

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT : Mayor Buchinski
Councillors: Gary Braithwaite
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 7:00 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 14-01 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the agenda be approved as presented.

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

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 14-02

Minutes of December 2, 2013 regular meeting

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 2, 2013 be approved as circulated.

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

CARRIED

Res. 14-03

Minutes of December 6, 2013 special meeting

Moved by Councillor Limoges that the minutes of the special meeting held on December 6, 2013 be approved as circulated.

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

CARRIED

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

Res. 14-04

Smoky River Express Building

Moved by Councillor Farrell that Smoky River Express be authorized to stay in the building located on Lot 18 Block 7 Plan 1323171 until March 31, 2014.

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

CARRIED

Res. 14-05

Smoky River Express Building Use

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that this item be tabled.

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

CARRIED

- Res. 14-06** **Smoky River Regional Economic Development**
Moved by Councillor Farrell that the Town of Falher request the Smoky River Regional Economic Development Board representative be comprised of one elected official and one member at large.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 14-07** **High Prairie School Division - Transportation**
Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that High Prairie School Division be authorized to drop off students on Main Street near 3rd Avenue South until the end of the school year and to review this directive before the next school year.
- FOR: Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, and St. Laurent
OPPOSED: Mayor Buchinski and Councillor Primeau
- CARRIED
- Res. 14-08** **Evergreen Ecological Services Inc.**
Moved by Councillor Primeau that this item be tabled.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 14-09** **Willowview Subdivision – Labbe Crescent**
Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that 7th Avenue between Main Street and 2nd Street East and Labbé Crescent be paved at an estimated cost of \$975,000, \$222,000 of which being recovered through frontage.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- FINANCIAL**
Res. 14-10 **Bank Reconciliation**
Moved by Councillor Farrell that a Bank Reconciliation for the period ending November 30, 2013 be approved as circulated.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 14-11** Moved by Councillor Primeau that a Bank Reconciliation for the period ending December 31, 2013 be approved as circulated.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 14-12** **Bills for Payment**
Moved by Councillor Farrell that bills paid on December 23, 2013 totalling the sum of \$178,257.71 be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 14-13** Moved by Councillor Primeau that the list of accounts payable totalling the sum of \$111,344.99 be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED

- Res. 14-14** **Income Statement**
Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Income Statement for the period ending December 31, 2013 be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- BYLAWS**
Res. 14-15 **Snow Removal Policy**
Moved by Councillor Primeau that this item be tabled.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- NEW BUSINESS**
- Res. 14-16** **By-Election**
Moved by Councillor Limoges that a by-election nomination day be set for January 27, 2014 and that the by-election be held on March 3, 2014.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 14-17** **Appointment of Committees and Boards**
Moved by Councillor St. Laurent to appoint the following board representatives:
- Bourse Turenne Scholarship Committee – Councillor Primeau
 - Policy Review Committee – Councillor Limoges
 - Smoky River Regional Waste Committee – Mayor Buchinski
 - Smoky River Regional Water Committee – Mayor Buchinski
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 14-18** **Appointment of Auditors**
Moved by Councillor Farrell that Sylvain & Doran be appointed as auditors for the year ending December 31, 2014.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 14-19** **Campground Agreements**
Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that this item be tabled.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 14-20** **Recreation – Smoky River Minor Hockey**
Moved by Councillor Primeau that the request for sponsorship for the Smoky River Minor Hockey 2013 gala be denied.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 9:08 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

Res. 14-21 **Recreation – Falher Curling Club**
 Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that Falher Curling Club be authorized to rent the ice surface for private functions during the period of their lease and that the agreement with the Falher Curling Club be amended to include this clause.

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

CARRIED

Res. 14-22 **Recreation - FABuLAS**
 Council was informed of FABuLAS Society's fundraiser on March 22, 2014.

Res. 14-23 **Log Cabin**
 Moved by Councillor Limoges that the log cabin roof be repaired.

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

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Res. 14-24 **Ecole Heritage**
 Moved by Councillor Limoges that the Town donate to École Héritage the ice rental for three hours on February 21, 2014 for their "Night Skate."

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

CARRIED

Res. 14-25 **Shelter Belt Program**
 Moved by Councillor Farrell that Town of Falher residents be authorized to participate in the M.D. of Smoky River's Shelter Belt Program.

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

CARRIED

Res. 14-26 **Correspondence**
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the attached correspondence be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports
Councillor Braithwaite

- Smoky River Ag Society – November 30, 2013
- Smoky River Ag Society AGM – December 4, 2013
- Emergency Management Training for Elected Officials – December 9, 2013

Councillor Farrell

- Peace Library System – November 30, 2013
- Falher Library – December 3, 2013
- Elected Official Seminar – December 4, 2013
- Municipal Elected Officials Intro to Emergency Management – December 9, 2013
- Emergency Social Services – December 10 & 11, 2013

Councillor Limoges

- Smoky River Regional – December 3, 2013

Councillor Primeau

- FCSS Meeting – December 5, 2013
- Special Meeting – December 6, 2013
- Disaster Services Training – December 9, 2013

Councillor St. Laurent

- Emergency Response Training – December 9, 2013

Mayor Buchinski

- Fire Department Interview – November 26, 2013
- RCMP meeting – November 27, 2013
- Doug Griffiths Minister of Municipal Affairs – November 27, 2013
- Heart River Housing – November 28, 2013
- Smoky River Regional Committee – December 3, 2013

Res. 14-27

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

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

CARRIED

Director of Public Works Report

The Director of Public Works reported on the following matters:

- Employment interviews on Feb 16, 2014

Res. 14-28

Recreation Coordinator Report - Arena Board Advertising

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that Rec Media be authorized to place two ice arena board advertisements until the end of the 2013/2014 hockey season for the price of \$900.00.

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

CARRIED

Res. 14-29

Recreation Coordinator Report

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

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

CARRIED

Res. 14-30

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 Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent

CARRIED

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Councillor Braithwaite – Gym door hinges were broken, who is responsible for getting it repaired. Administration advised that they are to contact the Town of Falher staff when they notice damages that need immediate repair.

**CONFIDENTIAL
ITEMS****Res. 14-31****In Camera**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that council go in-camera to discuss salaries, and remuneration at 9:55 p.m.

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

CARRIED

Res. 14-32**Extend Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Primeau to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m.

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

CARRIED

Res. 14-33**Out of Camera**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that council returns to an open meeting at 10:26 p.m.

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

CARRIED

Res. 14-34**AUMA – Award of Excellence Nomination**

Moved by Councillor Farrell that the Town of Falher submit Margaret Tardif's name for the AUMA 2014 Award of Excellence.

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

CARRIED

Res. 14-35**Council Remuneration**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that this item be tabled.

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

CARRIED

Res. 14-36**Staff Salaries and Benefits**

Moved by Councillor Farrell that the Policy Review Committee meet on January 14, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. with the CAO and Director of Public Works to discuss salary grids and benefits.

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator