

**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 10th day of May 2021**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

Present: Mayor Turnmire called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
CAO Noreen Zhang
Councillor Peterson
Councillor Underwood
Councillor Guimond (via Zoom)

Regrets: Councillor McCallum
Councillor Johnson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION # 2021-0123

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council approve the Agenda with the addition of Item 16.2 - Municipal Access Agreement for Canadian Fiber Optics, under Closed Section.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on April 26th, 2021.

MOTION # 2021-0124

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council adopt the minutes of the regular April 26th, 2021 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Aquatera Utilities – Water and Wastewater Rates
Jeff Pieper, Chief Financial Officer, Lora Brennan, Chief Operating Officer and Vaughn Bend, Chief Executive Officer were all in attendance via video to brief Council on rate adjustments for 2021 and to review operating, capital and revenue statements.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Accounts Payable

MOTION #2021-0125

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council ratify the accounts payable, as identified in Schedule "A", cheque #20210308 to cheque #20210315, totaling \$8,245.41.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

MOTION #2021-0126

Moved by Councillor Guimond Council accept the Revenue & Expense and Monthly Statement for the Month of April 2021 for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 Bylaw 739 – Loan Guarantee Wembley and District Agricultural Society

6.1.1 Call to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:28 p.m.

MOTION #2021-0127

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council commence with the Public Hearing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1.2 Introduction by Administration

A Bylaw to authorize the Council of the Town of Wembley to guarantee the repayment of a loan, in the amount of \$430,000.00, to the Wembley and District Agricultural Society for renovations to the Wembley Rec-Plex. The new commitment will include the payout of the existing loan with ATB.

Initials

6.1.3 Presentation/Submission

Two residents, via video, were present to speak for Bylaw 739. No one was present to speak against the Bylaw. Once resident queried what the risk was guaranteeing this loan and expressed concern of the Agricultural Society's long-term sustainability.

6.1.4 Close Public Hearing

MOTION #2021-0128

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1.5 Business Arising from the Hearing

MOTION #2021-0129

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council give second reading to Bylaw 739, being the Loan Guarantee Wembley and District Agricultural Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 739 was then read for the second time.

MOTION #2021-0130

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council give third reading to Bylaw 739, being the Loan Guarantee Wembley and District Agricultural Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

7. BYLAWS

7.1 Bylaw 737 The Town of Wembley/Aquatera Utilities

A Bylaw regulating and providing for the terms, conditions, rates, and charges for the supply and use of water and wastewater utilities provided by Aquatera Utilities Inc. in the Town of Wembley.

MOTION #2021-0131

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council give first reading to Bylaw 737, which regulates and provides the terms, conditions, rates, and charges for the supply and use of water and wastewater utilities provided by Aquatera Utilities Inc. in the Town of Wembley.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 737 was then read for the first time.

MOTION #2021-0132

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council give second reading to Bylaw 737.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 737 was then read for the second time.

MOTION #2021-0133

Moved by Councillor Guimond Council have third reading of Bylaw 737 at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2021-0134

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council give third reading to Bylaw 737, which regulates and provides the terms, conditions, rates, and charges for the supply and use of water and wastewater utilities provided by Aquatera Utilities Inc. in the Town of Wembley.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 737 was read for the third time and finally passed.

8. POLICIES

8.1 None

9. CAO REPORT

9.1 Tax Notices

- Administration is currently preparing tax notices for mail out on the third week of May.

9.2 Town Office Staff

- The Town Office is once again back to full staff.

9.3 OH&S Collaboration Project Update

- Small amount of funds left from the grant, member municipalities agreed to look into training and policy/procedure developments in mental health safety in the workplace.

9.4 Meetings Attended

- COVID-19 Update for Alberta Municipalities from the Chief Medical Officer of Health (Virtual -various dates and times)
- AUMA Public Risk Conference – May 3 – 7, 2021 (Virtual)
- Economic Development/CAO Round Table Session – May 5, 2021 (Virtual)
- AMCA Virtual Conference and General Meeting – April 22 – 30, 2021 (Virtual)

MOTION #2021-0135

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OLD BUSINESS

None

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Assignment of Weed Inspectors

MOTION #2021-0136

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council appoint Robyn Vobeyda, Tracelle Hinze, and Tiffany Petkau, from the County of Grande Prairie, as weed inspectors for the 2021 season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

12.17 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

12.21 Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board

12.22 Wembley Elementary School

12.23 Wembley Public Library

12.24 911 and Emergency Services

12.25 **Bylaw Enforcement Services**

12.25.1 Peace Officer and Animal Control Services – April 2021

12.26 Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment

MOTION #2021-0137

Moved by Councillor Guimond Council accept the reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 City of Magrath – Letter of Support for RCMP
- 13.2 County of St. Paul – Letter of Support for RCMP
- 13.3 Town of Didsbury – Letter of Support for RCMP
- 13.4 Town of Edson - Letter of Support for RCMP
- 13.5 City of Burnaby – Proclamation Day of Action Against Asian Racism
- 13.6 End Alberta Lockdown – PCR Brochure March 2021

MOTION #2021-0138

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council accept the correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. COUNCIL REPORTS

- 14.1 None

15. ROUND TABLE

Councillor Underwood

- Soccer, basketball, floor hockey and volleyball started last week and then cancelled due to the new COVID restrictions by the province.
- The new gazabos being provided through the Healthy Communities program are on their way.
- The federal census was quite easy to complete.

Councillor Guimond

- Nothing to report.

CAO Zhang

- Administration is now back to full staff.
- Public Works staff had to self-isolate but will be back May 17, 2021. Other departments jumping in to assist should any issues arise.
- Budget summary and final copy of the approved going to be posted on Town website before the end of May.

Councillor Peterson

- Asked if Administration could send a letter of appreciation, on behalf of Council, thanking Sgt. Ash Brown for his outstanding work with the Town of Wembley.

Mayor Turnmire

- On May 5, 2021, the Mayor and CAO met with Pipestone Energy Corp. to discuss updates.
- On May 6, 2021, the Mayor and CAO met with Helix Engineering to discuss Range Road 84, the Source Energy portion, and the exit from the gravel onto the pavement.

16. CLOSE SESSION

- 16.1 Canadian Fiber Optics – Third Party Business Interest FOIP Section 16
- 16.2 Municipal Access Agreement

MOTION #2021-0139

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council go into Close Session at 7:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2021-0140

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council come out of Close Session at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2021-0141

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign the Municipal Access Agreement, for Canadian Fiber Optics once the recommended changes and amendments have been made.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2021-0142

MOVED by Councillor Guimond the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY