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A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on April 14, 2026, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis  
Councillor Jim Sands  
Councillor Shane Hanson  
Councillor Ryan Brown  
Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte

**ATTENDING**

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer  
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure & 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  
Renan Bravo, Information Technology Technician  
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor

**REGRETS**

Mayor Laura Svab  
Councillor Cory Twerdoclib

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Robert Côté, Fire Chief – Blackfalds Fire Department  
Mike Ernst, Blackfalds Fire Department  
Jo Phillips, Regional Red Deer Restorative Justice Society  
Gordon Lau, Stantec

**1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Dennis welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of April 14, 2026, and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and indicated that Mayor Svab and Councillor Twerdoclib sent their regrets.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDAS**

**091/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for April 14, 2026, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**092/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for April 14, 2026, as presented, containing:

- a) Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- b) Adoption of Minutes**
  - Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2026
  - Standing Committee of Council Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2026
- c) Council Reports**  
None
- d) Administrative Reports**
  - Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report – March 2026
  - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report – March 2026
  - Report for Council, 2027 Budget Planning Timeline

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- e) Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
  - Lacombe Foundation Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2026
  - Parkland Regional Library System Board Draft Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2026
- f) Information**
  - Lacombe County Council Highlights - March 12, 2026
  - City of Lacombe Council Highlights - March 23, 2026
  - Lacombe County Council Highlights – March 26, 2026
  - Library Programming Report – December 2025 and January 2026
  - PRLS Board Talk - February 26, 2026
- g) Correspondence**
  - Letter to Lacombe County Re: Alberta Community Partnership – February 20, 2026
  - Letter to City of Lacombe Re: Alberta Community Partnership – February 20, 2026
  - Letter from Minister Dan Williams Re: 2026 Fire Services Training Program Grant, March 24, 2026
  - Letter from Central Alberta Realtors Association – March 24, 2026
  - Letter from Minister Dan Williams Re: Introduction of the Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 – April 2, 2026
  - Alberta Disability Services Professional Appreciation Week for May 18 - May 24, 2026

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**5. DELEGATION**

**5.1 Alberta Emergency Services Medal Awards**

Deputy Mayor Dennis and Fire Chief Robert Côté presented the Alberta Emergency Services Medal Award to Ken Morrison and Mike Ernst for their 12 years of service.

**5.2 Regional Red Deer Restorative Justice Society**

Jo Phillips, representing the Regional Red Deer Restorative Justice Society, provided Council with an overview of the organization that works alongside Blackfalds RCMP detachments, Blackfalds schools, and community partners.

**6. BUSINESS**

**6.1 Request for Decision, Population and Land Demand Analysis**

Gordon Lau, representing Stantec, presented the updated Population and Land Demand Analysis, which is based on a 25-year horizon.

**093/26**

Councillor Brown moved That Council adopt the Population and Land Demand Analysis report, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.2 Request for Decision, Budget Amendment – Traffic Master Plan 2026**

Manager Al Sammarraie brought forward a request to amend the budget for the 2026 Traffic Master Plan.

**MAIN MOTION**

Councillor Sands moved That Council approve \$50,000 from the general operating reserve to cover the revised scope cost of the 2026 Traffic Master Plan update.

*A motion to refer was introduced before the vote on the main motion*

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**094/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council refer the Budget Amendment – Traffic Master Plan 2026 Report back to Administration to tender the 2026 Traffic Master Plan.

**DEFEATED**  
*In favour: Deputy Mayor Dennis  
Councillor Hanson*

**095/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council approve \$50,000 from the general operating reserve to cover the revised scope cost of the 2026 Traffic Master Plan update.

**CARRIED**  
*Opposed: Deputy Mayor Dennis  
Councillor Hanson*

**6.3 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1351.26 – 5401 Blackfalds Industrial Way Redistricting**

Manager Tejkl brought forward Bylaw 1351.26 for Council’s consideration of First Reading and subsequent setting of a Public Hearing.

**096/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1351.26 – Redesignation of Part of Lot 9 Block 4 Plan 082 5372 from Industrial Heavy District (I-2) to Parks and Recreation District (PR), as presented.

**CARRIED**  
*Opposed: Councillor Hanson*

**097/26** Councillor Sands moved That a Public Hearing date be set for May 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.4 Request for Decision, Municipal Development Plan Vision Statement Refresh**

Following the Standing Committee of Council’s direction on March 16, 2026, Manager Tejkl brought forward the updated Municipal Development Plan Vision Statement, as amended by the Committee’s consensus.

**098/26** Councillor Brown moved That Council adopt the updated Municipal Development Plan Vision Statement, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.5 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1352.26 - 2026 Property Tax Rate Bylaw**

Director de Bresser presented Bylaw 1352.26, being the Bylaw to set the Town’s 2026 Property Tax Rate for Council’s consideration of First Reading.

**099/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1352.26 - 2026 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.6 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1348.26 - McKay Ranch Lift Station Borrowing Bylaw**

Director de Bresser presented Bylaw 1348.26, being a Bylaw for the McKay Ranch Lift Station Borrowing for Council’s consideration of Second and Third Reading.

**100/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1348.26 – McKay Ranch Lift Station Borrowing Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**101/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council give Third Reading to Bylaw 1348.26 – McKay Ranch Lift Station Borrowing Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**6.7 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1353.26 - Council Procedural 2026 Amendment Bylaw**

Following the direction of the Standing Committee of the Council on April 7, 2026, Legislative Advisor Nealon brought forward Council Procedural 2026 Amendment Bylaw with the supplied member feedback.

**102/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1353.26 - Council Procedural 2026 Amendment Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Sands moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1353.26 - Council Procedural 2026 Amendment Bylaw.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAW**

**103/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council amend Bylaw 1353.26 to remove “preamble” from Section 2.17 (19.4) (d) and remove “Special Meetings” from Section 2.15 (16.10).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**104/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1353.26 - Council Procedural 2026 Amendment Bylaw, as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**105/26** Councillor Brown moved That Council give unanimous consent to consider Third Reading to Bylaw 1353.26 - Council Procedural 2026 Amendment Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**106/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council give Third Reading to Bylaw 1353.26 - Council Procedural 2026 Amendment Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.8 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1354.26 Subdivision and Development Appeal Board**

Legislative Advisor Nealon brought forward Bylaw 1354.26, a Bylaw to establish a Town Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and to authorize an Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

**107/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1354.26, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**108/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1354.26, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**109/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council give unanimous consent to consider Third Reading to Bylaw 1354.26, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**110/26** Councillor Brown moved That Council give Third Reading to Bylaw 1354.26, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**6.9 Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-192.26 - Council and Administration Protocol**

Following the direction of the Standing Committee of the Council on March 16, 2026, CAO Isaak presented Council Policy CP-192.26 for Council and Administration Protocol for Council's consideration.

111/26 Councillor Sands moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP-192.26 - Council and Administration Protocol, effective immediately.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.10 Request for Decision, Burman University School of Business Advisory Board**

CAO Isaak requested Council's consideration in endorsing Mayor Svab's appointment to the Burman University School of Business Advisory Board.

112/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council endorse Mayor Svab's appointment to the Burman University of School Business Advisory Board.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.11 Council Motion, Disc Golf**

Councillor Hanson provided a Notice of Motion regarding Disc Golf to be considered by Council at the April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

113/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council request Administration develop a plan for a Disc Golf Course in a greenspace in the McKay Ranch Subdivision, utilizing the Disc Golf equipment purchased by the Optimist Club of Blackfalds for our community.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

**RECESS**

Deputy Mayor Dennis called for a 5-minute recess at 8:45 p.m.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Dennis called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:50 p.m.

**MEETING TIME EXTENSION**

114/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council approve extending the Regular Meeting for April 14, 2026, beyond the three-hour limit.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. CONFIDENTIAL**

**8.1 Amending Lease, ATIA Section 19 - Disclosure Harmful to a Business Interests of a Third Party**

**8.2 South Street & Highway 2A Intersection, ATIA Section 29 - Advice from Officials**

115/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:50 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss item 8.1 Amending Lease, pursuant to Section 19 of the *Access to Information Act* and 8.2 South Street & Highway 2A Intersection, pursuant to Section 29 of the *Access to Information Act*.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Closed Session Attendance:** *Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Shane Hanson, Councillor Ryan Brown, Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte, CAO Kim Isaak, Director Preston Weran, Manager Aws Al Sammarraie, and Legislative Advisor Danielle Nealon.*

**116/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 9:43 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Dennis called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 9:43 p.m.

**Regular Council Meeting Attendance:** *Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Shane Hanson, Councillor Ryan Brown, Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte, CAO Kim Isaak, Director Preston Weran, Manager Aws Al Sammarraie, and Legislative Advisor Danielle Nealon.*

**8.2 South Street & Highway 2A Intersection, ATIA Section 29 - Advice from Officials**

**117/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council direct Administration to proceed with the South Street and Highway 2A Intersection realignment capital project, as originally presented.

**DEFEATED**  
*In Favour: Councillor Hoyte  
Councillor Brown*

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Deputy Mayor Dennis adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 9:46 p.m.

-Original Signed-

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Laura Svab, Mayor

-Original Signed-

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Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer