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A Standing Committee of Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Wednesday, August 26, 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  
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services  
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services  
Darolee Bouteiller, Finance Manager  
Aws Al Sammarraie, Engineering Services Manager  
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager  
Jordan Bauman, Financial Analyst  
Renan Bravo, IT Technician

**REGRETS**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

None

**1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Sands welcomed everyone to the Standing Committee of Council Meeting of August 26, 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 reviewed the Agenda for August 26, 2026, and amended the Agenda as follows:

- Council Procedures – ATIA Section 28 – Local Public Body Confidences, was added under Confidential item 5.1.

**082/26**

Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council receive the agenda for August 26, 2026, as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. BUSINESS**

**4.1 Request for Direction, Addition of Standing Committee meeting**

CAO Isaak brought forward recommendations to amend the scheduled Standing Committee of Council Meetings to add a meeting for community groups and organisations to present their annual budgets.

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**083/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council schedule a Standing Committee for October 7, 2026.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4.2 Report for Committee, 2027 Budget Discussion**

Director de Bresser presented the 2027 Budget Discussion report and sought Council's input on budget priorities and considerations for the development of the 2027-2029 Budget.

**084/26** Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Standing Committee of Council receive the 2027 Budget Discussion report as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**

Deputy Mayor Sands called for a short recess at 7:57 p.m.

**STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Sands called the Standing Committee of Council Meeting back to order at 8:03 p.m.

**5. CONFIDENTIAL**

**5.1 Council Procedures – Section 28 – Local Public Body Confidences**

**085/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council move to closed session commencing at 8:03 p.m., in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, to discuss item 5.1 Council Procedures, as per Section 28 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, and Councillor Brenda Dennis.

**086/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Standing Committee of Council move to come out of the closed session at 8:59 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Sands called the Standing Committee of Council Meeting back to order at 8:59 p.m.

**Standing Committee of 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.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Deputy Mayor Sands adjourned the Standing Committee of Council Meeting at 8:59 p.m.

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Jim Sands, Deputy Mayor

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Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer