

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF FALHER**

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT : Mayor Buchinski
Councillors: Philippe Dubé
Lynn Farrell
Rene Limoges
Sandra Primeau
Marie St. Laurent
Administration: Adele Parker
Ernest Marchildon
Jacqueline Hébert
ABSENT: Councillor Gary Braithwaite

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Buchinski called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 13-346 Moved by Councillor Dubé that the agenda be approved as presented.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and
St. Laurent

CARRIED

Res. 13-347 Moved by Councillor Primeau to recess the council meeting and
proceed to the public hearing.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and
St. Laurent

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Res. 13-348 Proposed Bylaw 13-08 to amend the Land Use Bylaw 04-06 district map

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent to commence the public hearing at 7:01
p.m.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and
St. Laurent

CARRIED

No comments or concerns were received.

Res. 13-349 Moved by Councillor Dubé to close the Public Hearing and reconvene
the regular meeting of council at 7:02 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and
St. Laurent

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 13-350 Minutes of October 15, 2013 regular meeting

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the minutes of the regular meeting
held on October 15, 2013 be approved as circulated.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and
St. Laurent

CARRIED

- Res. 13-351** **Minutes of October 28, 2013 organizational meeting**
Moved by Councillor Farrell that the minutes of the organizational meeting held on October 28, 2013 be approved as circulated.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 13-352** **Minutes of October 28, 2013 special meeting**
Moved by Councillor Limoges that the minutes of the special meeting held on October 28, 2013 be approved as circulated.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- BUSINESS ARISING**
- Res. 13-353** **Smoky River Express Building**
Moved by Councillor Dubé that this item be tabled.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 13-354** **Smoky River Water Commission**
Moved by Councillor Primeau that Res. 13-335 be rescinded.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 13-355** Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Administrative service fee to the Smoky River Regional Water Management Commission be increased to 3,200.00 for 2014.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 13-356** **Lagoon**
Moved by Councillor Dubé that effective December 1, 2013 the sewage lagoon be locked and that local businesses be provided with a key and charged on an honor system \$25.00 per dump and that non-local users be charged \$100.00 per dump and must contact the town office to obtain access to the lagoon.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 13-357** **Shinny-Public Skating**
Moved by Councillor Limoges that no fee be charged for shinny and public skating for the 2013 – 2014 season.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED

- Res. 13-358** **Public Auction - Tax Forfeiture**
Moved by Councillor Dubé that, pursuant to Section 424 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Lot 15 Block 11 Plan 695MC be acquired by the Town of Falher.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- FINANCIAL**
- Res. 13-359** **Bank Reconciliation**
Moved by Councillor Farrell that a Bank Reconciliation for the period ending October 31, 2013 be approved as circulated.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 13-360** **Bills for Payment**
Moved by Councillor Primeau that bills paid on October 21, 2013 totalling the sum of \$62,767.92 be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 13-361** Moved by Councillor Farrell that the list of accounts payable totalling the sum of \$163,938.09 be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 13-362** **Income Statement**
Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Income Statement for the period ending October 31, 2013 be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- BYLAWS & POLICIES**
- Res. 13-363** **Bylaw 13-08 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment**
Moved by Councillor Dubé that this item be tabled.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 13-364** **Policy 616 – Bill Payment Process**
Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that Policy 616 being the bill payment process policy be approved.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED

Res. 13-365 **Policy 501 - Remuneration**
Moved by Councillor Dubé that policy 501 being the remuneration bylaw be amended to state only written reports be presented to the Council meetings and that the amended policy 501 be approved.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

Res. 13-366 **Policy 304 & 502 - Travel**
Moved by Councillor Dubé that policies 304 and 502 be approved subject to the following amendments:

- Policy 304 clause d) actual cost of accommodation with receipt or \$50.00 per day for accommodation without receipt
- Policy 502 clause c) actual cost of accommodation with receipt or \$50.00 per day for accommodation without receipt

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Res. 13-367 **Assessment Proposals**
Moved by Councillor Farrell that the Mayor and Municipal Administrator be authorized to enter into an agreement with Compass Assessment Services to provide assessment services.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

Res. 13-368 **Smoky River Family and Community Support Services**
Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the Northwest Alberta Children's Charter of Rights be adopted and that November 20, 2013 be proclaimed National Child Day in the Town of Falher.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

Res. 13-369 **Smoky River Transportation**
Moved by Councillor Dubé that the Town not obtain a gas fleet card for Smoky River Transportation.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 7:57 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

Res. 13-370 **Smoky River Minor Hockey – Donation**
Moved by Councillor Dubé that should Smoky River Minor Hockey host Hockey Alberta's Atoms "C" Provincials from March 13 to 16, 2014 that the Town of Falher cost-share 50% of the ice time cost of the tournament and provide lapel pins for the Atoms to exchange with other visiting teams.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

Res. 13-371 **Arena Ice Surface 2013-14**
 Moved by Councillor Dubé that for the 2013-2014 season, the arena ice surface space be rented out to Smoky River Minor Hockey for \$250.00 and that Smoky River Minor Hockey be authorized to sell advertising on the ice surface for the season and that prior to next season Smoky River Minor Hockey negotiate with the town a rental rate for the next five years.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

Res. 13-372 **Altex Energy Ltd.**
 Moved by Councillor Dubé that this item be tabled.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

Res. 13-373 **Smoky River Regional Economic Development**
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Town of Falher accept the 2014 Smoky River Economic Development budget.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
 OPPOSED: Councillor Dubé

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Res. 13-374 **Splash Park**
 Moved by Councillor Dubé that a letter be sent to Falher & Area Beautification & Leisure Activities Society (FABuLAS) re-stating that Council was not in favor of a spray park as the operating cost would be too high but if FABuLAS has a concrete plan to pay for operating of a splash park they can come back to Council with their plan.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

Res. 13-375 **Correspondence**
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the attached correspondence be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports

Councillor Farrell

- Falher Library Committee – September 12, 2013
- Peace Library System – September 14, 2013

Councillor Primeau

- CEC – March 28, 2013
- Smoky River Tourism – April 17, 2013
- Honey Festival – May 2, 2013
- Smoky River Tourism – May 22, 2013
- Water & Waste Commissions – May 27, 2013

Councillor Primeau cont...

- Honey Festival – June 5, 2013
- Smoky River Tourism – June 12, 2013
- Water Commission – June 25, 2013
- Honey Festival – August 13, 2013
- Smoky River Tourism – August 28, 2013
- Honey Festival – September 11, 2013
- Smoky River Tourism – September 18, 2013
- Waste & Water Commissions – September 23, 2013
- CEC – September 26, 2013

Mayor Buchinski

- Physician Recruitment – September 10, 2013
- Peace Health Advisory – September 12, 2013
- FCSS – September 16, 2013
- Regional Meeting – September 17, 2013
- Heart River Housing – September 19, 2013
- FCSS Poverty Reduction Forum – September 23, 2013
- Capital Investment Coop – September 25, 2013
- Physician Recruitment – October 8, 2013
- Heart River Housing – October 17, 2013

Former Mayor Margaret Tardif

- Northern Alberta Elected Leaders – September 13, 2013
- Regional Committee – September 17, 2013
- Honey Festival Review – July 16, September 11 & 24, 2013

Res. 13-376

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the Committee Reports be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

Director of Public Works Report

The Director of Public Works reported on the following matters:

- Staff shortage

Res. 13-377**Public Works Staffing**

Moved by Councillor Dubé that the town start recruiting for a new employee for public works.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

Res. 13-378**Recreation Coordinator Report**

Moved by Councillor Farrell that the Recreation Coordinator Report be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

Res. 13-379**Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List**

Moved by Councillor Farrell that the Chief Administrative Officer's report and action list be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Res. 13-380 **Campground Attendant**
Moved by Councillor Primeau that the campground attendants Henriette and Raymond Briand be authorized to stay rent free in the campground trailer until April 30, 2014.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

Res. 13-381 **Next Council Meeting**
Moved by Councillor Dubé that the December regular council meeting be held on December 2, 2013.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator