

AGENDA

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- 2.1 In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the Town of Blackfalds acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral lands of Cree, Saulteaux (So-toe), Blackfoot, Métis, Dene (De-nay) and Nakota Sioux (Sue). We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and non-status peoples whose footsteps have marked these lands since time immemorial.

We recognize the inherent relationships Indigenous communities have with this land and its creatures and commit to supporting reconciliation and healing. We honour the resilience, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples, past and present.

As we gather, we pledge to listen, learn, and take meaningful action toward a future based on mutual respect and understanding as we continue on our journey of truth and healing. We recognize that reconciliation is not a single act but a lifelong journey—one that requires accountability, humility, and the centering of Indigenous voices.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- 3.1 Adoption of the August 26, 2026, Agenda
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4. **BUSINESS**

- 4.1 Request for Direction, Addition of Standing Committee Meeting
4.2 Report for Committee, 2027 Budget Discussion
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5. **CONFIDENTIAL**

None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Future Meetings/Events:

- Regular Council Meeting – September 8, 2026
- Standing Committee of Council Meeting – September 15, 2026

MEETING DATE: August 26, 2026
PREPARED BY: Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
PRESENTED BY: Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **Addition of Standing Committee Meeting**

BACKGROUND

In previous years, community groups and organizations have appeared before Council to present their annual budget requests. To ensure these presentations are afforded adequate time for discussion and consideration, without displacing other items from the Standing Committee of Council agenda, it is being recommended that an additional Standing Committee Meeting be scheduled for October 7, 2026.

DISCUSSION

Administration is recommending the addition of Standing Committee Meeting to allow Council to give full consideration to the annual budget presentations from community groups and organizations without impacting the timing or decisions of other Council business.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT / OTHER MASTER PLAN ALIGNMENT



**Economic Vitality and
Community Prosperity**



**Community Life,
Safety, and Inclusion**



**Leadership,
Engagement and
Advocacy**



**Sustainable Services
and Infrastructure**

This recommendation supports Council's priorities of Leadership, Engagement and Advocacy through meaningful engagement with community organizations and promotes Community Life, Safety and Inclusion by supporting organizations that delivered valued programs and services. It also contributes to Sustainable Services and Infrastructure by facilitation informed budget decision-making and effective meeting management.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to the scheduling of another Standing Committee of Council Meeting.

COMMUNICATION / ENGAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Administration will post notice of the scheduled meeting and will coordinate with the groups and organizations on applicable times for their presentations.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

That Standing Committee of Council consider the following motion(s):

1. That Standing Committee of Council schedule a Standing Committee for October 7, 2026.

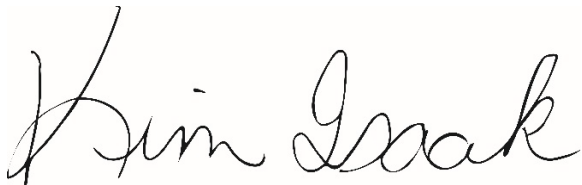
ALTERNATIVES

- a) That Standing Committee of Council recommends an alternate date.

ATTACHMENTS

None

APPROVALS



Kim Isaak,
Chief Administrative Officer

Department Director/Author

MEETING DATE: August 26, 2026

PREPARED BY: Darolee Bouteiller, Finance Manager

PRESENTED BY: Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services

SUBJECT: **2027 Budget Discussion**

BACKGROUND

At the April 14th Regular Meeting of Council, a schedule of 2027 Budget deliberation dates were brought forward and accepted by Council. The budget process schedule that has been established will assist our Municipality in meeting our objective of completing the budget process by the 2026 year-end.

The budget discussion is an important exercise that helps ensure Council and Administration are aligned with the municipality's strategic priorities, while supporting the municipality's long-term financial sustainability and overall vision for the community.

DISCUSSION

Administration has identified several core elements or subject matter that are important in the budget development and is seeking input on these items as well as many others that Council may have. These core elements include, but are not limited to:

- Current Position of the 2027 Budget
- Tax Increase History
- Tax Revenue Growth
- Tax Sub-Class
- Current and Future Service Levels
- Staffing levels and plans
- Council Remuneration
- Census
- Utility Rates
- User Fees
- Franchise Fees
- Other Projects or Initiatives
- Funding to Community Groups
- Budget Format and Presentation

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT / OTHER MASTER PLAN ALIGNMENT

The budget discussion will play a critical role in advancing all four Strategic Plan pillars: Economic Vitality and Community Prosperity, Community Life, Safety and Inclusion, Leadership, Engagement and Advocacy, and Sustainable Services and Infrastructure.



**Economic Vitality and
Community Prosperity**



**Community Life,
Safety, and Inclusion**



**Leadership,
Engagement and
Advocacy**



**Sustainable Services
and Infrastructure**

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial implications. These discussions are meant to provide a foundation for developing a budget. The next steps will be to bring back the drafted budget for a thorough review with Council on November 6-7 and then seek Council approval by December 8, 2026.

COMMUNICATION / ENGAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

All outcomes from this discussion will be taken into consideration while drafting the 2027- 2029 Budgets.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

That Standing Committee of Council consider the following motion:

1. That Standing Committee of Council receive the 2027 Budget Discussion report as information.

APPROVALS

Kim Isaak,
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