

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Buchinski called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 13-382 Moved by Councillor Dubé that the agenda be approved as presented.

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

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

STARS – Glenda

Due to poor weather conditions the delegation was unable to attend but written documentation was presented to Council.

Res. 13-383 **STARS**

Moved by Councillor Dubé that the Town of Falher contribute \$2.00 per capita to Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service Foundation (STARS) for 2014.

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

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 13-384 **Minutes of November 12, 2013 regular meeting**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 12, 2013 be approved as circulated.

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

CARRIED

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

Res. 13-385 **Smoky River Express Building**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that this item be tabled.

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

CARRIED

Smoky River Regional Economic Development**Res. 13-386**

Moved by Councillor Farrell that Council recommends that the Economic Development Coordinator do a walk around to meet with businesses.

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

CARRIED

FINANCIAL**Bills for Payment****Res. 13-387**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that bills paid on November 22, 2013 totalling the sum of \$57,242.89 be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

Res. 13-388

Moved by Councillor Farrell that the list of accounts payable totalling the sum of \$58,054.66 be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

Income Statement**Res. 13-389**

Moved by Councillor Dubé that the Income Statement for the period ending November 30, 2013 be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

2014 Budgetary Item – utility rates**Res. 13-390**

Moved by Councillor Dubé that the water rate for 2014 be increased to \$3.50 for water local and to \$7.00 for truck fill.

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

CARRIED

Res. 13-391

Moved by Councillor Dubé that funds from the waste operating reserve be used to subsidize the garbage collection and disposal fee by \$1.00 per unit per month for 2014.

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

CARRIED

2014 Budgetary Item - Interim Budget**Res. 13-392**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the 2013 Estimate of Revenues and Expenditures be adopted as the Town's Interim Operational Budget for the year 2014.

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

CARRIED

BYLAWS**Res. 13-393****Bylaw No 13-08**

Administration informed Council that this bylaw is no longer required.

NEW BUSINESS**Res. 13-394****Falher Curling Club**

Moved by Councillor Dubé that Falher Curling Club be authorized to hang a Thank You sign in the curling rink for their youth curling club sponsor and to hang banners for their Provincials, Arctic Winter Games and other events.

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

CARRIED

Res. 13-395**Capital Investment Co-op of Smoky River**

Moved by Councillor Dubé that the most north easterly lot of phase one of the Central Area Structure Plan be sold to Capital Investment Co-op of Smoky River at assessed value and that no letter of credit be required for this development. (see attached plan)

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

CARRIED

Res. 13-396**Peace Officer Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Peace Officer Agreement with the Town of High Prairie be extended to December 31, 2014 at an hourly rate of \$84.00, with the addition of the following clauses:

- that the Peace Officers be required to come in the evenings to Falher at least once a month.
- that a quarterly report be provided to the Town of Falher

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

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:50 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

Res. 13-397**Smoky River Regional Economic Development**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the following list of economic development priorities for the Town of Falher be given to Smoky River Regional Economic Development

- Filling the occupancy of the old Smoky River Express Building with the possible recruitment of a chiropractor, optometrist or other professional
- Promotion of the Town of Falher commercial and industrial lots available in town
- Annual updates from the Economic Development Officer

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

CARRIED

Res. 13-398**Alberta Icons 2014**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Town of Falher participate in the 2014 Alberta Icon program at a cost of \$1,300 and that we request that passports be tracked more carefully.

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

OPPOSED: Councillor Dubé

CARRIED

- Res. 13-399** **Long Run Exploration – Personal Consultation**
 Moved by Councillor Dubé that the correspondence from Long Run Exploration (file S14617) dated November 21, 2013 be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- Res. 13-398** **FCSS – Partnership Grant**
 Moved by Councillor Dubé that a letter be given to Smoky River Family and Community Support Services in support of their Seniors' Week partnership grant application through Alberta Health.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED

- Res. 13-399** **Villa Beausejour Snow Removal**
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the snow removal request from the Villa Beausejour be denied.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED

- Res. 13-400** **Correspondence**
 Moved by Councillor Dubé that the attached correspondence be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Dubé, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Committee Reports**Councillor Braithwaite

- Premier's Meeting Social – November 8, 2013
- Smoky River Tourism Meeting – November 20, 2013

Councillor Dubé

- Premier's Meeting Social – November 8, 2013
- Smoky River Waste & Water Committees – November 18, 2013

Councillor Farrell

- Falher Library Community Planning – November 5, 2013
- Premier's Meeting Social – November 8, 2013
- AUMA Convention – November 19-22, 2013

Councillor Primeau

- Premier's Meeting Social – November 8, 2013
- National Child Day – November 20, 2013

Councillor St. Laurent

- Smoky River Waste & Water Committees – November 18, 2013

Mayor Buchinski

- Premier's Meeting Social – November 8, 2013
- AUMA Convention – November 19-22, 2013
- Physician Recruitment – November 25, 2013
- Regional Fire Steering Committee – November 25, 2013

Res. 13-401 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Committee Reports be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

Director of Public Works Report

The Director of Public Works reported on the following matters:

- Utility rate budget
- Privatisation of Land Titles
- Employment recruitment

Res. 13-402

Recreation Coordinator Report

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

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

CARRIED

Res. 13-403

Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List

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

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

CARRIED

COUNCIL CONCERNS

No concerns were brought up.

Res. 13-404

Budget Meeting

Moved by Councillor Dubé that the budget meeting be set for January 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator