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A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on July 28, 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
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure & Planning Services
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Shelby Craig, Marketing & Communications Team Lead
Derek Starnes, Sports and Events Manager
Renan Bravo, Information Technology Technician
Danielle Nealon, Senior Legislative Advisor

REGRETS

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Edie Harris, Optimist Club of Blackfalds
Sgt. Brent Dueck
S/Sgt. Jestings, Blackfalds RCMP Detachment

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Svab welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of July 28, 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 July 28, 2026, and amended the Regular Agenda, as follows:

- Regular Agenda Addition - Request for Decision, Arena 2 Sprinkler System Emergency Funding Request was added under Business item 6.6

252/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for July 28, 2026, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

253/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for July 28, 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 – July 14, 2026
- c) Council Reports**
 - Mayor Laura Svab
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- Councillor Shane Hanson
- Councillor Ryan Brown
- Councillor Aaron J. Hoyte
- Councillor Cory Twerdoclib
- Councillor Brenda Dennis
- d) Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, CAO Report – July 2026
 - Report for Council, BOLT KPI Monthly Report – June 2026
- e) Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Library Board Meeting Minutes - May 5, 2026
- f) Information**
 - Lacombe Foundation Annual Report – 2025
 - Blackfalds Servus Credit Union Programming Report – May 2026
 - Blackfalds Servus Credit Union Programming Report – June 2026
 - Lacombe County Council Highlights - July 9, 2026
 - City of Lacombe Council Highlights - July 13, 2026
- g) Correspondence**
 - Letter Response to MP Calkins - BCSF Fund

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. DELEGATION

5.1 Council Pancake Breakfast Donation Funds – Optimist Club of Blackfalds

Mayor Svab and Council presented the Optimist Club of Blackfalds with the Council Pancake Breakfast donation funds collected on behalf of the Club for the proposed new toddler park within the Town.

5.2 Introduction of S/Sgt. Jestings and Blackfalds RCMP Semi-Annual Report

Sgt. Brent Dueck introduced S/Sgt. Jestings to the Town's RCMP Detachment and provided an overview of RCMP activities.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Request for Decision, Blackfalds RCMP Multi-Year Financial Plan

CAO Isaak brought forward the Blackfalds RCMP Multi-Year Financial Plan for Council's consideration.

254/26

Councillor Hoyte moved That Council acknowledge support of the Multi-Year Financial Plan from April 1, 2027, to March 31, 2032, with an Agreement in Principle only and consideration as part of the Municipal annual budget development process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

255/26

Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council authorize the Mayor's signature of the Multi-Year Financial Plan from April 1, 2027, to March 31, 2032, acknowledging the Agreement in Principle and effective collaboration in strategic planning for policing expenditures over the term identified in the plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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6.2 Request for Decision, Proposed Residential Solid Waste Rate Revisions

Director Weran brought forward for Council's consideration revisions to the proposed residential solid waste rate.

- 256/26** Councillor Brown moved That Council reduce the monthly residential solid waste rates from \$30.91 to \$26.01, effective August 1, 2026, retaining a portion of the savings to maintain the current internal utility fee transfer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Request for Decision, Coffee with Council

Marketing & Communications Team Lead Craig, on behalf of the Council Communication & Engagement Committee, brought forward the recommendation from Standing Committee of Council regarding the Coffee with Council initiative.

Mayor Svab relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Sands

- 257/26** Mayor Svab moved That Council establish the Connect with Council initiative and approve the proposed schedule from September 2026 – December 2026 and direct Administration to bring forward a new schedule for 2027 once the annual Community Events Schedule is available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Svab resumed the Chair

- 258/26** Councillor Hanson moved That Council direct Administration to create a "Connect with Council" webpage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Request for Decision, Council Monthly Reports

Marketing & Communications Team Lead Craig, on behalf of the Council Communication & Engagement Committee, brought forward the recommendation from Standing Committee of Council regarding Council Monthly Reports.

- 259/26** Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council approve and adopt the new template for the Council Monthly Reports.

CARRIED
***Opposed: Deputy Mayor Sands
and Councillor Brown***

- 260/26** Councillor Hoyte moved That Council implement the new Council Monthly Report Template starting in August 2026.

CARRIED
Opposed: Councillor Brown

- 261/26** Councillor Twerdoclib moved That Council direct Administration to update the Council Procedural Bylaw, when applicable, to change the submission date to the 1st of the month, rather than the 15th to the 15th.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 Request for Decision, Quarterly Financial Reports for the Period Ending June 30, 2026

Manager Bouteiller presented the Quarterly Financial Reports for the Period Ending June 30, 2026.

- 262/26** Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council accepts the Operating Statement and Variance report for the period ending June 30, 2026, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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263/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That Council accepts the Capital Project Report for the period ending June 30, 2026, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

264/26 Councillor Hanson moved That Council accepts the Council Expenditure Report for the period ending June 30, 2026, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Request for Decision, Arena 2 Sprinkler System Emergency Funding Request

Manager Starnes brought forward an emergent request regarding the Arena 2 Sprinkler System.

265/26 Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council approve the Eagle Builders Centre Arena 2 Fire suppression system repairs emergency funding request in the amount of \$16,550.00 + GST to be pulled from the Operating Reserve and completed by Central Alberta Fire as soon as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

RECESS

Mayor Svab called for a 5-minute recess at 7:41 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 7:46 p.m.

8. CONFIDENTIAL

8.1 Lease, ATIA Section 29 - Advice from Officials

266/26 Councillor Hoyte moved That 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 8.1 Lease, pursuant to 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 Aaron J. Hoyte, Councillor Cory Twerdoclib, Councillor Brenda Dennis, CAO Kim Isaak, Director Preston Weran, and Senior Legislative Advisor Danielle Nealon.

267/26 Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Councillor Brown moved That Council instruct the CAO to negotiate on behalf of Council to finalize the Lease Agreement as discussed in closed.

CARRIED
Opposed: Mayor Svab and
Councillor Hanson

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Svab adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:11 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Laura Svab, Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer