

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

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT : Mayor: Donna Buchinski
Councillors: Gary Braithwaite
Lindsay Brown
Bradley Drouin
Robert J. Lauzé
Rene Limoges
Geoffrey Turnquist
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. 17-424**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the agenda be approved as presented.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Res. 17-425

Moved by Councillor Drouin to recess the Council Meeting and commence the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Land Use Bylaw Amendment – addition of signs to discretionary use for C1

Present: Evelyn Roy, Vic's Car Care

One written objection was received from Vic's Car Care regarding portable signs. Evelyn Roy reiterated that it would hinder businesses if they were required to obtain a permit every time they put out a temporary sign advertising a special event.

Mayor Buchinski stated that when the new land use bylaw was drafted signs was omitted by error under discretionary use; therefore, currently no business is allowed to have any signs. This amendment is to correct this omission.

Res. 17-426

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:07 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES****Res. 17-427****Minutes of November 14, 2017 regular meeting**

Moved by Councillor Drouin that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 14, 2017 be approved as circulated.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

FINANCIAL**Res. 17-428****Bills for Payment**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that bills paid on November 30, 2017 totalling the sum of \$36,471.75 be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Res. 17-429

Moved by Councillor Brown that bills paid on December 11, 2017 totalling the sum of \$119,033.72 be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Res. 17-430**Income Statement**

Moved by Councillor Drouin that the Income Statement for the period ending November 30, 2017 be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Res. 17-431**Appointment of Auditor**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that Sylvain and Company be appointed as auditors for the year ending December 31, 2018.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Res. 17-432**Increase to 2018 Budget – Smoky River Express**

Moved by Councillor Drouin to continue with the Smoky River Express subscription contract for 2018 for \$10,010.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:04 p.m. and reconvened at 8:07 p.m**Res. 17-433****Increase to 2018 Budget – Waste Rate Increase**

Moved by Councillor Drouin that the 2018 Waste disposal fee be increase to \$11.75 per unit per month and that the Town subsidize \$1.75 per unit per month for 2018.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Increase to 2018 Budget – Water Rate Increase**Res. 17-434**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the 2018 Water Rates be increase to \$4.95 per cubic meter and \$8.00 per cubic meter for truck fill and that the Town subsidize \$0.20 per cubic meter for all accounts excluding truck fill.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

2018 Salary Grid**Res. 17-435**

Moved by Councillor Drouin that resolution 17-399 be rescinded.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Councillor Brown declared a conflict and left the meeting at 8:41 p.m.**Res. 17-436**

Moved by Councillor Drouin that the salary grid be increased by 1.6% for cost of living for 2018.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Drouin, Lauzé, Limoges, and Turnquist
OPPOSED: Councillor Braithwaite

CARRIED

Councillor Brown rejoined the meeting at 8:45 p.m.**Falher Municipal Campground****Res. 17-437**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that this item be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Pool Renovations**Res. 17-438**

Moved by Councillor Brown that a maximum of \$64,700 from pool reserves be allocated to cover the shortfall for the marcite, tile, skimmers and coping replacement for the Falher Regional Pool to be completed prior to the 2018 season.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Town of Falher Sign**Res. 17-439**

Moved by Councillor Turnquist that this item be tabled.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Spray Park Budget**Res. 17-440**

Moved by Councillor Drouin that this item be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

**BYLAWS &
POLICIES****Res. 17-441****Bylaw No. 17-11 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Turnquist that Bylaw No. 17-11 be given a second reading.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Res. 17-442

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that Bylaw No. 17-11 be given a third and final reading.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Res. 17-443**Policy 102**

Moved by Councillor Drouin that the Banking of Overtime Policy 102 be amended.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Res. 17-444**Policy 704**

Moved by Councillor Braithwaite that the Recreation Complex Ice Time Booking Policy 704 be approved.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS**Res. 17-445****Janitorial Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that the janitorial contract with Nicole Maure be extended to February 28, 2019 and that the rate be increased to \$365.00 per month effective March 1, 2018.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Res. 17-446**Appointment of Assessor**

Moved by Councillor Drouin that Compass Assessment be appointed as the assessor for Designated Industrial Properties for 2018.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Res. 17-447**Falher Intermunicipal Library**

Moved by Councillor Brown that a letter be sent to Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting that the funding for the Falher Intermunicipal Library be maintained at the 2017 level for June 2018 to May 2019 and that funding for subsequent years be indexed to inflation.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Res. 17-448

Moved by Councillor Drouin that Raoul Johnson and alternate Luc Levesque be appointed to the Falher Intermunicipal Library Board and that Donna Buchinski be appointed as alternate for the Peace Library System Board.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Peace Regional Victim Services**Res. 17-449**

Moved by Councillor Brown that this item be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE**Res. 17-450**

Moved by Councillor Drouin that the attached correspondence be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Committee Reports**Councillor Braithwaite

- Smoky River Ag Society – October 19, 2017

Councillor Brown

- Library Committee – October 2, 2017
- FCSS – October 25, 2017
- Library Committee – November 6, 2017
- Elected Officials Emergency Training – November 21, 2017
- Peace Library System – November 25, 2017

Councillor Drouin

- AUMA Convention – November 22 – 24, 2017
- CEC – November 30, 2016

Councillor Lauzé

- AUMA Convention – November 23 - 24, 2017
- Smoky River Water Commission – November 28, 2017
- Smoky River Waste Commission – November 28, 2017

Councillor Limoges

- Smoky River Water Commission – October 2, 2017
- Smoky River Waste Commission – October 2, 2017
- Smoky River Water Commission – October 30, 2017
- Smoky River Waste Commission – October 30, 2017
- Smoky River Water & Waste Subcommittee – November 1, 2017
- Smoky River Physician Recruitment – November 6, 2017
- AUMA Convention – November 22 – 24, 2017

Councillor Turnquist

- George Cuff Training – November 6, 2016
- Smoky River Tourism/Chamber – November 15, 2017
- Honey Festival – November 15, 2017
- Elected Officials Emergency Training – November 21, 2017

Mayor Buchinski

- Recreation Committee – September 26, 2017
- Smoky River Water Commission – October 2, 2017
- Smoky River Waste Commission – October 2, 2017
- Heart River Housing – October 3, 2017
- Smoky River Chamber/Tourism – October 25, 2017
- Meeting with Minister Larivee – November 6, 2017
- Heart River Housing – November 9, 2017
- AUMA Resolutions review – November 16, 2017
- AUMA Convention – November 21 - 24, 2017

Res. 17-451

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

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Director of Public Works Report

The Director of Public Works reported on the following matters:

- Snow blower broken down
- SR Express building removal
- Snow removal

Res. 17-452

Moved by Councillor Lauzé that the oral report from the Director of Public Works be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Director of Community Services Report**Res. 17-453**

Moved by Councillor Brown that the Director of Community Services Report be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer Report and Action List**Res. 17-454**

Moved by Councillor Turnquist that the Chief Administrative Officer's report and action list be accepted as information.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

**CONFIDENTIAL
ITEMS****In Camera****Res. 17-455**

Moved by Councillor Limoges that council go in-camera to discuss personnel and Councillor issue at 9:40 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

**Ernest Marchildon and Jacqueline Hébert left the meeting at 9:40 p.m.
Adele Parker left the meeting at 9:42 p.m.**

Res. 17-456 **Out of Camera**
Moved by Councillor Turnquist that council returns to an open meeting at 10:00 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 10:00 p.m and reconvened at 10:01 p.m.

Adele Parker, Ernest Marchildon and Jacqueline Hébert rejoined the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Res. 17-457 **Employee Withdrawal from RRSP**
Moved by Councillor Drouin that permission be granted to Adele Parker, CAO, to withdraw part or all of her RRSP funds.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

Res. 17-458 **Next Meeting**
Moved by Councillor Brown that the next regular council meeting be held on January 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Buchinski, Councillors Braithwaite, Brown, Drouin, Lauzé
Limoges, and Turnquist

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Buchinski adjourned the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Mayor

Municipal Administrator