TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Civic Cultural Centre – 5018 Waghorn Street
Council Chambers
MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on November 10, 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 *(virtual)*

ATTENDING

Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services *(Acting CAO)*
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager
Robert Côté, Fire Chief
Joe Croken, Sgt Community Peace Officer
Jay Klause, Community Peace Officer
Trevor Wilton, Deputy Chief of Training and Fire Prevention
Chase Yetter, Community Peace Officer
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor
Renan Bravo, Information Technology Technician

REGRETS

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

Jesse Donaldson, HelpSeeker *(virtual)*

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of November 10, 2026, 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 November 10, 2026, and amended the Regular as follows:

- Regular Agenda Business item addition 8.6 Regional Workforce Strategy – Municipal Letter of Support

377/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for November 10, 2026, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

378/26 Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for November 10, 2026, as presented, containing:

a) **Declaration of No Interest** *(conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other)*
b) **Adoption of Minutes**
   - Organizational Council Meeting – October 27, 2026
   - Regular Council Meeting Minutes – October 27, 2026

c) Council Reports
- Mayor Laura Svab
- Deputy Mayor Sands
- Councillor Shane Hanson
- Councillor Ryan Brown
- Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte
- Councillor Cory Twerdoclib
- Councillor Brenda Dennis

d) Administrative Reports
- Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report – October 2026
- Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report – October 2026

e) Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports
- Recreation, Culture & Parks Board Meeting Minutes - June 3, 2026 *(amended)*
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2026

f) Information
- Lacombe County Council Highlights – October 22, 2026
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights – October 26, 2026
- Special Event Permit - Remembrance Day Service – November 11, 2026
- Special Event Permit – Light Up Blackfalds – November 27, 2026

g) Correspondence
None

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. DELEGATION

5.1 Alberta Emergency Services Medals

Mayor Svab, Director Morrison and Fire Chief Côté presented the Alberta Emergency Services Medals to Jay Klause, Community Peace Officer, and Trevor Wilton, Deputy Chief of Training and Fire Prevention, in recognition of their 12 years of service with Alberta Emergency Services.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Request for Decision, Blackfalds Housing Needs Assessment

Director Kreklewich, together with Jesse Donaldson from HelpSeeker, presented the Blackfalds Housing Needs Assessment.

379/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council accept the Blackfalds Housing Needs Assessment dated October 27, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

380/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services, following adoption of the 2027 Budget, outlining the housing needs identified in the Town of Blackfalds Housing Needs Assessment and advocating for provincial support to address those needs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1362.26 - Aurora Heights Phase 5 Rezoning

Manager Tejkl presented Bylaw 1362.26, a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw for Council's consideration.

381/26 Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council rescind First Reading of Bylaw 1362.26 carried unanimously under Resolution Number 365/26.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

382/26 Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council rescind the Public Hearing date set for November 24th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, carried unanimously under Resolution Number 366/26.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

383/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1362.26 – Redesignation of Lot 33 PUL Block 4 Plan 262 ____ to Public Facility District (PF), Lot 143 MR Block 1 Plan 262 ____ to Parks and Recreation District (PR), and Lot 142 MR Block 1 Plan 252 1864 to Parks and Recreation District (PR), as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

384/26 Councillor Hanson moved That a Public Hearing date be set for December 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers for Bylaw 1362.26.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Request for Decision, Quarterly Financial Reports for the Period Ending September 30, 2026

Acting CAO/Director de Bresser brought forward the Quarterly Financial Reports for the period ending on September 30, 2026, for Council's information and acceptance.

385/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council accept the Operating Statement and Variance Report for the period ending September 30, 2026, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

386/26 Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council accept the Capital Project Report for the period ending September 30, 2026, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

387/26 Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council approve $1,015 from the Abbey Reserve for project 26-7201 and $498 from the General Capital Reserve for project 26-7202.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

388/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council accept the Council Expenditure Report for the period ending September 30, 2026, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Request for Decision, Bylaw 1363.26 - Schedule "C" – 2026 Community Services Facilities Fee Schedule

Following the direction of the Standing Committee of Council on October 19, 2026, Director Kreklewich brought forward Bylaw 1363.26, the 2026 Community Services Facilities Fee Schedule for consideration of First Reading.

389/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1363.26 - Schedule "C" – 2026 Community Services Facilities Fee Schedule, as presented.

CARRIED
Opposed: Councillor Dennis

6.5 Request for Decision, Council Policies – Community Grant Program Policies

Following the direction of the Standing Committee of Council on October 19, 2026, Director Kreklewich brought forward Council Policies, Public Donation, Community Initiatives Grant and Event Attraction and Host Grant for Council's consideration.

390/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council rescind Policy – Public Donation 134.19, and adopt Council Policy CP-202.26 - Public Donation, as presented, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

391/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt amended Council Policy CP-185.24 – Community Initiatives Grant, as presented, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

392/26 Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP-203.26 – Event Attraction and Hosting Grant, as presented, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-201.26 - Council Conferences and Professional Development

Following the direction of the Standing Committee of Council on October 19, 2026, Acting CAO/Director de Bresser presented the Council Policy for Council Conferences and Professional Development for review and consideration.

393/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council rescind the Elected Officials Development Opportunities Policy – 155.21 and adopt the Council Policy CP-201.26 - Convention and Professional Development effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.7 Request for Decision, Alberta Municipalities – Health and Social Wellbeing Committee Appointment Endorsement

Acting CAO/Director de Bresser requested Council's endorsement for Councillor Hoyte's appointment to the Alberta Municipalities' Health and Social Wellbeing Committee.

394/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council endorse Councillor Hoyte's appointment to the Alberta Municipalities' Health and Social Wellbeing Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.8 Regional Workforce Strategy - Municipal Letter of Support

395/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support to the City of Red Deer for their application for the Government of Alberta's Northern and Regional Economic Program for the Central Alberta Health Regional Workforce Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

8. CONFIDENTIAL

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Svab adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 7:57 p.m.

-Original Signed-
Laura Svab, Mayor

-Original Signed-
Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer