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A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on May 12, 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**

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer  
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services  
Darolee Bouteiller, Finance Manager  
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager  
Aws Al Sammarraie, Engineering Services Manager  
Peter McGee, Economic Development Officer  
Renan Bravo, Information Technology Technician  
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor

**REGRETS**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Wendy Buyar, Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce  
Dani Ducross, Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce

**1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of May 12, 2026, and called the meeting to order at 6:00 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**

**137/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for May 12, 2026, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**138/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for May 12, 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 – April 28, 2026
- c) Council Reports**

None
- d) Administrative Reports**
  - Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report – April 2026
- e) Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**

None
- f) Information**
  - Lacombe County Council Highlights – April 23, 2026
  - City of Lacombe Council Highlights – April 27, 2026

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- STARS - Town of Blackfalds - Ally Impact Report 2025
- g) Correspondence**  
None

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING****Bylaw 1351.26 - 5401 Blackfalds Industrial Way Redistricting**

Mayor Svab declared the Public Hearing open at 6:02 p.m. for Bylaw 1351.26.

The purpose of Bylaw 1351.26 is to amend Schedule 'A' of Land Use Bylaw 1268.22 to redistrict a portion of 5401 Blackfalds Industrial Way (legally described as Lot 9 Block 4 Plan 082 5372) from Industrial Heavy District (I-2) to Parks and Recreation District (PR).

First Reading was given to Bylaw 1351.26 on April 14, 2026.

Notice of this Public Hearing was advertised in accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act and the Town of Blackfalds' Public Notification Bylaw and Public Participation Policy:

- On the bulletin board in the Town's Civic Centre, upstairs outside of Council Chambers, commencing April 17, 2026.
- A hard copy of proposed Bylaw 1351.26 was available for viewing at the Town's Civic Centre Front Counter (upstairs) as of April 17, 2026.
- Via email to all local authorities and agencies on April 17, 2026.
- Via email to internal departments on April 17, 2026.
- On the Town's HWY 2A electronic sign commencing April 20, 2026, to May 12, 2026.
- On the Town's Broadway electronic sign commencing April 20, 2026, to May 12, 2026.
- May 2026 edition of "Talk of the Town".
- On the Town's website commencing on April 17, 2026.
- Circulation to adjacent landowners on April 24, 2026.
- Via email to the Municipal Planning Commission on April 15, 2026.
- In the April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, editions of the Lacombe Express.
- On the Town's social media channels in the weeks leading up to the Public Hearing.

The following written comments have been received to date:

- April 22, 2026, Telus Response - No Concerns
- April 24, 2026, submission from Lacombe County

There were no late submissions received for the Bylaw.

Comments from the Planning and Development Department  
None

Those in Favour of the Bylaw  
None came forward, and none attended virtually.

Those Opposed to the Bylaw  
None came forward, and none attended virtually.

Any Person Deemed to be Affected by the Bylaw Who Wishes to be Heard  
None came forward, and none attended virtually.

Comments from the Planning and Development Department  
None

Mayor Svab declared the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1351.26 closed at 6:05 p.m.

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**5. DELEGATION**

**5.1 BMHA U11 Team 2 Congratulations**

Mayor Svab and Council formally recognized the Blackfalds Minor Hockey U11 Team 2 for their gold-medal achievement at a hockey tournament held in Chestermere.

**5.2 Discover Lacombe & District App**

Wendy Buyar and Dani Ducross, representing Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce, presented to Council an overview of the Discover Lacombe & District App.

**6. BUSINESS**

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

Manager Tejkl presented Bylaw 1351.26, a bylaw to redistrict 5401 Blackfalds Industrial Way, for Council consideration of Second and Third Reading.

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council give Second 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).

*Prior to voting on Second Reading, the following amendment was introduced.*

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAW**

**139/26**

Councillor Hoyte moved That Bylaw 1351.26 be amended as follows:

1. By inserting the dates April 30, 2026, and May 7, 2026, in the WHEREAS clause respecting the publication of notice in the Lacombe Express pursuant to Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, as amended; and
2. By inserting the date May 12, 2026, in the WHEREAS clause respecting the Public Hearing held to receive public input on the proposed bylaw amendments.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**140/26**

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council give Second 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 amended.

**CARRIED**  
***Opposed Councillor Hanson***

**141/26**

Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council give Third 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).

**CARRIED**  
***Opposed Councillor Hanson***

**6.2 Request for Decision, Subdivision File No. S-01-26, 5401 Blackfalds Industrial Way**

Manager Tejkl brought forward Subdivision File No. S-01-26, 5401 Blackfalds Industrial Way for Council's consideration.

*Councillor Sands requested a recorded vote*

**142/26**

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council, being the designated Subdivision Authority for the Town of Blackfalds, is satisfied that the proposed subdivision meets the relevant considerations, and moves to APPROVE the subdivision of 5401 Blackfalds Industrial Way (Lot 9, Block 4, Plan 082 5372) into three lots, subject to the following conditions:

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1. That pursuant to Section 84 of the Land Titles Act, the Subdivision is registered by Plan of Survey.
2. That pursuant to Section 654(1)(d) of the *Municipal Government Act*, all outstanding property taxes are to be paid, or some other arrangements satisfactory to the Town of Blackfalds for payment thereof be made.

<b>In Favour</b>	<b>Opposed</b>
Mayor Laura Svab	Councillor Shane Hanson
Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis	
Councillor Jim Sands	
Councillor Ryan Brown	
Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte	
Councillor Cory Twerdoelib	

**CARRIED**

**6.3 Request for Decision, FCSS Grant Funding Allocation**

Director Kreklewich presented the FCSS Board recommendations for allocating the FCSS Grant Funding.

- 143/26** Councillor Brown moved That Council accept the FCSS Board recommendation to allocate the FCSS grant funding in the amount of \$7,925 to Iron Ridge Elementary Campus, \$7,925 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lacombe and District and \$7,925 to BGC of Wolf Creek Blackfalds.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.4 Request for Decision, Quarterly Financial Reports for the Period Ending March 31, 2026**

Manager Bouteiller brought forward the Quarterly Financial Report for Council's review and acceptance.

- 144/26** Councillor Brown moved That Council accept the Operating Statement and Variance report for the period ending March 31, 2026, as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 145/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council accept the Capital Project Report for the period ending March 31, 2026, as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 146/26** Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council accept the Council Expenditure report for the period ending March 31, 2026, as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.5 Request for Decision, McKay Ranch Lift Station – Contract Award**

Manager Al Sammarraie presented a request for Council to consider awarding the contract for the McKay Ranch Lift Station project.

- 147/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council authorize and direct Administration to award the construction of the McKay Ranch Lift station to Timcon Construction Ltd. for the amount of \$3,796,971.05 + GST.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.6 Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-193.26 - Family and Community Support Services Framework**

Director Kreklewich brought forward, for Council's consideration, the Council Policy for the Family and Community Support Services Framework.

- 148/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP-193.26 – Family and Community Support Services Framework, as presented, effective immediately.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**6.7 Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-194.26 – Ice Allocation**

Director Kreklewich brought forward for Council’s consideration the Council Policy for Ice Allocation.

- 149/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP-194.26 – Ice Allocation, as presented, effective immediately.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.8 Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-195.26 – Governance Framework**

CAO Isaak presented the Council Policy for Governance Framework for Council’s consideration and adoption.

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP-195.26 – Governance Framework, as presented, effective immediately.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

- 150/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council amend Council Policy CP-195.26 – Governance Framework to remove the word “effective” from Section 5.1.2.

**DEFEATED**

*In favour: Councillor Hanson and Councillor Hoyte*

- 151/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP-195.26 – Governance Framework, as presented, effective immediately.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.9 Request for Decision, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) Options**

Legislative Advisor Nealon brought forward options for the Town’s Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

- 152/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council approve and authorize the Town to enter into an Agreement with Red Deer County for the delivery of Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Services.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.10 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1339.25 - Council Committee Bylaw**

CAO Isaak presented the Council Committee Bylaw for Second and Third Reading.

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1339.25, the Council Committee Bylaw.

*Prior to voting on Second Reading, the following amendments were introduced.*

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAW**

- 153/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Bylaw 1339.25, the Council Committee Bylaw, be amended as follows:

1. That all references to the *Municipal Government Act* Chapter M 26.1, be standardized to read *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M 26;
2. That the parenthetical reference “(Executive and Legislative Coordinator)” be struck from section 2.1(f);
3. That “and” be struck from section 3.1(3.1.6), and, “and” be added to the end of section 3.1(3.1.7);
4. That Part 6 – Member at Large Appointments be amended by adding the following subsection as section 6.1:

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“6.1 No municipal employee shall be appointed as a Member at Large unless expressly permitted under a specific provision of this Bylaw.”;

5. That 6.4 be struck;

6. That 6.8 be amended by inserting the words “with all new and re-applying Members at Large” so the section 6.8 reads as follows:

“6.8 The Member at Large Review Panel will conduct interviews with all new and re-applying Members at Large to make recommendations to Council for consideration.”

7. That 6.11 be struck;

8. That 7.9.5 be struck;

9. That Part 2 – Definitions, be amended by adding the following definition 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”;

10. That the following new section be added to Part 5 – Member Appointments:

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.;

11. That subsection 7.19 be amended by adding the words “excluding the Mayor acting in an Ex Officio capacity.” after “Members at Large” .;

12. That subsection 7.9 be amended by adding:

7.9.6 Completion of Committee Annual Evaluation Checklist.; and

13. That all subsequent section numbers be updated as necessary following the amendments.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**154/26**

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1339.25, the Council Committee Bylaw, as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**155/26**

Councillor Hanson moved That Council give Third Reading to Bylaw 1339.25, the Council Committee Bylaw.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**6.11 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1355.26 - Business Licence Bylaw**

CAO Isaak presented Bylaw 1355.26, being the Business Licence Bylaw for Council's consideration of First, Second and Third Reading.

**156/26** Councillor Brown moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1355.26, Business Licence Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THE BYLAW**

**157/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Bylaw 1355.26 be amended as follows:

1. Section 7.1c) to read "A garage sale conducted at a residential premises for an aggregate period not exceeding seventy-two (72) hours on subsequent weekends and no more than 4 per annum year."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**158/26** Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1355.26, Business Licence Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**159/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council give unanimous consent to consider Third Reading to Bylaw 1355.26, Business Licence Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**160/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council give Third Reading to Bylaw 1355.26, Business Licence Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MEETING TIME EXTENSION**

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council extend the Regular Council Meeting for May 12, 2026, past the three-hour time limit.

**AMENDMENT PROPOSED**

**161/26** Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That the motion be amended to add "but not past 9:15 p.m."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**162/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council extend the Regular Council Meeting for May 12, 2026, past the three-hour limit, but not past 9:15 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.12 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1356.26 - Solid Waste Management Amendment Bylaw**

CAO Isaak presented Bylaw 1356.26, being a bylaw to amend the Solid Waste Management Bylaw for Council's consideration of First, Second and Third Reading.

**163/26** Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1356.26 to amend Bylaw 1167.13, Solid Waste Management Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**164/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1356.26 to amend Bylaw 1167.13, Solid Waste Management Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**165/26** Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council give unanimous consent to consider Third Reading to Bylaw 1356.26 to amend Bylaw 1167.13, Solid Waste Management Bylaw, as presented.

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**166/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council give Third Reading to Bylaw 1356.26 to amend Bylaw 1167.13, Solid Waste Management Bylaw, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**7.1 Bill 12 – Alberta Disability Assistance Program (ADAP) Implementation Pause Support**

Councillor Brown provided a Notice of Motion regarding Bill 12 – Alberta Disability Assistance Program (ADAP) Implementation Pause Support to be considered by Council at the May 26, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

“That Council of the Town of Blackfalds express its support for Inclusion Alberta’s call to pause implementation of Bill 12 and the Alberta Disability Assistance Program until the Province undertakes meaningful consultation and completes a clear social and economic impact review; and

That Council stand in collaboration with neighbouring municipalities to advocate that no changes proceed which would reduce necessary supports for vulnerable residents and families; and

That the Mayor be authorized to send this position, in writing, to the Premier of Alberta, the Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services, the local MLA, Inclusion Alberta, and neighbouring municipalities.”

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Svab adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:59 p.m.

-Original Signed-

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Laura Svab, Mayor

-Original Signed-

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Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer