

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

**IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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 7:00 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
AGENDA**

**Res. 15-24** Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the agenda be approved as presented.

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

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**Res. 15-25**

**Minutes of January 12, 2015 regular meeting**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2015 be approved as circulated.

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

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**Res. 15-26**

**2015 Salary Grid**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent to increase the salary grid for 2015 to equate to an increase to the annual salary of \$945.62.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 15-27**

**2015 RRSP Contribution**

Moved by Councillor Limoges to increase the employer portion of the Employee RRSP Contribution from 7.5% to 9.0% effective January 1, 2015.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 15-28**

**Central Falher Area Structure Plan**

Moved by Councillor Farrell that the attached option 4 of the Central Falher Area Structure Plan be approved.

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

CARRIED

- Res. 15-29**      **Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency**  
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that Mayor Buchinski be appointed to Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency board.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
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- Res. 15-30**      **Municipal Development Plan**  
 Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that Councillor Braithwaite, Councillor Limoges, Guy Beaudoin, Dave Gervais and Rolland Turcotte be appointed to the Municipal Develop Plan Committee.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
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- Res. 15-31**      **Christmas Lights**  
 This item is to be brought up at budget.
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- FINANCIAL**
- Res. 15-32**      **Bank Reconciliation**  
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that a Bank Reconciliation for the period ending January 31, 2015 be approved as circulated.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
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- Res. 15-33**      **Bills for Payment**  
 Moved by Councillor Limoges that bills paid on January 15, 2015 totalling the sum of \$170,173.33 be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
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- Res. 15-34**      Moved by Councillor Primeau that bills paid on January 27, 2015 totalling the sum of \$18,913.68 be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
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- Res. 15-35**      Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the list of accounts payable totalling the sum of \$189,031.80 be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
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- Res. 15-36**      **Income Statement**  
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Income Statement for the period ending January 3, 2015 be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED

**BYLAWS**

- Res. 15-37**      **Donation - Policy 604**  
 Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the Donation Policy 604 be amended as per the attached.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
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- Res. 15-38**      **Group RRSP - Policy 302**  
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Group RRSP Policy 302 be amended as per the attached.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
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- NEW BUSINESS**
- Res. 15-39**      **Recreation – Peace Smoky Pond Hockey Conference**  
 Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that Peace Smoky Pond Hockey pay for the rental of the Recreation Complex for their year-end wind-up to be held on March 5, 2014 and that the Town make a donation of \$75.00 for their event.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent  
 OPPOSED: Councillor Farrell
- CARRIED
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- Res. 15-40**      **Recreation - École Héritage**  
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that Ecole Héritage pay for the rental of the Recreation Complex for their Night Skate to be held on February 20, 2015 and that the Town make a donation of \$75.00 for the event.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
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- Meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m.  
 Meeting reconvened at 8:12 p.m.
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- Res. 15-41**      **Recreation – George P. Vanier Grad 2015**  
 Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that George P. Vanier School be charged the regular rental fee for the rental of the arena and kitchen facility at the Falher Regional Recreation Complex for their 2015 Graduation Ceremony and Banquet, but that no fee be charged for the day used for decorating the Recreation Complex.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
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- Res. 15-42**      **Recreation – Recreation Conferences**  
 Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the Recreation Coordinator be authorized to attend the Alberta Recreation & Parks Association 2015 annual conference to be held in October.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED

- Res. 15-43** **Water North Coalition Membership Request**  
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that this item be tabled.  
  
 FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau  
 and St. Laurent  
  
 CARRIED
- Res. 15-44** **Smoky River Agricultural Trade Show**  
 Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that a donation of \$500.00 be given to  
 the 2015 Smoky River Agricultural Trade Show and that the Town cohost  
 the Smoky River Agricultural Trade Show Exhibitors Wine & Cheese to be  
 held on March 19, 2015.  
  
 FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau  
 and St. Laurent  
  
 CARRIED
- Res. 15-45** **Peace Regional Victim Services**  
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Town contribute \$1.00 per capita  
 to Peace Regional Victim Services for 2015.  
  
 FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau  
 and St. Laurent  
  
 CARRIED
- Res. 15-46** **Road Closure Request**  
 Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that Council has no objection to the  
 closure of Road Plan 032 4451 (1<sup>st</sup> A Street S.W.) and that the land can be  
 sold back to the owners of Lot E, Block 1 Lot 052 0014.  
  
 FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges, Primeau  
 and St. Laurent  
  
 CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Res. 15-47** Moved by Councillor Farrell that the attached correspondence be  
 accepted as information.  
  
 FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Farrell, Limoges,  
 Primeau, and St. Laurent  
  
 CARRIED

**REPORTS****Committee Reports**Councillor Braithwaite

- Honey Festival – January 21, 2015
- Honey Festival – January 29, 2015
- Smoky River Tourism – February 3, 2015
- Alberta Assn Ag Society AGM – February 7, 2015

Councillor Farrell

- Falher Library – January 6, 2015

Councillor Primeau

- Smoky River Tourism – December 1, 2015
- FCSS – December 2, 2015
- Smoky River Tourism – January 20, 2015
- Honey Festival – January 21, 2015
- FCSS – January 28, 2015

Mayor Buchinski

- Water & Waste Commissions – January 19, 2015
- Heart River Housing – January 29, 2015

**Res. 15-48**

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:

- Employee is back from sick leave

**Res. 15-49**

Moved by Councillor Farrell that the reports from the Director of Public Works be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**Recreation Coordinator Report**

**Res. 15-50**

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

**Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List**

**Res. 15-51**

Moved by Councillor Primeau 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**

- Town should get card reader to allow payment by cards

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**Res. 15-52**

**In Camera**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that council go in-camera to discuss wages at 9:47 p.m.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 15-53**

**Out of Camera**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that council returns to an open meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 15-54**      **Employee Bonus**  
 Moved by Councillor Farrell that for 2015 employee number 236 receive a \$2,500.00 bonus and that employee number 6 receive a \$5,000.00 bonus and that Council agrees to pay the bonus for employee number 6 in December as per the employee's request.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 15-55**      **Wage Level**  
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Chief Administrative Officer moves to level 2 of the salary grid effective January 1, 2015.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 15-56**      **Budget Meeting**  
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that a budget meeting be set for March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:      Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

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 Mayor

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 Municipal Administrator