Levy Bylaw Orientation

Infrastructure and Planning Services Director Weran, as part of Council’s ongoing orientation, provided an overview of the Offsite Levy Bylaw.

- 014/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Standing Committee of Council receive the Offsite Levy Bylaw report and presentation for information as part of the ongoing Council Orientation process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Request for Direction, 2026-2030 Strategic Plan - Draft

Chief Administrative Officer Issak presented the draft 2026-2030 Strategic Plan.

- 015/26** Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council to direct the Draft 2026-2030 Strategic Plan to the April 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council for consideration.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Hoyte

4.4 Request for Direction, Council—Administration Protocol Policy - Draft

Chief Administrative Officer Issak presented the draft Council—Administration Protocol Policy.

- 016/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council that the draft Council—Administration Protocol Policy be forwarded to the April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Deputy Mayor Dennis called for a five-minute recess at 8:15 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

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Deputy Mayor Dennis called the Standing Committee of Council Meeting back to order at 8:21 p.m.

5. CONFIDENTIAL

5.1 Personnel Matter – ATIA Section 20 – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy

017/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That the Standing Committee of Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:21 p.m., in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, to discuss item 5.1, Personnel Matter, as per Section 20 of the *Access to Information Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

018/26 Councillor Hanson moved That the Standing Committee of Council move to come out of the closed session at 8:46 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

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ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Dennis adjourned the Standing Committee of Council Meeting at 8:46 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Brenda Dennis, Deputy Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer