

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

**IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016 and THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016**

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

PRESENT : Mayor Buchinski  
Councillors: Gary Braithwaite  
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 7:30 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
AGENDA**

**Res. 16-251** Moved by Councillor Limoges that the agenda be approved as presented.

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

CARRIED

Councillor Braithwaite joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**Res. 16-252**

**Minutes of July 18, 2016 regular meeting**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 13, 2016 be approved as circulated.

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

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS**

Diane Chiasson joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Concerto**

Enquired as to whether the town wanted to join the Réseau des villes francophones et francophiles d'Amérique which groups many small francophone communities in North America. Réseau just started last November so not much details are available as to what they offer but membership is free.

**CN Guidelines**

Enquired as to whether the Town would approve CN guideline for developments. Council would not approve the guidelines at this time based on Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency's recommendation; however, would take them into consideration when doing developments.

There is \$4,000 left in the CN grant, would like to use those funds to put sod where old slide was located and behind spray park mechanical building.

**Chamber of Commerce & Tourism**

The last Chamber of Commerce & Tourism meeting went well. They now understand what they have to do and how they work together. The Chamber knows they have to be more hands on with tourism. A new web site has been launched. Tourism want to approach Birch Hills County to join as the Tourism centre often gives information about communities in Birch Hills County.

**Economic Development**

Diane Chiasson will be giving an economic development course for elected officials in October.

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Diane Chiasson will be taking an Elected Officer's Course given by Economic Developers Alberta and will then give presentation to regional board to see if it would be beneficial to have Diane give the course to Council.

**Broadband**

Northern Alberta is behind when it comes to broadband service. Should lobby federal and provincial governments to declare it a utility and therefore making it a necessity.

Diane Chiasson left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

**FABuLAS**

Pauline Therriault and Jenny St. Jean joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Pauline stressed the importance of submitting their CFEP grant application in September and the importance of getting a letter of support from the Town. They will be going to the M.D. of Smoky River for funding also. The CFEP funds would also be used to complete the fence. She also stressed their commitment to paying off the Town loan and that no major equipment will be purchased until the loan is paid off. Suggested that some of the business license fees be allocated to the operation of the spray park.

Adele Parker asked FABuLAS to think about where they would like the rock and log, from Alberta Recycling, to be placed at the Honey Capital Park.

Pauline Therriault and Jenny St. Jean left the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

**BUSINESS  
ARISING****Res. 16-253****Old Smoky River Express Building**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that the Town of Falher confirms the old Smoky River Express Building at a declared value of \$39,000.00 and that Council understands the building is not insured at the recommended value and will not receive replacement cost should there be an insurable loss.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 16-254**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that administration be authorized to put the demolition of the old Smoky River Express building up for tender.

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

CARRIED

**Christmas Decorations****Res. 16-255**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent to accept as information.

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

CARRIED

**FABuLAS – Letter of Support for CFEP****Res. 16-256**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that a letter of support of FABuLAS's Community Facility Enhancement Program grant application be given with the understanding that no more expenses will be incurred for the Honey Capital park until the Town of Falher's loan to FABuLAS is paid off.

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

CARRIED

**AUMA Convention**

Discussed who would attend AUMA convention in October.

**SARDA Agreement****Res. 16-257**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the proposed agreement with SARDA be approved with the following changes:

- a) Term would be for 2017 and 2019
- b) Lease be based on rental rate and utilities paid as per usage
- c) Base rental rate would be \$6,000 for 2017 and 2019
- d) Change item 2.3 to read: *The rental charge shall be reviewed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the aforementioned term and may be revised by mutual consent of the parties*

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

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL****Bank Reconciliation**

Was presented when meeting reconvened on August 25, 2016.

**Bills for Payment****Res. 16-258**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that bills paid on July 21, 2016 totalling the sum of \$64,432.72 be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 16-259**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that bills paid on August 6 &amp; 10, 2016 totalling the sum of \$304,492.05 be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 16-260**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the list of accounts payable totalling the sum of \$ 9,615.34 be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**Income Statement****Res. 16-261**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Income Statement for the period ending July 31, 2016 be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS****Policy No. 605 - Fees****Res. 16-262**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that Policy 605 be amended as follows:

Add:

- \$35.00 per hour charge out rate for Public Works – unless otherwise stated
- \$52.50 per hour for after hour charge out rate for Public Works – unless otherwise stated

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

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:11 p.m.

**Tree Policy**

Administration informed Council of problems with trees on boulevards and that a policy would be drafted.

**Spray Park****Res. 16-264**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the Spray Park be closed for the season on September 6, 2016.

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

CARRIED

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****In Camera****Res. 16-265**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that council go in-camera to discuss legal and personnel issues at 9:42 p.m.

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

CARRIED

Ernest Marchildon and Jacqueline Hébert left the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

**Out of Camera****Res. 16-266**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that council returns to an open meeting at 10:36 p.m.

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

CARRIED

**Extend Meeting****Res. 16-267**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the meeting be extended.

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

CARRIED

**RECESS:** Meeting recessed at 10:40 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** Meeting reconvened on August 25, 2016 at 7:06 p.m.

**Bank Reconciliation**

**Res. 16- 268** Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that a Bank Reconciliation for the period ending July 31, 2016 be approved as circulated.

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

CARRIED

**Recreation Complex Kitchen Contract**

**Res. 16-269** Moved by Councillor Limoges that the 2016-2017 season Kitchen lease contract be awarded to Pao-Su Simard for the total sum of \$3,000.00.

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

CARRIED

**Recreation Complex Caretaker**

**Res. 16-270** Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that a Recreation Complex caretaker/janitor employee be hired and that the position be seasonal.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 16-271** Moved by Councillor Primeau that the 2016 wage grid for the Recreation Complex caretaker/janitor be approved.

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

CARRIED

**Bar Lease Agreement**

**Res. 16-272** Moved by Councillor Limoges that the proposed 2016-2017 Recreation Complex bar lease agreement be approved.

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

CARRIED

**Curling Rink Agreement**

**Res. 16-273** Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the proposed 2016-2017 curling rink lease agreement be approved.

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

CARRIED

**Minor Hockey Agreement**

**Res. 16-274** Moved by Councillor Primeau that the proposed 2016-2017 facility use agreement with Smoky River Minor Hockey be approved.

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

CARRIED

**Pond Hockey Lease Agreement****Res. 16-275**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the proposed 2016-2017 facility use agreement with Smoky River Pond Hockey be approved.

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

CARRIED

**Pirates Facility Use Agreement****Res. 16-276**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that, for the 2016-2017 season, Falher Pirates be charged \$130.00 per hour plus GST for regular and playoff games at a minimum of 3 hours and \$115.00 per hour plus GST for practices.

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

CARRIED

**RECESS**

Meeting recessed at 9:11 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

**Res. 16-277**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that Mayor Buchinski and Councillor St. Laurent or Councillor Limoges meet with Falher Pirates to go over the 2016-2017 ice rental rates.

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

CARRIED

**Res. 16-278**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that the proposed 2016-2017 facility use agreement with Falher Pirates be approved.

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

CARRIED

**Arena User Guidelines Ice Time Bookings****Res. 16-279**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that this item be tabled.

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

CARRIED

**Skate Sharpener****Res. 16-280**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that this item be tabled.

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

CARRIED

**Swimming Pool****Res. 16-281**

Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the swimming pool financial report be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**RV Storage Rental Agreement****Res. 16-282**

Moved by Councillor Primeau that this item be tabled.

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

CARRIED

- Res. 16-283**      **Ball Diamond Reserve**  
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that a request be made to FABuLAS to cover a portion of the cost of repairing the ball diamonds for the amount of \$1,270.12.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 16-284**      **Honey Festival**  
 Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that this item be tabled.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- RCMP at AUMA Conference**  
 Council did not see a need to meet with the RCMP at the 2016 AUMA convention.
- CORRESPONDENCE**
- Res. 16-285**      **CN Rail**  
 Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the balance remaining of \$4,000.00 of the CN grant be used to purchase more sod for the Honey Capital Park and that the sod be installed at the old slide location and behind the spray park mechanical building.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 16-286**      **Extend Meeting**  
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the meeting be extended.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 16-287**      **Concerto**  
 Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Town of Falher join the Réseau des villes francophones et francophiles d'Amérique.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 16-288**      **CN**  
 Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that information about dangerous goods traffic going through Town not be made available to the general public; however, the fire chief will be made aware.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED
- Res. 16-289**      **Northern woods**  
 Moved by Councillor St. Laurent to accept as information.
- FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Limoges, Primeau, and St. Laurent
- CARRIED

**Res. 16-290**                    **Correspondence**  
 Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the attached correspondence be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**Committee Reports**

Councillor Primeau

- FCSS Board Meeting – June 22, 2016
- Honey Festival Meeting – July 5, 2016

**Res. 16-291**                    Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the Committee Reports be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**Director of Public Works Report**

The Director of Public Works reported on the following matters:

- Need arena opening date
- Students finish tomorrow
- Swimming pool is now shut down
- Oiling of side road
- Recreation Complex exterior wall repairs

**Res. 16-292**                    Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the oral reports from the Director of Public Works be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**Recreation Coordinator Report**

**Res. 16-293**                    Moved by Councillor St. Laurent that the Recreation Coordinator Report be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List**

**Res. 16-294**                    Moved by Councillor Primeau that the Chief Administrative Officer's report and action list be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED

**COUNCIL CONCERNS**

- Need policy on garage sales
- New garage in Block X
- Utility right-of-way maintenance

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

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Mayor

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Municipal Administrator



