

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT : Mayor Buchinski
Councillors: Gary Braithwaite
Lindsay Brown
Rene Limoges
Sandra Primeau
Administration: Jacqueline Hébert
Ernest Marchildon

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Buchinski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

Res. 16- 58 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the agenda be approved as presented.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16- 59 Moved by Councillor Primeau to recess the Council Meeting and proceed to the Public Hearing.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS Bylaw 16-01 Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Res. 16- 60 Moved by Councillor Braithwaite to commence the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

No written claims were filed with the Municipal Administrator with regards to the amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

Res. 16- 61 Moved by Councillor Braithwaite to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting of Council.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Res. 16- 62 Minutes of February 8, 2016 regular meeting
Moved by Councillor Primeau that the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 8, 2016 be approved as circulated.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Minutes of February 17, 2016 budget meeting**Res. 16- 63**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the minutes of the budget meeting held on February 17, 2016 be approved as circulated.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

**BUSINESS
ARISING****Res. 16- 64****Recreation Coordinator Job Description**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the Recreation Coordinator be authorized to work up to 110 hours, from August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016 on the 2016 Honey Festival.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16- 65**Surveillance System**

Moved by Councillor Brown that a four camera surveillance system for the Falher Regional Recreation Complex be purchased from Paladin, option 3, for \$9,461.00.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

AUMA 2016

Council reiterated that the Mayor, two Councillors, and the Municipal Administrator attend the 2016 AUMA convention.

Res. 16-66**Inter-Municipal Library**

Moved by Councillor Brown that Lindsay Brown, Leanna Cinq-Mars, Raoul Johnson alternant Marc Bremont, Jackie Hockey, Adele Parker, and Andrew Parker be appointed to the Falher Inter-Municipal Library Board for a three year term.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16-67**Appointment of Library Auditors**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that Diane Chiasson and Esther Picard be appointed as auditor for the Falher Library for the year ending December 31, 2015.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

FINANCIAL**Res. 16- 68****Bank Reconciliation**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that a Bank Reconciliation for the period ending February 29, 2016 be approved as circulated.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Bills for Payment**Res. 16- 69**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that bills paid on February 22, 2016 totalling the sum of \$58,503.91 be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16-70

Moved by Councillor Brown that bills paid on March 9, 2016 totalling the sum of \$111,319.31 be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Income Statement**Res. 16- 71**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the Income Statement for the period ending February 29, 2016 be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16-72

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the 2016 Mill Rate be calculated based on the equal change percentage.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

2016 Bad Debt Write-Offs**Res. 16-73**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the attached list of accounts receivable be written-off.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

2015 Financial Statement**Res. 16-74**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the Town of Falher's Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2015 be approved as presented.

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

CARRIED

Res. 16-75

Moved by Councillor Limoges that an advertisement be placed in the Smoky River Express advising ratepayers that a copy of the 2015 Financial Statement will be available at the Town Office.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

BYLAWS**Res. 16-76****Bylaw 16-01 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that Bylaw No. 16-01 be given a second reading.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that Bylaw No. 16-01 be given a third and final reading

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Res. 16- 77

Recreation – Use of Recreation Complex

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that Council ratify the decision to authorize the She Devils to utilize the restaurant area of the Falher Regional Recreation Complex to consume alcohol on February 13, 2016 from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16-78

Recreation – Splash Park

Moved by Councillor Limoges that the Town cover 50% of the splash park operating cost for the 2015 and 2016 with a maximum contribution in 2016 of \$8,000.00.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16-79

Recreation – Fundraiser Tournament

Moved by Councillor Primeau that this item be tabled.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16- 80

Disposal of Municipal Records

Moved by Councillor Limoges that the attached list of records be approved for disposal.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16- 81

Councillor Absence

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Councillor St. Laurent be granted an extended leave of absence.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16-82

Municipal Development Plan – Municipal sidewalks

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that administration obtain pricing costs for installation of sidewalks in the Falher Central Area Subdivision.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16-83 **Lot Size**
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that this item be tabled to the budget meeting.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16-84 **Assessment Review Board Representative**
 Moved by Councillor Limoges that the Town cover Guy Beaudoin's travel expenses, including mileage, meals, and accommodation, to attend the 2016 Assessment Review Board courses.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16-85 **Altex Energy**
 Moved by Councillor Lindsay that this item be tabled.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Brown, Limoges, and Primeau
 OPPOSED: Councillor Braithwaite

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Res. 16-86 **Correspondence**
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that a letter of support be sent to MLA Margaret McCuaid-Boyd and the Minister of Health Sarah Hoffman in recognition of the valuable contribution Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan provides to our community.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Res. 16-87 Moved by Councillor Limoges that the attached correspondence be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports

Councillor Braithwaite

- Honey Festival meeting – January 19, 2016
- M.D.P. meeting – February 16, 2016
- Smoky River Tourism – February 17, 2016
- Smoky River Ag Society meeting – February 18, 2016

Councillor Brown

- Falher Library meeting – February 2, 2016

Councillor Limoges

- M.D.P. meeting – February 16, 2016

Councillor Primeau

- Smoky River FCSS – February 24, 2016

Mayor Buchinski

- Physician Recruitment – February 1, 2016
- MP Arnold Viersen – February 10, 2016
- Smoky River Regional Economic Development – February 23, 2016

- Res. 16- 88** Moved by Councillor Limoges that the Committee Reports be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau
- CARRIED

Director of Public Works Report

The Director of Public Works reported on the following matters:

- Thawing culverts
- Working on budget

- Res. 16- 89** Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the verbal reports from the Director of Public Works be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau
- CARRIED

Meeting Extension

- Res. 16-90** Moved by Councillor Primeau to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau
- CARRIED

Recreation Coordinator Report

- Res. 16- 91** Moved by Councillor Brown that the Recreation Coordinator Report be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau
- CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List

- Res. 16- 92** Moved by Councillor Limoges that the Chief Administrative Officer's report and action list be accepted as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau
- CARRIED

COUNCIL CONCERNS

- Concern with an ongoing garage sale
- Inquired if anything was being done regarding the trailer situated on Lot 27 Block 11 Plan 503NY which has had its roof ripped off for several years now

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- Res. 16- 93** **In Camera** Moved by Councillor Limoges that council go in-camera to discuss sale of land at 10:05 p.m.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau
- CARRIED

- Res. 16- 94** **Out of Camera** Moved by Councillor Brown that council returns to an open meeting at 10:50 p.m.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau
- CARRIED

Res. 16- 95 **Central Area Subdivision Development**
Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the Town will continue to reserve Lot 24 Block 2 of the Falher Central Area Subdivision for Capital Investment Co-op of Smoky River until March 31, 2016, if the lot is not purchased by that date, the lot will be made available for sale.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Limoges, and Primeau

CARRIED

Budget Meeting
Budget meeting was set to April 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator