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A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on September 8, 2026, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Laura Svab
Councillor Ryan Brown
Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte
Councillor Cory Twerdoclib
Councillor Brenda Dennis

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure & Planning Services
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Rick Kreklwich, Director of Community Services
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager
Aws Al Sammarraie, Engineering Services Manager
Renan Bravo, Information Technology Technician
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor

REGRETS

Deputy Mayor Jim Sands
Councillor Shane Hanson

OTHERS PRESENT

None

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of September 8, 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 September 8, 2026.

301/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for September 8, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

302/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for September 8, 2026, as presented, containing:

- a) **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- b) **Adoption of Minutes**
 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2026
 - Special Council Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2026
- c) **Council Reports**
 - Mayor Laura Svab
 - Deputy Mayor Jim Sands
 - Councillor Shane Hanson
 - Councillor Ryan Brown
 - Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte
 - Councillor Cory Twerdoclib
 - Councillor Brenda Dennis

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d) **Administrative Reports**

None

e) **Boards, Committees and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**

None

f) **Information**

- City of Lacombe Council Highlights - August 24, 2026
- Lacombe County Council Highlights - August 27, 2026

g) **Correspondence**

- Letter from the Deputy Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, Honourable Mike Ellis, Re: Policing Support Grant – August 28, 2026

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. DELEGATION

None

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-197.26 - Asset Management

Manager Al Sammarraie presented the revised Council Policy for Asset Management for Council's consideration.

303/26

Councillor Brown moved That Council rescind Policy 161.22, Asset Management, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Brown moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP-197.26 - Asset Management, as presented, effective immediately.

Before voting on the foregoing motion, an amendment was introduced

304/26

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council strike "presented" and replace with "amended to reflect the typographical error that was identified in Section 3.6".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amended main motion was back on the floor

305/26

Councillor Brown moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP-197.26 - Asset Management, as amended to reflect the typographical error that was identified in Section 3.6, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1360.26- LUB Accessory Building Driveway Setback

Manager Tejkl brought forward for Council's consideration Bylaw 1360.26 - LUB Accessory Building Driveway Setback.

306/26

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1360.26 – Accessory Building Accessed by a Driveway Setback Amendments, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

307/26

Councillor Twerdoclib moved That a Public Hearing date be set for October 13th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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6.3 Request for Decision, Subdivision File No. S-06-26, St. Veronica School Site

Manager Tejkl presented Subdivision File No. S-06-26, St. Veronica School Site, for Council's consideration.

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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 1.86 hectares from Lot 17MR Block 13 Plan 242 2261 and redistrict the 1.86 hectare parcel to a School Reserve (SR), subject to the following conditions:

1. That pursuant to Section 84 of the *Land Titles Act*, the Subdivision is registered by Plan of Survey.
2. 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**6.4 Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-170.23 – Public Participation**

CAO Isaak, on behalf of the Council Communication & Engagement Committee, brought forward the Council Policy CP-170.23 – Public Participation.

309/26

Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council adopt amended Council Policy CP-170.23 - Public Participation, as amended to remove definition 3.7, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**6.5 Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-198.26 – Proclamations**

CAO Isaak presented the Council Proclamations Policy for Council's consideration of adoption.

310/26

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP-198.26 – Proclamations, as presented, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**6.6 Request for Decision, Policies for Rescinding**

CAO Isaak presented for Council's consideration Policies to rescind.

311/26

Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council rescind Policies:

1. Purchasing Policy 151.21
2. Office Hours Policy 153.21
3. Council Remuneration Policy 156.21
4. New Employee Orientation Policy 124.16
5. Electronic Equipment and Software Disposal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**6.7 Request for Decision, Letter of Support - Optimist Club of Blackfalds**

CAO Isaak brought forward for Council's consideration and discussion the request for an updated letter of support for the toddler playground.

312/26

Councillor Dennis moved That Council provide a letter of support to the Optimist Club of Blackfalds for their proposed toddler playground in the Town.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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6.8 Request for Decision, Regular Council Meeting Date Change Request

CAO Isaak brought forward a recommendation to change the Regular Council meeting date of September 22, 2026.

313/26

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council reschedule the Tuesday, September 22, 2026, Regular Council Meeting for Monday, September 21, 2026, and post notice of the date change accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Request for information on Data Centers

Councillor Twerdoclib provided a Notice of Motion regarding Request for Information on Data Centers to be considered by Council at the September 21, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

“That Council direct Administration to conduct research on AI Data Centers, their effects on the municipality and environment, potential changes required to the Land Use Bylaw, the MDP and any other master plans of the Town, in order to protect the interests of Blackfalds and its residents and That the information be brought back to a future Standing Committee of Council Meeting for discussion.”

RECESS

Mayor Svab called for a 5-minute recess at 6:47 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 6:51 p.m.

8. CONFIDENTIAL

8.1 Third Party Advertising – ATIA – Section 19 – Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party

314/26

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 6:51 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss item 8.1 Third Party Advertising – ATIA – Section 19 – Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party, pursuant to Section 19 of the *Access to Information Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session Attendance: Mayor Laura Svab, Councillor Ryan Brown, Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, Councillor Brenda Dennis, CAO Kim Isaak, Director Rick Kreklwich and Senior Legislative Advisor Danielle Nealon.

315/26

Councillor Dennis moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 6:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 6:55 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting Attendance: Mayor Laura Svab, Councillor Ryan Brown, Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, Brenda Dennis, CAO Kim Isaak, Director Rick Kreklwich and Senior Legislative Advisor Danielle Nealon.

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8.1 Third Party Advertising – ATIA – Section 19 – Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party

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Councillor Hoyte moved That Council direct Administration to proceed as discussed in closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Svab adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:56 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Jim Sands, Deputy Mayor

-Original Signed-

Preston Weran, Acting Chief Administrative Officer