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A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on May 26, 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 Cory Twerdoelib

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager
Renan Bravo, Information Technology Technician
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor

REGRETS

Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte

OTHERS PRESENT

None

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of May 26, 2026, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and indicated that Councillor Hoyte sent his 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

167/26 Councillor Sands moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for May 26, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

168/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for May 26, 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 – May 12, 2026
- c) Council Reports**
 - Mayor Laura Svab
 - Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis
 - Councillor Jim Sands
 - Councillor Shane Hanson
 - Councillor Ryan Brown
 - Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte
 - Councillor Cory Twerdoelib
- d) Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, CAO Report – May 2026
 - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report – April 2026
- e) Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Lacombe Foundation Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2026

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f) Information

- City of Lacombe Council Highlights - March 23, 2026
- Servus Credit Union Public Library Blackfalds Programming Reports – February and March 2026

g) Correspondence

None

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. DELEGATION

None

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1358.26 - Aspen Lakes West Phase 2A Redistricting

Manager Tejkl presented Bylaw 1358.26, a bylaw to redistrict Aspen Lakes West Phase 2A for Council's consideration.

- 169/26** Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1358.26 – Redesignation of Part of SW 34-39-27-W4M from Urban Reserve District (UR) to Residential Single Dwelling Medium Lot District (R-1M) and Residential Multi-Dwelling District (R-2), as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 170/26** Councillor Brown moved That a Public Hearing date be set for June 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Request for Decision, Subdivision File No. S-02-26, 4409 South Street

Manager Tejkl brought forward for Council's consideration, Subdivision File No. S-02-26.

- 171/26** Councillor Brown 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 4409 South Street (Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 102 2233) into three lots, subject to the following conditions:

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 arrangement satisfactory to the Town of Blackfalds for payment thereof be made.
3. That pursuant to Section 655(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Blanket Utility Right-of-Way, as per the requirements of the Town of Blackfalds and/or utility companies, be registered concurrent with or prior to registering the Plan of Survey.
4. That an Access Easement be registered concurrent with or prior to registering the Plan of Survey to ensure legal and physical access for proposed Lot 5 and proposed Lot 6 to South Street is maintained.

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6.3 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1359.26 - Animal Control Bylaw

Director Morrison presented the Animal Control Bylaw, for Council's consideration.

- 172/26** Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council rescind First Reading of Bylaw 1335.25 Animal Control Bylaw, being resolution 147/25.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 173/26** Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1359.26 - Animal Control Bylaw, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Hanson moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1359.26 - Animal Control Bylaw, as presented.

Prior to voting on Second Reading, the proposed Bylaw amendments were introduced.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THE BYLAW

Councillor Hanson moved That Bylaw 1359.26 be amended as follows:

1. That Section 6.1 be amended by deleting the words "in Bylaw 1335.25" and substituting "this Bylaw".
2. That Section 13.2 be amended by adding the words "is guilty of an offence:".
3. That Section 13.2 (c) be deleted in its entirety.
4. That Schedule D, Part 13, Section 13.2(b) be amended by replacing the fine for Third and Subsequent offences from "\$500" to "\$1,000".

Prior to the vote on the foregoing motion, a motion to divide the question was introduced.

- 174/26** Councillor Hanson moved That the proposed Bylaw amendments be divided by voting on 1. and 4. then voting on amendments 2. and 3.

DEFEATED

In Favour: Mayor Svab and Councillor Hanson

The original proposed amendment motion was brought back to the floor for consideration.

- 175/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Bylaw 1359.26 be amended as follows:

1. That Section 6.1 be amended by deleting the words "in Bylaw 1335.25" and substituting "this Bylaw".
2. That Section 13.2 be amended by adding the words "is guilty of an offence:".
3. That Section 13.2 (c) be deleted in its entirety.
4. That Schedule D, Part 13, Section 13.2(b) be amended by replacing the fine for Third and Subsequent offences from "\$500" to "\$1,000".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Svab called for a 5-minute recess at 7:05 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 7:11 p.m.

- 176/26** Councillor Brown moved That Bylaw 1359.26 be amended as follows:

1. That a new Section 7.1 (g) be added as follows:

(g) if a Dangerous Dog owner seeks to remove the Dangerous Dog Declaration, they must provide a certified copy of training records satisfactory to the Review Committee and be subject to review by the Review Committee.

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177/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1359.26 - Animal Control Bylaw, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

178/26 Councillor Brown moved That Council give unanimous consent to move to Third Reading of Bylaw 1359.26 – Animal Control Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

179/26 Councillor Sands moved That Council give Third Reading to Bylaw 1359.26 – Animal Control Bylaw, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Request for Decision, Community Centre Emergency Generator

Director Morrison brought forward a request for Council to award the Emergency Generator project at the Community Centre.

180/26 Councillor Sands moved That Council approve an additional \$66,709.24 from Capital Reserve to be allocated to the purchase and installation of the Emergency Generator.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

181/26 Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council award the Community Center Emergency Generator RFP to Timcon Construction (1988) LTD. In the amount of \$266,709.24.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-174.24 - Procurement

Director de Bresser presented the amended Council Policy – Procurement for Council's consideration of adoption.

182/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council adopt the amended Council Policy CP-174.24 - Procurement, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Request for Decision, Council Policy CP -184.24 - Signing Authority

CAO Isaak presented the amended Council Policy – Signing Authority for Council's consideration of adoption.

183/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council adopt the amended Council Policy CP-184.24 - Signing Authority, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.7 Request for Decision, Friends of the Blindman River – Board Representation

CAO Isaak brought forward for Council's consideration and discussion appointing a board representative to the Friends of the Blindman River Board.

Councillor Hanson moved That Council consider the request from the Friends of the Blindman River for Council representation on their Board.

Before voting on the foregoing motion, a motion to withdraw was introduced.

184/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council consent to the withdrawal of the motion.

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185/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council direct Administration to review the current watershed memberships and bring this item back during budget discussions.

DEFEATED

*In favour: Mayor Svab,
Councillor Hanson and Councillor Twerdoclib*

6.8 Council Motion, Bill 12 – Alberta Disability Assistance Program (ADAP) Implementation Pause Support

Councillor Brown brought forward his motion, which was given notice on May 12, 2026, to be considered at the May 26, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

186/26 Councillor Brown moved 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

RECESS

Mayor Svab called for a 5-minute recess at 8:18 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:22 p.m.

8. CONFIDENTIAL

8.1 Municipal Awards Nomination - ATIA Section 22(1) - Confidential Evaluations

8.2 Library Correspondence - ATIA Section 26(1) – Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations

187/26 Councillor Sands moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:22 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss item 8.1 Municipal Awards Nomination, pursuant to Section 22 of the *Access to Information Act* and 8.2 Library Correspondence, pursuant to Section 26 of the *Access to Information Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session Attendance: *Mayor Laura Svab, Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Shane Hanson, Councillor Ryan Brown, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, CAO Kim Isaak, and Senior Legislative Advisor Danielle Nealon.*

188/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 8:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:55 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting Attendance: *Mayor Laura Svab, Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Shane Hanson, Councillor Ryan Brown, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, CAO Kim Isaak and Senior Legislative Advisor Danielle Nealon.*

8.1 Municipal Awards Nomination - ATIA Section 22(1) - Confidential Evaluations

189/26 Councillor Sands moved That Council endorse Administration's recommendation regarding the municipal awards nomination.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Svab adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:56 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Laura Svab, Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer