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A Standing Committee of Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Monday, April 20, 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 Ryan Brown
Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte
Councillor Cory Twerdoclib

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Sawyer Kick, FCSS Manager
Aws Al Sammarraie Engineering Services Manager
Jessica Robinson, Executive and Legislative Coordinator
Renan Bravo, IT Technician

REGRETS

Councillor Shane Hanson

OTHERS PRESENT

Beth Reitz, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club Wolf Creek Blackfalds
Martine Francis, P.Eng. Stantec

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Dennis welcomed everyone to the Standing Committee of Council Meeting of April 20, 2026, and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Dennis shared Councillor Hanson's regrets.

1.2 REVIEW OF AGENDA**027/26**

Councillor Sands moved That Standing Committee of Council receive the Agenda for April 20, 2026, as amended, to add the following item:

- Closed item 5.1 Council Quarterly Governance Check-in, pursuant to Section 29 of the *Access to Information Act*.

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 Boys and Girls Club Wolf Creek Blackfalds**

Beth Reitz, Executive Director with the Boys and Girls Club Wolf Creek Blackfalds, provided Standing Committee of Council with an update on their current successes and future plans.

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Manager Al Sammarraie and Martine Francis of Stantec provided the Committee with a project update on the Northwest Storm Area Linear Wetland and Outlet Trunk.

- 028/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council receive the Northwest Storm Area Linear Wetland and Outlet Trunk update and presentation as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Report for Committee, Social Needs Assessment and Master Plan – Orientation

Director Kreklewich and Manager Hick provided an overview of the current Social Needs Assessment and Master Plan.

- 029/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council receive the Social Needs Assessment and Master Plan report and presentation for information as part of the ongoing Council Orientation process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Request for Direction, Family and Community Support Services Framework Policy

Manager Hick brought forward the Council Policy for the Family and Community Support Services Framework for review and discussion.

- 030/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend bringing forward the Draft - Family and Community Support Services Framework Policy to a future Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 Request for Direction, Council Policy – Ice Allocation

Director Kreklewich presented the Council Policy on Ice Allocation to the Committee for review and direction.

- 031/26** Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council that Council Policy – Ice Allocation be forwarded to a future Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.5 Request for Direction, Council Committee Bylaw 1339.25

CAO Isaak brought forward the revised Council Committee Bylaw, that included housekeeping amendments.

- 032/26** Mayor Svab moved THAT the Standing Committee recommend that Council amend Bylaw 1339.25 – Council Committee Bylaw, as follows:

1. By adding the following definition to Part 2 – Definitions, in alphabetical order:

“Ex Officio” means the Mayor, acting by virtue of holding the office of Mayor, who may participate in discussions and receive Committee materials, but does not have the right to vote or be counted toward quorum, unless otherwise expressly provided.

2. By adding the following new section to Part 5 – Member Appointments:

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5.6 Mayor – Ex Officio

5.6.1 The Mayor is an ex officio, by virtue of office, on Committees established pursuant to section 4.1 of this Bylaw.

5.6.2 As an ex officio participant, the Mayor:

- a) may attend and participate in Committee meetings;
- b) shall not have voting rights;
- c) shall not be counted for the purposes of quorum; and
- d) shall not be counted toward the maximum number of Council Members permitted on a Committee.

5.6.3 The ex officio role of the Mayor automatically transfers with the office of Mayor and does not require appointment by Council.

3. By amending subsection 7.19 of Bylaw 1339.25 by adding the words “excluding the Mayor acting in an Ex Officio capacity.” after “Members at Large”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

033/26 Councillor Hoyte moved Standing Committee of Council recommend the amendments to Bylaw 1339.25 – Council Committee Bylaw, including the Ex Officio amendments, be forwarded to a Regular Council Meeting for Consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.6 Request for Direction, Council Policy – Governance Framework

CAO Isaak presented the Governance Framework Council Policy for the Committee’s review and direction.

034/26 Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council that the Governance Framework Policy be directed to a future Regular Meeting of Council for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Deputy Mayor Dennis called for a five-minute recess at 7:38 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Dennis called the Special Standing Committee of Council Meeting back to order at 7:43 p.m.

5. CONFIDENTIAL**5.1 Council Quarterly Governance Check-in – ATIA Section 29 – Advice from Officials**

035/26 Councillor Sands moved That Standing Committee of Council move to a closed session commencing at 7:45 p.m., in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, to discuss item 5.1 Council Quarterly Governance Check-in, as per Section 29 of the *Access to Information Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

036/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council move to come out of the closed session at 8:23 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

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Standing Committee of Council Meeting Attendance: *Mayor Laura Svab, Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Ryan Brown, Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte, Councillor Cory Twerdoelib, and CAO Kim Isaak.*

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Dennis adjourned the Standing Committee of Council Meeting at 8:24 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Brenda Dennis, Deputy Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer