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A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on June 23, 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 Twerdoclib

ATTENDING

Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services (Acting CAO)
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure & Planning Services
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager
Derek Starnes, Sports and Events Manager
Renan Bravo, Information Technology Technician
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor

REGRETS

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

Shane Stafford, Stantec
Gregg Broks, Melcor Developments

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of June 23, 2026, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and indicated that CAO Isaak was absent and that Director Morrison would be Acting CAO.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

Council reviewed the Agendas for June 23, 2026, and amended the Agendas, as follows:

- Regular Agenda - Addition of Confidential item 8.1 Intergovernmental Relations, ATIA Section 26 – Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations
- Consent Agenda - Removal of Consent Agenda Item d) Report for Council, CAO Report – June 2026

209/26 Councillor Sands moved That Council postpone the CAO Report – June 2026 to the July 14, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

210/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for June 23, 2026, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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211/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for June 23, 2026, as amended, containing:

- a) Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- b) Adoption of Minutes**
 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 9, 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 Twerdoclib
- d) Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report – May 2026
 - Report for Council, BOLT KPI Monthly Report – May 2026
- e) Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2026
 - Economic Development and Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2026, and April 13, 2026
- f) Information**
 - City of Lacombe Council Highlights - June 8, 2026
 - Special Event Permit - 004.26 - Show and Shine
 - Special Event Permit - 005.26 - Blackfalds Days Fireworks
 - Special Event Permit - 006.26 - Blackfalds Days Parade
- g) Correspondence**

None

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARING**4.1 Bylaw 1358.26 - Aspen Lakes West Phase 2A Redistricting**

Mayor Svab declared the Public Hearing open at 6:14 p.m. for Bylaw 1358.26.

The purpose of Bylaw 1358.26 is to amend Schedule 'A' of Land Use Bylaw 1268.22 to redistrict a portion 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)

First Reading was given to Bylaw 1358.26 on May 26, 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 June 2, 2026.
- A hard copy of proposed Bylaw 1358.26 was available for viewing at the Town's Civic Centre Front Counter (upstairs) as of June 2, 2026.
- Via email to all local authorities and agencies on June 2, 2026.
- Via email to internal departments on June 2, 2026.
- On the Town's electronic signs commencing June 8, 2026 - June 23, 2026.
- May 2026 edition of "Talk of the Town".
- On the Town's website commencing on June 1, 2026.
- Circulation to adjacent landowners on June 3, 2026.
- Via email to the Municipal Planning Commission on May 27, 2026.
- In the June 11th and June 18th, 2026, editions of the Lacombe Express.
- On the Town's social media channels in the weeks leading up to the Public Hearing.

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The following written comments have been received to date:

- June 2, 2026, submission from Canada Post
- June 15, 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
Gregg Broks, Melcor Developments, spoke in favour of the Bylaw.

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 1358.26 closed at 6:17 p.m.

5. DELEGATION

5.1 Introduction of Derek Starnes, Sports and Events Manager

Director Kreklewich introduced Derek Starnes as the Town's new Sports and Events Manager.

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.

212/26 Councillor Sands moved That Council give Second 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

213/26 Councillor Brown moved That Council give Third 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

6.2 Request for Decision, Subdivision File No. S-03-26, Aspen Lakes West Phase 2A

Manager Tejkl brought forward for Council's consideration, Subdivision File No. S-03-26.

214/26 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 Part of SW 34-39-27-W4M into fourteen (14) 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 arrangement satisfactory to the Town of Blackfalds for payment thereof be made.
3. That pursuant to Section 655(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, that the owner/developer register utility easement right of way as per the requirements of the Town of Blackfalds and/or utility companies concurrent with or prior to registering the subdivision's Plan of Survey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Request for Decision, Revised Bylaw 1359.26 – Animal Control Bylaw

Senior Legislative Advisor Nealon presented Revised Bylaw 1359.26, being the Revised Animal Control Bylaw, for Council's consideration.

- 215/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council give First Reading to Revised Bylaw 1359.26 – Animal Control Bylaw, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council give Second Reading to Revised Bylaw 1359.26 – Animal Control Bylaw, as presented.

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

- 216/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Revised Bylaw 1359.26 – Animal Control Bylaw be amended to strike "is" in Section 12.1 (e).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The motion for Second Reading, as amended, was back on the floor.

- 217/26** Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council give Second Reading to Revised Bylaw 1359.26 – Animal Control Bylaw, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 218/26** Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council give unanimous consent to move to Third Reading of Revised Bylaw 1359.26 – Animal Control Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 219/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council give Third Reading to Revised Bylaw 1359.26 – Animal Control Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Request for Decision, Community Initiatives Grant Applications

Director Kreklewich brought forward three Community Initiatives Grant Applications for Council's consideration.

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council grant funding of \$2,250 to the Heart of Blackfalds Society from the Community Initiatives Grant.

Prior to voting on the foregoing motion, the following amendment was introduced.

- 220/26** Councillor Sands moved That the main motion be amended to strike "\$2,250" and replace with "\$1,250".

CARRIED
Opposed: Councillor Hoyte

The amended motion was back on the floor.

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Councillor Hoyte moved That Council grant funding of \$1,250 to the Heart of Blackfalds Society from the Community Initiatives Grant.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Hoyte

221/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council grant funding of \$1,250 to the Optimist Club of Blackfalds from the Community Initiatives Grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Sands moved That Council consider granting up to \$2,500 to the Blackfalds Silverbacks Lacrosse from the Community Initiatives Grant.

Prior to voting on the foregoing motion, the following amendment was introduced.

222/26 Councillor Hanson moved That the main motion be amended to strike “\$2,500” and replace with “\$2,000”.

CARRIED

*Opposed: Deputy Mayor Dennis,
Councillor Sands and Councillor Brown*

The amended motion was back on the floor.

223/26 Councillor Sands moved That Council consider granting up to \$2,000 to the Blackfalds Silverbacks Lacrosse from the Community Initiatives Grant.

CARRIED

*Opposed: Deputy Mayor Dennis,
Councillor Sands and Councillor Brown*

6.5 Request for Decision, Proposed Renaming of East Portion of South Street

Acting CAO/Director Morrison brought forward a request regarding the renaming of the east portion of South Street.

224/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council defer the matter of the proposed renaming of the east portion of South Street and the associated updates to the Naming and Addressing Bylaw 1182/14 and direct Administration to add the item into the 2027 Workplan.

CARRIED

*Opposed: Mayor Svab and
Councillor Hanson*

6.6 Request for Decision, Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards Nomination

Acting CAO/Director Morrison requested Council’s direction regarding the Stars of Volunteer Awards Nomination.

225/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council direct Administration to proceed with the nomination process for the Stars of Volunteer Awards Nomination as discussed in the closed session of Council at the Standing Committee of June 15, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

RECESS

Mayor Svab called for a 5-minute recess at 7:55 p.m.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:00 p.m.

8. CONFIDENTIAL

8.1 Intergovernmental Relations, ATIA Section 26 – Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations

- 226/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:01 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss item 8.1 Intergovernmental Relations, 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 Aaron J. Hoyte, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, Acting CAO/Director Ken Morrison and Senior Legislative Advisor Danielle Nealon.

- 227/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 8:37 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:37 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting Attendance: Mayor Laura Svab, Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Shane Hanson, Councillor Ryan Brown, Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, Acting CAO/Director Ken Morrison and Senior Legislative Advisor Danielle Nealon.

8.1 Intergovernmental Relations, ATIA Section 26 – Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations

- 228/26** Councillor Sands moved That Council direct Administration to proceed as discussed in closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Svab adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:38 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Laura Svab, Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer