

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Wembley, in the Province of Alberta
held in the Philip J. Currie Museum
this 8th day of March 2021**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

Present: Mayor Turnmire called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
CAO Noreen Zhang
Councillor Peterson
Councillor Guimond (via Zoom)
Councillor Johnson
Councillor McCallum

Regrets: Councillor Underwood

Leave of Absence: Councillor Gundersen

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION # 2021-0058

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council approve the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on February 22nd, 2021.

MOTION # 2021-0059

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council adopt the minutes of the regular February 22nd, 2021 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Wembley & District Agricultural Society

Renee Corrigan, Chair of the Wembley & District Agricultural Society Fire Rebuild Committee brought Council up to date on their quest for funding for the Recreation Centre. The Agricultural Society pursued several funding options and presented a couple of proposals from the Alberta Treasury Branch. Ms. Corrigan asked Council if the Town would be willing to increase the present monthly support payment of \$2,400 and should a down payment be required for the re-mortgage would the Town be willing to cover this. Council has asked that more financial information be forwarded to CAO Zhang to assist with their discussion and decision.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Accounts Payable

MOTION #2021-0060

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council ratify the accounts payable, as identified in Schedule "A", cheque #20210108 to cheque #20210127, totaling \$39,992.37.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Revenue & Expense and Monthly Statement for the Month of February 2021.

MOTION #2021-0061

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council accept the Revenue & Expense and Monthly Statement for the month of February 2021 for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 None

7. BYLAW

7.1 Bylaw 736: Borrowing Bylaw 736

MOTION #2021-0062

Moved by Councillor Guimond Council give first reading to Bylaw 736, being the Borrowing Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 736 was then read for the first time.

Initials

MOTION #2021-0063

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council give second reading to Bylaw 736.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 736 was then read for the second time.

MOTION #2021-0064

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council have third reading of Bylaw 736 at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2021-0065

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council give third reading to Bylaw 736, being the Borrowing Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 739 was read for the third time and finally passed.

7.2 Rescind Bylaw 724: Borrowing Bylaw 724

MOTION #2021-0066

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council rescind Borrowing Bylaw 724.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. POLICIES

8.1

9. CAO REPORT

9.1 Regional Economic Development Summit

- Summit is scheduled for March 9th and 11th, 2021.
- Town Logo on the carts is a significant cost to the program therefore Administration opted out of that feature.

9.2 PropertyTax Referral

- Other municipalities are considering the option to defer the deadlines for taxes again this year. Administration would like to know Council's interest in looking at the same option for the Town.

9.3 CAO Evaluation

- This year's evaluation is coming due, and Mayor Turnmire will initiate the process.

9.4 Meetings Attended

- COVID-19 Update for Alberta Municipalities from the Chief Medical Officer of Health (various dates and times)
- Peace Health Advisory Council Meeting – February 23, 2021
- Local Authorities Elections Act Training – February 25, 2021
- Town Hall Meeting with Premier Kenney & Minister McIver– February 26, 2021
- AMCA Executive Meeting - March 4, 2021

MOTION #2021-0067

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council accept the CAO's report as information

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Contracted Services

CAO Zhang updated Council on the progress made regarding contracted public works services. AUMA was also contacted if they knew of any municipalities that contracted out their public works services and the answer was none that they were aware of. Contracting out public works services could also be a potential insurance issue.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 2021 Council Calendar

MOTION #2021-0068

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council approve the 2021 Council Calendar as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials

12. REPORTS

- 12.1 Audit Committee
- 12.2 Community Futures
- 12.3 Community and Protective Services Committee
- 12.4 FCSS Advisory Board
- 12.5 Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership
- 12.6 Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership Committee
- 12.7 Grande Prairie Regional Tourism
- 12.8 Grande Spirit Foundation
- 12.9 HR Committee
- 12.10 Healthy Communities Committee
- 12.11 Helen E. Taylor Advisory School Council
- 12.12 ICF & IDP Steering Committee
- 12.13 Joint Grande Prairie Area Recreation Committee
- 12.14 Parks and Recreation
- 12.15 Peace Airshed Zone Association (PAZA)
- 12.16 Peace Library System Board
 - 12.16.1 Peace Library System November 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes**
 - 12.16.2 Peace Library System February 27, 2021 Board Highlights**
- 12.17 West Grande Prairie County Regional Landfill
- 12.18 South Peace Physician Attraction & Retention Committee
- 12.19 Wapiti Area Synergy Group (WASP)
- 12.20 Wembley and District Agricultural Society
 - 12.20.1 Wembley Ag Society Meeting Minutes February 2, 2021**
- 12.21 Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board
- 12.22 Wembley Elementary School
- 12.23 Wembley Public Library
- 12.24 911 and Emergency Services
 - 12.24.1 Wembley Fire Department Meeting Minutes March 4, 2021**
- 12.25 Bylaw Enforcement Services
 - 12.25.1 Peace Officer and Animal Control Services – Monthly Report February 2021**
 - MOTION #2021-0069**
 - Moved by** Councillor Peterson Council accept the reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 Town of Beaverlodge – Letter of Support for RCMP
 - MOTION #2021-0070**
 - Moved by** Councillor McCallum Council direct Administration to write a Letter of Support for the RCMP to Premier Kenney, and the Town’s objection of the transitioning to a Provincial Police Service.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 13.2 Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) – Westlock Letter
 - 13.3 Special Consideration – Extra Dog
 - MOTION #2021-0071**
 - Moved by** Councillor Peterson Council grant permission for the third dog under the condition that should one of the dogs pass away, it will not be replaced thereby adhering to the two-dog limit.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 13.4 Provincial Budget 2021 Letter to Chief Elected Officials from Municipal Affairs
 - 13.5 Letter from Crowsnest Pass to the Minister of Justice & Solicitor General – re: RCMP
 - 13.6 Minister’s Awards for Municipal Excellence 2021 Program
 - MOTION #2021-0072**
 - Moved by** Councillor Johnson Council accept the correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. COUNCIL REPORTS

- 14.1 Councillor McCallum
 - Working on economic development and contacting people for input on this endeavor.

15. ROUND TABLE

Councillor Guimond

- Received a text message from FCSS stating that there is an Easter Dinner on Friday, April 2nd.
- FCSS has also initiated “You’ve Got Mail” project, staying connected while staying apart.
- Also queried what work was going on in her back alley.

CAO Zhang

- Working on budget deliberations.

Councillor Peterson

- Had also received the e-mail from FCSS
- Kudos to Public Works for the good work they are doing with snow clearing/removal.

Mayor Turnmire

- February 24th sat in on a Zoom meeting on capital financing.
- February 26th Town Hall meeting with Premier Kenney and Minister McIver, touching on budget, etc.
- Suggested going to the AUMA website where they have a video of the last Town Hall and the concerns people have.
- Would like CAO to look at the Town’s Social Media policy.
- North Zone Covid-19 community conversation, March 9th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- No change in provincial budget funding for FCSS or the Public Library.

Councillor Johnson

- Website updates on demographics is awesome.
- Queried if a monthly poll targeting different subjects for citizen input/feedback could be put on the Town’s website.
- Queried about increasing mill rates on undeveloped lands to encourage developers to build and not sit on bare lands.

Councillor McCallum

- Would like to hear from other Councillors their thoughts on the Town getting involved in infrastructure such as water and sewer, power, etc. Would the Town be able to support this? Further discussion needed.

16. CLOSE SESSION

16.1 None

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2021-0073

MOVED by Councillor Johnson the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor – Chris Turnmire

CAO – Noreen Zhang