



**TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Civic Cultural Centre – 5018 Waghorn Street

Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Kala Pandit, Chair
- Ken Hubbard, Member at Large
- Trent Kroetsch, Member at Large
- Reina LeMieux, Member at Large
- Justine Loshny, Member at Large
- Denise Sumner, Member at Large
- Jamie Hoover, Member at Large
- Maria Anderson, Member at Large

OTHERS ATTENDING

- Peter McGee, Economic Development Officer
- Jessica Robinson, Executive and Legislative Coordinator

REGRETS

- Kyle Braithwaite, Member at Large
- Darlington Etaje, Member at Large
- Joline Gurski, Member at Large
- Robert Hogan, Vice Chair
- Aaron Hoyte, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
- Cory Twerdoclib, Town of Blackfalds Councillor

1.1 WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kala Pandit welcomed all guests attending and called the Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1.2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member at Large Sumner moved That the Agenda for the April 13, 2026, meeting of the Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee be approved, as amended, to add the following item:

- Item 5.3 - June 1, 2026, Meeting Date

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

None

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4. BUSINESS

4.1 Approval of Minutes

Member at large Kroetsch moved That the minutes of February 2, 2026, Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Annual 2026 Business Walk

Member at Large Hoover moved That the Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee members select Denise Sumner as lead of the business walk subcommittee and members Justine Loshny, Reina LeMieux, Kala Pandit, and Jamie Hoover to assist the lead; and

Further That the Economic and Development & Tourism Advisory Committee directs the Economic Development Officer to circulate the information to the members who sent their regrets to determine if they wish to serve on the subcommittee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce Digital Sign

Member at Large Anderson moved That the item 4.3 Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce Digital Sign, be postponed to the June 1, 2026 meeting; and

Further That the Economic and Development & Tourism Advisory Committee directs the Economic Development Officer to gather additional information from the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. REPORT FOR COMMITTEE

5.1 Economic Development Officer Spring Update

Economic Development Officer McGee provided an update to the Committee on initiatives undertaken during the period of February to April 2026.

Member at Large Kroetsch moved That the Economic and Development & Tourism Advisory Committee receive the Economic Development Officer Spring Update report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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5.2 Economic Development 2026 Projects

Economic Development Officer McGee shared that Blackfalds Council approved the 2026 budget for the Economic Development department and outlined several high-impact programs designed to enhance economic resilience and attract investment.

Member at Large Hoover moved That the Economic and Development & Tourism Advisory Committee receive the Economic Development 2026 Projects report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 June 1, 2026, Meeting Date

Chair Pandit advised the Committee that he would not be able to attend the June 1, 2026, meeting and raised that should the Vice Chair also be unavailable they may wish to consider changing the meeting date.

6. CONFIDENTIAL

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kala Pandit, adjourned the Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting at 8:32 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Kala Pandit, Chair

-Original Signed -

Jessica Robinson, Executive & Legislative Coordinator