

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

**IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015**

**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 7:04 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
AGENDA**

**Res. 15-01** Moved by Councillor Limoges that the agenda be approved as presented.

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

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS** Falher Library – Jackie Hockey

**Councillor Primeau joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.**

Jackie Hockey gave an overview of the Falher Library projects, activities, usage, funding, and proposed inter-municipal board.

Jackie Hockey left at 7:38 p.m.

**Res. 15-02** Falher Library

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the Town of Falher not claim the \$923.00 for the balance unspent by Falher Library on the video conferencing project and that for 2015 the Town of Falher contribute \$13.25 per capita to Falher Library for operating.

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

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**Res. 15-03**

Minutes of December 8, 2014 regular meeting

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 8, 2014 be approved as circulated.

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

CARRIED

**BUSINESS  
ARISING****Res. 15-04****2014 Street Improvement - Penalties**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that a total penalty of \$10,713.45 be imposed to Knelson Sand and Gravel Ltd. for the following deficiencies in the 2014 paving project:

- 1% penalty for paving density deficiencies for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South East for a total of \$494.33
- on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South East a penalty of \$4,313.65 for density deficiencies
- core thickness deficiencies on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South East for a total of \$4,992.47
- a 10% penalty for going 11 days over the approved contracted completion date for a total of \$913.00

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

CARRIED

**MMSA Service Agreement for 2015**

Administration informed Council that Fairview withdrew from Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency.

**Res. 15-05****Peace Officer Service Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Mayor and Municipal Administrator be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Town of High Prairie for community peace officer services.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 15-06****Smoky River Regional Chamber of Commerce**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that this item be tabled.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 15-07****STARS**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that for 2015, 2016, and 2017 a contribution of \$2.00 per capita per year be made to STARS Air Ambulance.

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

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL****Res. 15-08****Bank Reconciliation**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that a Bank Reconciliation for the period ending December 31, 2014 be approved as circulated.

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

CARRIED

**Bills for Payment****Res. 15-09**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that bills paid on December 22, 2014 totalling the sum of \$151,914.05 be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**Income Statement****Res. 15-10**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the Income Statement for the period ending December 31, 2014 be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**2015 Budgetary Items****Res. 15-11**

Moved by Councillor Farrell that Resolution 14-412 be rescinded.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 15-12**

Moved by Councillor Farrell that the 2015 non-residential sewer rate be decreased to 13.25% of water usage with a minimum charge of \$9.00.

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

CARRIED

**BYLAWS & POLICIES****Policy 203 – Vacation Leave****Res. 15-13**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that Vacation Leave Policy 203 be amended as per the attached.

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

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS****Recreation – Falher Honey Festival**

Council was under the understanding that the Recreation Coordinator would be the Honey Festival coordinator and that she is to keep track of her hours.

**Appointment of Auditors****Res. 15-14**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that Sylvain & Company be appointed as auditors for the year ending December 31, 2015.

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

CARRIED

**Smoky River Regional Physician Recruitment & Retention****Res. 15-15**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that, should a physician house be needed, the Town of Falher approves the joint purchase of a physician house with the Municipal District of Smoky River, Town of McLennan, Village of Donnelly and Village of Girouxville.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 15-16**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that, should a physician house be jointly purchased by the M.D. of Smoky River, Town of Falher, Town of McLennan, Village of Donnelly, and Village of Girouxville, as per Resolution 15-15, the Town of Falher agrees to finance the purchase of the physician house.

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

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE****Correspondence****Res. 15-17**

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**

- Honey Festival Meeting – November 17, 2014
- Regional Alberta Association of Ag Societies – November 21, 2014
- Honey Festival Open House – November 24, 2014
- Smoky River Tourism – December 1, 2014
- Smoky River Ag Society AGM – December 4, 2014

**Councillor Farrell**

- Economic Development – November 25, 2014
- Peace Library System – November 29, 2014
- Falher Library – December 2, 2014

**Mayor Buchinski**

- Physician Recruitment – December 2, 2014
- Regional Committee – December 3, 2014
- Provincial Medical First Responders – December 4, 2014
- Smoky River Water & Waste Commissions – December 10, 2014
- Capital Investment Group – December 17, 2014
- Heart River Housing – December 18, 2014
- NAEL Meeting – December 19, 2014

**Res. 15-18**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent 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:

- One employee is on sick leave, off for a few weeks

**Res. 15-19**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the verbal report from the Director of Public Works be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 15-20**                    **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. 15-21**                    **Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List**  
 Moved by Councillor St. Laurent 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**

- Christmas lights

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**Res. 15-22**                    **In Camera**  
 Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that council go in-camera to discuss wages at 9:24 p.m.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 15-23**                    **Out of Camera**  
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that council returns to an open meeting at 10:02 p.m.

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

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Mayor

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Municipal Administrator