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A Standing Committee of Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Laura Svab (*arrived at 6:14 pm*)
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
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager
Jessica Robinson, Executive & Legislative Coordinator
Renan Bravo, IT Technician

REGRETS

None

OTHERS PRESENT

None

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Dennis welcomed everyone to the Standing Committee of Council Meeting of May 19, 2026, and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Dennis shared that Mayor Svab would be joining the meeting late.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

037/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council adopt the agenda for May 19, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Absent Mayor Svab

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

038/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Standing Committee of Council adopt the Minutes for April 20, 2026, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Absent Mayor Svab

ARRIVAL

Mayor Svab arrived at 6:14 p.m.

5. DELEGATIONS

None

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6. BUSINESS**6.1 Report for Committee, Civic Facilities Development Strategy and Master Plan – Orientation**

Director Kreklewich provided an orientation on the Civic Facilities Development Strategy and Master Plan.

- 039/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council receive the Civic Facilities Development Strategy and Master Plan report and presentation for information as part of the ongoing Council Orientation process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Request for Direction, Proposed Park Name and Street Renaming

Manager Tejkl presented two naming proposals for Council's consideration; naming a large park in the McKay Ranch community as "Stol Park," and renaming South Street to "Soper Street."

- 040/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend Council approve the proposal to officially name the large park in McKay Ranch Phase 4 "Stol Park".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 041/26** Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend that Council approve the proposal to rename the east portion of South Street to "Soper Trail," and that the matter be forwarded to a future Regular Council Meeting for consideration; and

Further, That Standing Committee of Council refer the matter to Administration regarding engagement with the impacted landowners, and future updates to the Naming and Addressing Bylaw 1182/14.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Request for Direction, Council Policy – Community Initiatives Grant Policy

Director Kreklewich brought forward the Council Policy for the Community Initiative Grant.

RECESS

Deputy Mayor Dennis called for a five-minute recess at 7:20 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Dennis called the Standing Committee of Council Meeting back to order at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council refer the Community Initiatives Grant Policy back to Administration to incorporate the following amendments:

6.4 be replaced with "Applications will be reviewed by Administration and the Recreation, Culture and Parks (RCP) Board. Applications will be reviewed at the September, December, March and June RCP Board Meetings. The RCP Board will provide recommendations to Council regarding grant applications. All grant applications are subject to final approval by Council."

6.8 be replaced with "Council shall approve grant funding based on the recommendations of the RCP Board and available budget."

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That the following be inserted:

- 6.4.1 Organizations applying for funding will be required to present their application to the Recreation, Culture and Parks (RCP) Board at a scheduled meeting. The purpose of the presentation is to provide additional context and allow Board Members to ask questions to support their review and recommendation to Council.
- 6.X Administration shall provide written feedback to unsuccessful applicants outlining the reasons for ineligibility or denial and, where possible, recommendations for improving future submissions.

Prior to voting on the foregoing resolution, the following motion to divide was presented.

042/26 Councillor Hanson moved That the motion be divided.

CARRIED
Opposed: Councillor Brown
Councillor Twerdoclib

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6.8 be replaced with “Council shall approve grant funding based on the recommendations of the RCP Board and available budget.”

CARRIED
Opposed: Councillor Hanson,
Councillor Hoyte and Councillor Sands

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- 6.X Administration shall provide written feedback to unsuccessful applicants outlining the reasons for ineligibility or denial and, where possible, recommendations for improving future submissions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Request for Direction, Council Policy – Public Use of Rental Facilities

Director Kreklewich brought forward the Council Policy for Public Use of Rental Facilities for the Committee’s consideration

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045/26 Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council that Council Policy – Public Use of Rental Facilities be forwarded to a future Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

CARRIED
Opposed: Councillor Hoyte

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

CAO Isaak brought forward the recommended amendments to the Council Procurement Policy.

046/26 Councillor Sands moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend that the amended Procurement Policy be directed to a Regular Meeting of Council for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Request for Direction, Signing Authority Policy Amendments

CAO Isaak brought forward the recommended amendments to the Council Signing Authority Policy.

047/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend that the amended Signing Authority Policy be directed to a Regular Meeting of Council for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Deputy Mayor Dennis called for a five-minute recess at 8:21 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Dennis called the Standing Committee of Council meeting back to order at 8:25 p.m.

7. CONFIDENTIAL

7.1 Personnel Matter – ATIA Sections: 29 – Advice from Officials & 32 – Privileged Information

048/26 Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:25 p.m., in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, to discuss item 7.1 Personnel Matter, as per Sections 29 and 32 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 Aaron J. Hoyte, Councillor Cory Twerdoelib, and CAO Kim Isaak.

049/26 Councillor Sands moved That Standing Committee of Council move to come out of the closed session at 8:27 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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8. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Dennis adjourned the Standing Committee of Council Meeting at 8:28 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Brenda Dennis, Deputy Mayor

-Original Signed -

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer