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A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on April 28, 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 (*virtual*)  
Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte  
Councillor Cory Twerdoelib

**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  
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services  
Darolee Bouteller, Finance Manager  
Aws Al Sammarraie, Engineering Services Manager  
Rick Yelland-Kewin, Public Works Manager  
Jordan Bauman, Financial Analyst  
Renan Bravo, Information Technology Technician  
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor

**REGRETS**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sheila Giffin, Chair - Municipal Policing Committee  
Theresa Franko, Vice Chair - Municipal Policing Committee  
Jeff Alliston - Metrix Group

**1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of April 28, 2026, and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and indicated that Councillor Brown is attending virtually.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDAS**

**118/26** Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for April 28, 2026, as amended, to remove item 6.2 Bylaw 1335.25 – Animal Control Bylaw and renumber the Regular Agenda accordingly.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**119/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for April 28, 2026, as presented, containing:

- a) Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- b) Adoption of Minutes**
  - Special Standing Committee of Council Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2026
  - Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2026
- c) Council Reports**
  - Mayor Laura Svab
  - Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis

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- Councillor Jim Sands
- Councillor Shane Hanson
- Councillor Ryan Brown
- Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte
- Councillor Cory Twerdoclib
- d) Administrative Reports**
  - Report for Council, CAO Report – April 2026
  - Report for Council, BOLT KPI Monthly Report – February 2026 and March 2026
  - Report for Council, 2026 Mayor for a Day
- e) Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
  - Family & Community Support Services Board Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2026, and February 19, 2026
  - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2026
- f) Information**
  - Lacombe County Council Highlights – April 9, 2026
  - City of Lacombe Council Highlights – April 13, 2026
  - Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) Year in Review 2025-2026
- g) Correspondence**

None

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**5. DELEGATION**

**5.1 BMHA U11 Team 3 Congratulations**

Mayor Svab and Council formally recognized the U11 Team 3 for their gold-medal achievement at a hockey tournament held in Mill Woods.

**5.2 Policing Committee - Chair & Vice Chair Yearly Report**

Sheila Giffin (Chair) and Theresa Franko (Vice Chair) of the Policing Committee presented the Committee's 2025 Yearly Report.

**120/26**

Councillor Sands moved That Council accept the 2025 Policing Committee - Chair & Vice Chair Yearly Report, as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.3 2025 Audited Financial Statements**

Jeff Alliston, representing Metrix Group, presented the 2025 Audit Findings Report and 2025 Audited Financial Statements for the Town.

**6. BUSINESS**

**6.1 Request for Decision, 2025 Audited Financial Statements**

Following the delegation from Metrix Group, Manager Bouteiller brought forward the 2025 Audited Financial Statements for Council's approval.

**121/26**

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council approve the 2025 Consolidated Financial Statements, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Director de Bresser presented the 2026 Property Tax Rate Bylaw for Council's consideration of Second and Third Reading.

**122/26**

Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1352.26 - 2026 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, as presented.

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- 123/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council give Third Reading to Bylaw 1352.26 - 2026 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.3 Request for Decision, Master Engineering Services Agreement Award**

Manager Al Sammarraie brought forward a request for Council to award the Master Engineering Services Agreement for the Town.

- 124/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council authorize and direct Administration to award and execute the Master Engineering Services Agreement to Stantec Consulting Ltd. for the period of May 2026 to May 2031.

**CARRIED**  
*Opposed: Councillor Hanson*

**6.4 Request for Decision, 2026-2030 Strategic Plan**

CAO Isaak presented the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan for Council's consideration.

- 125/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council approve and adopt the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.5 Request for Decision, Communications and Engagement Committee**

Following the direction of Standing Committee of Council on April 7, 2026, CAO Isaak brought forward the Communications and Engagement Committee Terms of Reference and requested Council establish the ad-hoc committee.

- 126/26** Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council adopt the Communications and Engagement Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 127/26** Councillor Twerdoelib moved That Council establish the Communications and Engagement Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 128/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council appoint Mayor Svab, Councillor Hoyte, Councillor Hanson, CAO Isaak and the Marketing and Communications Team Lead to the Communications and Engagement Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.6 Request for Decision, Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association (ASCHA) Conference – Per Diem Top Up**

CAO Isaak brought forward a request for Council to consider topping up the per diems for Mayor Svab to attend the ASCHA Conference.

- 129/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council approve the per diem top up for the Mayor's attendance at the ASCHA Conference in the amount of \$620.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.7 Request for Decision, Community Initiatives Grant – Red Deer Kinsmen Club**

Director Kreklewich presented the Community Initiatives Grant Application for the Red Deer Kinsmen Club.

- 130/26** Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council grant funding of \$2,500 to the Red Deer Kinsmen Club from the Community Initiatives Grant.

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**130/26** Councillor Hanson moved That as a condition of the approved grant funding of \$2,500 to the Red Deer Kinsmen Club from the Community Initiatives Grant, the Town's Marketing and Communications Department work with the Red Deer Kinsmen Club to develop economic development and event specific marketing materials.

**CARRIED**  
*Opposed: Councillor Hoyte*

**6.8 Request for Decision, Proclamation - National Public Works Week**

Manager Yelland-Kewin brought forward a request for Council to proclaim National Public Works Week.

**131/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council proclaim May 17 - 23, 2026, as Public Works Week in the Town of Blackfalds.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.9 Request for Decision, Proclamation - National Seniors' Week**

Director Kreklewich brought forward a request for Council to proclaim National Seniors' Week.

**132/26** Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council move to proclaim June 1 – 7, 2026, as Seniors' Week in the Town of Blackfalds.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.10 Request for Decision, Proclamation – National Youth Week**

Director Kreklewich brought forward a request for Council to proclaim National Youth Week.

**133/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council move to proclaim May 2 – 8, 2026, as Youth Week in the Town of Blackfalds.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.11 Request for Decision, Member at Large Appointments – Library Board and Policing Committee**

CAO Isaak presented the recommendations from the Member at Large Review Panel for appointments to the Library Board and the Policing Committee.

**134/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council appoint Glenda Brown to the Library Board for a third term commencing April 28, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2028.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**135/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council appoint the following candidates to the Policing Committee:

- Bridget Anderson, for a first term commencing April 28, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2028.
- Ried Penner, for a first term commencing April 28, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2028.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

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**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Svab adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

-Original Signed-

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Laura Svab, Mayor

-Original Signed-

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Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer