

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT : Mayor Buchinski
Councillors: Gary Braithwaite
Lindsay Brown
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 7:01 p.m.

OFFICIAL OATH Lindsay Brown executed an Official Oath and was sworn into office.

Res. 15-439 Moved by Councillor Primeau that Councillor Brown be appointed to the Falher Library Board, Peace Library System and Regional Meeting Board.

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

CARRIED

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 15-440 Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the agenda be approved as presented.

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

CARRIED

Res. 15-441 Moved by Councillor Primeau to recess the Council Meeting and commence the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

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

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS ATCO Gas Franchise Agreement

No written claims were filed with the Municipal Administrator or the Alberta Utilities Commission with regards to the ATCO Gas Franchise Agreement.

Res. 15-442 Moved by Councillor Limoges to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting of Council.

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

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**Res. 15-443****Minutes of November 9, 2015 regular meeting**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 9, 2015 be approved as circulated.

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

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING**Res. 15-444****Central Area Subdivision**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that the condition of sale for lots in Phase 1 of the Central Falher Area Subdivision be set as follows:

- \$62 per square meter with curb, gutter and pavement
- 15% rebate on total cost of land for developments completed to 90% completion based on assessment, within two years from the date of land transfer, for lots zoned R3.
- 15% rebate on total cost of land for developments completed to 90% completion based on assessment, within one year from the date of land transfer for lots zoned R1.

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

CARRIED

Res. 15-445

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Land Use Bylaw be amended to provide for minimum development standards for front yard setback for the Central Falher Area Subdivision.

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

CARRIED

Res. 15-446

Moved by Councillor Brown that the sales agreements for sale of lots in Central Falher Area Subdivision stipulate that landowners not be permitted to consolidate lots, and that a restricted covenant be registered with Land Titles as a restricted caveat not permitting lots to be consolidated.

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

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS**Smoky River Minor Hockey**

Daniel Aubin and Jean Beaudoin joined the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Daniel Aubin brought forward a few concerns

- Would like more ice time booking flexibility especially in February & March when there will be provincials and playoffs
- Minor hockey is open to discussions if there are issues; they want open communications with the Town

Daniel Aubin and Jean Beaudoin left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Capital Investment Co-op of Smoky River**Res. 15-447**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that a letter be sent to Capital Investment Co-op of Smoky River.

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

CARRIED

Utility Right-of-Way – Lt 33R, Blk 15, PI 762 1500**Res. 15-448**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that the request to put a fence on Lot 33R, Block 15, Plan 762 be denied but that the landscaping be allowed to remain with the understanding that should the Town need to do repairs on the lot that the landscaping be removed at the owner of Lot 32, Block 15, Plan 762 1400 expense.

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

CARRIED

Old Smoky River Express Building**Res. 15-449**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the sale price of Lot 18, Block 7, Plan 132 3171 be set at the 2016 assessed land value of \$27,670.00 with condition on the sales agreement to provide:

- (a) An irrevocable letter of credit of such amount to ensure completion of any renovations required by the Development Officer.
- (b) New siding compatible to commercial buildings within the surrounding area, to the satisfaction of the Development Officer.
- (c) Renovations completed within one year from the date of Transfer of Title.

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

CARRIED

Business License Fee**Res. 15-450**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the business license fee of \$100 be distributed as follows:

- \$15.00 – Administration Fee
- \$20.00 – Citizens on Patrol
- \$50.00 – Chamber of Commerce
- \$15.00 – Smoky River Tourism

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

CARRIED

Inter-municipal Library Board Agreement**Res. 15-451**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the Inter-municipal Library Board Agreement be approved and that the Mayor and Municipal Administrator be authorized to enter into an Inter-municipal Library Board Agreement with the Village of Donnelly.

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

CARRIED

Library Building Lease Agreement**Res. 15-452**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the lease of the library building located on #027 Central Avenue SE be accepted as presented and that the Mayor and Municipal Administrator be authorized to enter into a lease agreement with Falher Regional Inter-municipal Library for the lease of the library building.

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

CARRIED

FINANCIAL**Bank Reconciliation****Res. 15-453**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that a Bank Reconciliation for the period ending November 30, 2015 be approved as circulated.

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

CARRIED

Bills for Payment**Res. 15-454**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that bills paid on November 19, 2015 totalling the sum of \$30,703.04 be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

Res. 15-455

Moved by Councillor Primeau that bills paid on December 9, 2015 totalling the sum of \$126,221.93 be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

Income Statement**Res. 15-456**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the Income Statement for the period ending November 30, 2015 be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

2016 Budgetary Items – Utility Rates**Res. 15-457**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the utility rates for 2016 be set as follows:

- Water \$4.75/m³
- Basic Charge \$11.25/month
- Sewer residential \$9.25/month
- Sewer non-residential 12.18% of water charge (minimum \$9.25/month)
- Waste Collection & Disposal \$16.75/month
- Recycling \$4.65/month

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

CARRIED

Transfer from Reserve**Res. 15-458**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that from the 2015 budget only \$45,625 be transferred from administration operating to roads capital reserve and that \$16,875 be transferred from administration operating to capital project for the purchase of Christmas Lights.

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

CARRIED

Central Area Subdivision**Res. 15-459**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that funds be transferred from reserve to cover the 2015 Central Falher Area Subdivision project shortfall:

- \$26,295 from contingency reserve to cover storm sewer over expenditure
- \$40,894 from water capital reserve
- \$12,552 from sewer capital reserve

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

CARRIED

2016 Interim Budget**Res. 15-460**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the 2015 Estimate of Revenues and Expenditures be adopted as the Town's Interim Operational Budget for the year 2016.

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

CARRIED

BYLAWS**ATCO Gas Franchise Agreement Bylaw 15-06****Res. 15-461**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that Bylaw No. 15-06 be given a second reading.

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

CARRIED

Res. 15-462

Moved by Councillor Primeau that Bylaw No. 15-06 be given a third and final reading.

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

CARRIED

Sewer Rate Bylaw 15-12**Res. 15-463**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that Bylaw No. 15-12 be given a first reading.

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

CARRIED

Res. 15-464

Moved by Councillor Limoges that Bylaw No. 15-12 be given a second reading.

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

CARRIED

- Res. 15-465** Moved by Councillor Primeau that Bylaw No. 15-12 be presented for a third reading.
FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
CARRIED
- Res. 15-466** Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw No. 15-12 be given a third and final reading.
FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
CARRIED
- Res. 15-467** **Traffic Bylaw 15-13**
Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that Bylaw No. 15-13 be given a first reading.
FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
CARRIED
- Res. 15-468** Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that Bylaw No. 15-13 be given a second reading.
FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
CARRIED
- Res. 15-469** Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw No. 15-13 be presented for a third reading.
FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
CARRIED
- Res. 15-470** Moved by Councillor Primeau that Bylaw No. 15-13 be given a third and final reading.
FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
CARRIED
- Res. 15-471** **Inter-municipal Library Board Bylaw 15-14**
Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that Bylaw No. 15-14 be given a first reading.
FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
CARRIED
- Res. 15-472** Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that Bylaw No. 15-14 be given a second reading.
FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
CARRIED
- Res. 15-473** Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that Bylaw No. 15-14 be presented for a third reading.
FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
CARRIED

Res. 15-474

Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw No. 15-14 be given a third and final reading.

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

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:38 p.m. reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

Policy 108-9**Res. 15-475**

Moved by Councillor Brown that all the proposed changes to the Recreation Coordinator/Municipal Clerk Policy 108-9 be approved except for clause 15.

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

CARRIED

Business License Bylaw No. 15-15**Res. 15-476**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that Bylaw No. 15-15 be given a first reading.

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

CARRIED

Res. 15-477

Moved by Councillor Limoges that Bylaw No. 15-15 be given a second reading.

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

CARRIED

Res. 15-478

Moved by Councillor Brown that Bylaw No. 15-15 be presented for a third reading.

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

Res. 15-479

Moved by Councillor Limoges that Bylaw No. 15-15 be presented for a third and final reading.

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS**ARMA Grant Application****Res. 15-480**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the grant application to repair the laminate flooring in the Falher Regional Recreation Complex arena front lobby submitted through Alberta Recycling Management Authority be approved and that the Town agrees to contribute up to a maximum of \$7,492.00 towards the project and should the project be modified that Council be advised.

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

CARRIED

- Res. 15-481** **Recreation Coordinator Role – Honey Festival**
 Moved by Councillor Brown that this item be tabled.

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

 CARRIED
- Res. 15-482** **Appointment of 2016 Auditor**
 Moved by Councillor Limoges that Sylvain & Company be appointed as
 auditors for the year ending December 31, 2016.

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

 CARRIED
- Res. 15-483** **Physician Recruitment 2016 Budget**
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the 2016 Physician Recruitment
 budget be accepted as presented and that the Town agrees to
 contribute \$4,705.11 to Physician Recruitment in 2016.

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

 CARRIED
- Res. 15-484** **Smoky River FCSS Program Funding 2016**
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Town agrees to contribute
 \$8,221.68 to Smoky River FCSS in 2016.

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

 CARRIED
- Res. 15-485** **2016 Janitor Contract**
 Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the janitorial contract with Nicole
 Maure be renewed for the term of March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017 for
 the sum of \$355.00 per month and that the Mayor and Municipal
 Administrator be authorized to enter into an agreement with Nicole
 Maure for janitor services.

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

 CARRIED
- CORRESPONDENCE**
- Res. 15-486** **Eaglesham and District Agricultural Society**
 Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that a letter be sent to Eaglesham and
 District Agricultural Society expressing the Town's interest in participating
 in the broomball competition at their 2016 Winter Carnival to be held on
 January 23, 2016.

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

 CARRIED
- Res. 15-487** **Correspondence**
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the attached correspondence be
 accepted as information.

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

 CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports

Councillor Braithwaite

- Concerto – November 5, 2015
- Airport meeting – November 12, 2015
- Regional Viability meeting – November 12, 2015

Councillor Primeau

- CEC – February 3, 2015
- FCSS – February 25, 2015
- CEC – March 3, 2015
- FCSS – March 25, 2015
- FCSS AGM – April 22, 2015
- FCSS – May 26, 2015
- CEC – May 27, 2015
- FCSS fundraiser – May 29, 2015
- Seniors' Tea – June 3, 2015
- Pancake Breakfast – June 20, 2015
- FCSS Meeting – June 24, 2015
- Bourse Turenne – August 24, 2015
- FCSS Day – October 22, 2015
- FCSS – October 28, 2015
- CEC – October 29, 2015
- Concerto – November 5, 2015
- Remembrance Day Ceremony – November 11, 2015
- Municipal Restructuring and Viability Review – November 12, 2015
- National Child Day – November 20, 2015
- Provincial Volleyball Tournament – November 26, 2015

Councillor St. Laurent

- Smoky River Physician Recruitment – November 3, 2015
- Smoky River Water Commission – November 24, 2015
- Smoky River Waste Commission – November 24, 2015

Mayor Buchinski

- Economic Development – October 27, 2015
- Concerto – November 5, 2015
- Meeting with MLA Marg McCuaig-Boyd – November 10, 2015
- Municipal Restructuring and Viability Review – November 12, 2015
- Heart River Housing – November 19, 2015
- Economic Development – November 23, 2015

Res. 15-488

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

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

CARRIED

Director of Public Works Report

The Director of Public Works reported on the following matters:

- Hydrant damaged last week
- Diesel stolen at shop
- New streetlight decorations will be put up next year, too late for this year

Res. 15-489

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

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

CARRIED

- Res. 15-490** **Recreation Coordinator Report**
 Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the Recreation Coordinator Report be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 15-491** **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, Brown, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- COUNCIL CONCERNS**
- Disappointed with the coverage of local activities in the Smoky River Express
- Res. 15-492** **Letter to Smoky River Express**
 Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that a letter be sent to Smoky River Express expressing concern with lack of coverage of local activities.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**
- Res. 15-493** **In Camera**
 Moved by Councillor Limoges that council go in-camera to discuss personnel issue at 9:38 p.m.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Conflict of Interest**
 Councillor Brown declared conflict of interest and left the room at 9:39 p.m.
- Councillor Brown rejoined the meeting at 9:53 p.m.
- Res. 15-494** **Out of Camera**
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that council returns to an open meeting at 10:11 p.m.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 15-495** **Extend Meeting**
 Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that meeting be extended.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, Primeau and St. Laurent
- CARRIED

Res. 15-496 **Next Council Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the next regular council meeting be set for January 18, 2016.

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator