

MINUTES

A Standing Committee of Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Monday, July 20, 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 Cory Twerdoclib
Councillor Brenda Dennis

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager
Derek Starnes, Sports and Events Manager
Shelby Craig, Marketing & Communications Team Lead
Jessica Robinson, Executive & Legislative Coordinator
Renan Bravo, IT Technician

REGRETS

Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte

OTHERS PRESENT

Trevor Thomas, Central Sport
Russ Wlad, Central Sport

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Sands welcomed everyone to the Standing Committee of Council Meeting of July 20, 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 AGENDA

Standing Committee of Council reviewed the Agenda for July 20, 2026, and amended the Agenda, as follows:

- Business Item 6.8 Request for Direction, Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS) – Status Update and Proposed Council Committee, was moved to Item 6.2 on the Agenda, and the remaining items were renumbered accordingly.

060/26 Councillor Dennis moved That Standing Committee of Council adopt the Agenda for July 20, 2026, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

061/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Standing Committee of Council adopt the Minutes for June 15, 2026, as amended, as follows:

- Resolution 057/26 striking 8:15 p.m. and replacing with 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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5. DELEGATIONS**5.1 Central Sport Supporting the Town of Blackfalds with Sports Tourism Opportunities**

Trevor Thomas and Russ Wlad of Central Sport provided Standing Committee with an update on the organization's efforts to support Central Alberta communities in attracting and hosting sporting events. They also highlighted the upcoming Battle of the Bunnocks tournament, which will be held in Blackfalds and Red Deer from August 21–23, 2026.

6. BUSINESS**6.1 Request for Direction, Municipal Planning Commission Notice of Motion – Land Use Bylaw Amendments**

Manager Tejkl presented the Municipal Planning Commission Notice of Motion regarding rear yard setback requirements for accessory buildings.

062/26

Mayor Svab moved That the Standing Committee of Council refer the matter to Administration to prepare amendments to the Land Use Bylaw to remove the 1.0 m (3.28 ft) or 6.0 m (19.69 ft) rear yard setback requirements for an Accessory Building when it is accessed by a Driveway, and bring the proposed amendments forward for Council's consideration at a future Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**6.2 Request for Direction, Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS) – Status Update and Proposed Council Committee**

Director Weran provided Standing Committee with an update to the Environmental Stewardship Strategy (ESS).

063/26

Councillor Brown moved That Standing Committee of Council instruct Administration to develop Terms of Reference for this Environmental Advisory Committee and to bring it forward for Council approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**6.3 Request for Direction, Disc Golf Course at McKay Ranch**

Manager Starnes presented an update on a plan for a disc golf course at the McKay Ranch park space.

064/26

Councillor Hanson moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council to approve the installation of five disc golf holes in the McKay Ranch park space, as per the layout presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**6.4 Request for Direction, Council Communication & Engagement Committee – Coffee with Council**

Marketing & Communications Team Lead Craig brought forward the engagement tool of Coffee with Council for consideration.

065/26

Councillor Hanson moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend that the Coffee with Council initiative, along with a draft schedule be directed to a Regular Council Meeting for consideration, based on the discussion of Standing Committee of Council on July 20, 2026.

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**6.5 Request for Direction, Council Communication & Engagement
Committee – Council Monthly Reports**

Marketing & Communications Team Lead Craig brought forward for Standing Committee's consideration updates to the Council Monthly Reports.

- 066/26** Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend that the revised Council Monthly Reports be directed to a Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.6 Request for Direction, Standing Committee of Council Meeting Schedule
Adjustments**

CAO Isaak brought forward recommendations to amend the scheduled Standing Committee of Council Meetings.

- 067/26** Mayor Svab moved That Standing Committee of Council schedule a Standing Committee of Council Meeting on August 26, 2026, for preliminary budget direction related to the development of the 2027 Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 068/26** Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Standing Committee of Council reschedule the September 14, 2026, Standing Committee of Council Meeting to September 15, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Deputy Mayor Sands called for a five-minute recess at 7:33 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Sands called the Standing Committee of Council Meeting back to order at 7:46 p.m.

7. CONFIDENTIAL

7.1 Committee Discussion – ATIA Section 29 – Advice from Officials

- 069/26** Councillor Dennis moved That Standing Committee of Council move to a closed session commencing at 7:46 p.m., in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, to discuss item 7.1 Committee Discussion, as per Section 29 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 Cory Twerdoclib, Councillor Brenda Dennis, and CAO Kim Isaak.

- 070/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Standing Committee of Council move to come out of the closed session at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

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Standing Committee of Council Meeting Attendance: *Mayor Laura Svab, Deputy Mayor Jim Sands, Councillor Shane Hanson, Councillor Ryan Brown, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, Councillor Brenda Dennis, and CAO Kim Isaak.*

8. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Sands adjourned the Standing Committee of Council Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Jim Sands, Deputy Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer