TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Civic Cultural Centre – 5018 Waghorn Street

MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on July 14, 2026, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Laura Svab
Deputy Mayor Jim Sands
Councillor Shane Hanson
Councillor Ryan Brown
Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte
Councillor Cory Twerdoclib
Councillor Brenda Dennis

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services *(Acting CAO)*
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure & Planning Services
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager
Peter McGee, Economic Development Officer
Wendy Griffin, FCSS Manager
Renan Bravo, Information Technology Technician
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor

REGRETS

None

OTHERS PRESENT

None

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of July 14, 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

Council reviewed the Agendas for July 14, 2026, and amended the Agendas, as follows:

- Consent Agenda item Report for Council, Neuron and Lime Scooter Service Agreement was added under the Regular Agenda as Business item 6.2
- Consent Agenda item Report for Council, Enforcement and Protective Services Monthly Report – June 2026 was added under the Regular Agenda as Business item 6.8.

Councillor Twerdoclib indicated that he would be recusing himself from item 6.9 Request for Decision, Concession Lease Agreement due to a pecuniary interest.

229/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for July 14, 2026, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

230/26 Councillor Dennis moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for July 14, 2026, as amended, containing:

a) **Declaration of No Interest** *(conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other)*
b) **Adoption of Minutes**
   - Special Council Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2026
   - Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2026
c) **Council Reports**
   None
d) **Administrative Reports**
   - Report for Council, CAO Report – June 2026
   - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report – June 2026
e) **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
   - Lacombe Foundation Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2026
   - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2026
f) **Information**
   - Lacombe County Council Highlights – June 11, 2026
   - City of Lacombe Council Highlights – June 22, 2026
   - NRDRWSC Council RFI Response Letter 2026-1053
   - Lacombe County Council Highlights – June 25, 2026
g) **Correspondence**
   - Letter from Minister Williams - 2026 Municipal Affairs Grant Allocation Letter – June 17, 2026

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. DELEGATION

5.1 Introduction of Wendy Griffin, FCSS Manager

Director Kreklewich introduced Wendy Griffin as the Town's new FCSS Manager.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Request for Decision, Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce Funding Request

EDO McGee brought forward a funding request from the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce.

231/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council approve in-kind facility room rental of $930 per year upon budget approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

232/26 Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council approve $7,500 for the Blackfalds Business App Inclusion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

233/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council refer the consideration of sponsoring the She Means Business Prairie Summit 2027 event at either the Silver ($2,500) or Bronze ($1,000) levels to budget discussions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Report for Council, Neuron and Lime Scooter Service Agreement

Council exempted this item from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

234/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council direct Administration to send a letter to Lime Canada outlining concerns regarding the pickup and placement of the electronic scooters at the end of each day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Request for Decision, Lacombe Lake Management Plan – Terms of Reference and Request for Proposals

Manager Tejkl presented the Terms of Reference and the Request for Proposals for the Lacombe Lake Management Plan for Council's consideration and requested Council to appoint members to the Lacombe Lake Management Plan Steering Committee.

235/26 Councillor Brown moved That Council endorse the Lacombe Lake Management Plan – Terms of Reference and Request for Proposals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Brown moved That Council appoint one (1) member and one (1) alternate member to the Lacombe Lake Management Plan Steering Committee.

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

236/26 Councillor Brown moved That the main motion be amended to add "Councillor Brown" as one (1) member and add "Councillor Hoyte" as the alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amended main motion was on the floor.

237/26 Councillor Brown moved That Council appoint Councillor Brown as one (1) member and Councillor Hoyte as one (1) alternate member to the Lacombe Lake Management Plan Steering Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Request for Decision, MDP Review Vision Statement Refresh Engagement Follow-up

Manager Tejkl presented the survey and engagement results for the MDP Review Vision Statement refresh.

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt the revised Municipal Development Plan Vision Statement, as presented.

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

238/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council amend the revised Municipal Development Plan Vision Statement to read and replace as follows, being the refreshed vision statement:

"Blackfalds is an active, family-oriented community that desires to provide a high-quality of life opportunities for all residents and families, in a safe, sustainable environment.

We are committed to responsible growth, a strong and diverse economy, enhanced neighbourhoods and built form, and fiscally responsible service delivery.

Rooted in a welcoming spirit and supported by regional collaboration, Blackfalds continues to evolve as a vibrant, connected community where people and businesses can thrive."

DEFEATED
In favour: Councillor Hanson

The original main motion was back on the floor.

239/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt the revised Municipal Development Plan Vision Statement, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 Request for Decision, Request for Letter of Support – Pacific Trade Corridor Initiative

CAO Isaak brought forward a request from Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) regarding a letter of support from member municipalities for a federal funding application related to the Pacific Trade Corridor Initiative.

240/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council authorize the Mayor to provide a letter of support on behalf of the Town of Blackfalds in support of the Central Alberta Economic Partnership's participation in the Pacific Trade Corridor Initiative and its application to Transport Canada's Trade Diversification Corridors Fund – Stream 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Request for Decision, Community Centre Parking Lot/Lighting Project

CAO Isaak requested Council's consideration for applying to the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) – Local Impact Stream for the Community Centre Parking Lot/Lighting Project.

Councillor Brown moved That Council authorize the $200,000 requested for Administration to apply to the BCSF Local Impact Stream for the Community Centre Parking Lot and Lighting Project, and direct Administration to return to Council with the grant result, detailed scope, eligible-cost determination, tendered cost, funding plan and recommended project authorization before construction proceeds.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing motion, a recess was called.

RECESS

Mayor Svab called for a 5-minute recess at 7:37 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 7:41 p.m.

The motion was back on the floor.

241/26 Councillor Brown moved That Council authorize the $200,000 requested for Administration to apply to the BCSF Local Impact Stream for the Community Centre Parking Lot and Lighting Project, and direct Administration to return to Council with the grant result, detailed scope, eligible-cost determination, tendered cost, funding plan and recommended project authorization before construction proceeds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.7 Request for Decision, EDTAC Board Member Resignation

Senior Legislative Advisor Nealon brought forward a resignation from the Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee for Council's acceptance.

242/26 Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council formally accept the resignation of Reina Lemieux from the Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee, effective immediately, with regret.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.8 Report for Council, Enforcement and Protective Services Monthly Report – June 2026

Council exempted this item from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Mayor Svab relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Sands.

243/26 Mayor Svab moved That Council direct Administration to conduct research regarding the enforcement and banning of Prohibited Miniature Vehicles, such as electric scooters, electric bikes, go-karts and golf carts in other municipalities and bring forward a Report to the Standing Committee of Council with recommendations.

CARRIED
Opposed: Councillor Brown

Mayor Svab resumed the Chair.

Councillor Twerdoclib declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

6.9 Request for Decision, Concession Lease Agreement

Director Kreklewich brought forward for Council's consideration and approval the Food & Beverage Services Lease Agreement for the concessions at the Eagle Builders Centre and Abbey Centre.

244/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council approve the renewal of the Eagle Builders Centre & Abbey Centre Food & Beverage Services Lease between the Town of Blackfalds and Twerdo Holdings Inc. for the Eagle Builders Centre and Abbey Centre for a three-year term, effective immediately.

CARRIED
Recused: Councillor Twerdoclib

Councillor Twerdoclib returned to the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

RECESS

Mayor Svab called for a 5-minute recess at 8:28 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:32 p.m.

MEETING TIME EXTENSION

245/26 Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council approve extending the Regular Meeting for July 14, 2026, until 9:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CONFIDENTIAL

8.1 CAO Evaluation - Compensation Review Report – *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) Section 22 (1)(2) Confidential Evaluations

246/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:32 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss item 8.1 CAO Evaluation - Compensation Review Report, pursuant to Section 22 of the *Access to Information Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session Attendance: *Mayor Laura Svab, Deputy Mayor Jim Sands, Councillor Shane Hanson, Councillor Ryan Brown, Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, Councillor Brenda Dennis and CAO Kim Isaak.*

247/26 Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 9:13 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 9:13 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting Attendance: *Mayor Laura Svab, Deputy Mayor Jim Sands, Councillor Shane Hanson, Councillor Ryan Brown, Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib and Councillor Brenda Dennis.*

MEETING TIME EXTENSION

248/26 Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council approve extending the Regular Meeting for April 14, 2026, until 9:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1 CAO Evaluation - Compensation Review Report – *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) Section 22 (1)(2) Confidential Evaluations

249/26 Councillor Dennis moved That Council approve the market adjustment to the CAO salary to the 75% percentile as identified in the compensation report.

CARRIED
Opposed: Councillor Hanson

250/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council approve the employer participation in the APEX Supplementary Pension Plan for the Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council approve the discontinuation of the CAO salary grid and establish a market-based compensation review process, whereby compensation is reviewed every three years against Council-approved comparator municipalities, with annual cost of living adjustments applied in the intervening years consistent with those approved for exempt employees.

Prior to voting on the foregoing motion, a motion to refer was introduced.

251/26 Councillor Brown moved That Council refer CAO Evaluation - Compensation Review Report recommendation 3. back to Administration for more information and bring the information back to a Regular Council Meeting for discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Svab adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 9:20 p.m.

-Original Signed-
Laura Svab, Mayor

-Original Signed-
Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer