

**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 26th day of April 2021**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

Present: Mayor Turnmire called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
CAO Noreen Zhang
Councillor Peterson
Councillor McCallum
Councillor Underwood
Councillor Guimond
Councillor Johnson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION # 2021-0106

Moved by Councillor Guimond Council approve the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Special Meeting of Council held on April 7, 2021.

MOTION #2021-0107

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, held on April 7, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on April 12th, 2021.

MOTION # 2021-0108

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council adopt the minutes of the regular April 12th, 2021 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 Minutes of Special Meeting of Council held on April 19th, 2021.

MOTION #2021-0109

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, held on April 19, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Fletcher Mudryk, LLP – Draft Financial Statements – Jan Nutting, Auditor
Mr. Nutting, via video conference, was present to address any queries Council may have regarding the 2020 Financial Statements.

MOTION #2020-0110

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council to accept the 2020 Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. FINANCE

5.1 Accounts Payable

MOTION #2021-0111

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council ratify the accounts payable, as identified in Schedule "A", cheque #20210232 to cheque #20210307, totaling \$194,749.13.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Capital and Operating Budget 2021

MOTION #2021-0112

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council accept the 2021 Capital and Operating Budget as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 None

7. BYLAWS

7.1 Bylaw 738 – Rates of Taxation

A Bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Town of Wembley for the 2021 Taxation Year.

MOTION #2021-0113

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council give first reading to Bylaw 738, being the rates of taxation for the 2021 Taxation Year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 738 was then read for the first time.

MOTION #2021-0114

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council give second reading to Bylaw 738.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 738 was then read for the second time.

MOTION #2021-0115

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council have third reading of Bylaw 738 at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2021-0116

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council give third reading to Bylaw 738, being the rates of taxation for the 2021 Taxation Year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 738 was read for the third time and finally passed.

7.2 Bylaw 739 – Loan Guarantee Wembley And District Agricultural Society

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 with a term of not exceeding 20 years and a maximum rate of interest of ten (10) percent.

MOTION #2021-0117

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council give first reading to Bylaw 739 and schedule the Public Hearing for May 10th, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 739 was then read for the first time.

8. POLICIES

8.1 Rapid Test Policy – Wembley Fire Department

Presented to Council for information only.

9. CAO REPORT

9.1 Federal and Provincial Grants

- Administration is continuing its active search for federal and provincial funding to assist in any of the Town's capital projects.

9.2 Bylaw and Policy Review

- Initial steps are being taken for the reviews of current bylaws and policies.

9.3 Meetings Attended

- 2021 Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus – via Zoom April 14 – 16, 2021
- LAEA Training – Voting Opportunities via Zoom April 15, 2021
- BLOOM - Financial Analysis – via Zoom April 15, 2021
- Overview of Employment Standards – via Zoom April 14, 2021
- BLOOM Training – Leadership and Management – via Zoom April 21, 2021

MOTION #2021-0118

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Peterson excused himself at 7:55 p.m.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 99th Avenue Drainage Project Proposals

Initials

MOTION #2021-0119

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council approve the recommendation of Helix Engineering to award the 99th Avenue Drainage Project to Wapiti Gravel Suppliers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 None

12. REPORTS

12.1 Audit Committee

12.2 Community Futures

12.3 Community and Protective Services Committee

12.3.1 Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2021

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

12.10.1 Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2021

Councillor Peterson returned at 7:58 p.m.

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

12.20.1 Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2021

12.21 Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board

12.22 Wembley Elementary School

12.23 Wembley Public Library

12.23.1 Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2021

12.24 911 and Emergency Services

12.25 Bylaw Enforcement Services

12.26 **Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment**

12.26.1 Community Policing Report – January 1 – March 31, 2021

MOTION #2021-0120

Moved by Councillor Guimond Council accept the reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Athabasca County - Class 1 Municipal Entry Level (MELT) Program Courses

13.2 Town of Morinville – Letter of Support for RCMP

13.3 County of Paintearth – Letter of Support for RCMP

13.4 STARS – Partnership

13.5 Resident Sidewalk Concerns

Administration was directed to do a feasibility study on lowering the speed limit in the whole of Wembley to 30 kmh and bring back to Council as soon as possible. Also reply to correspondence received from concerned citizen.

13.6 Wembley and District Agricultural Society – Letter of Request

MOTION #2021-0121

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council accept the correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials

14. COUNCIL REPORTS

14.1 Councillor Underwood

- Attended the Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board meeting and there were some particularly good programs brought forward. Applications were reviewed for potential funding assistance.

15. ROUND TABLE

CAO Zhang

- Tying up loose ends of budget and will then be rolled out to the departments.
- All administration staff back at work at Town Hall and a lot of catching up going on.
- Trying to limit number of virtual conferences attendance, which are very time consuming.
- The Fire Chief will also be attending some virtual meetings/conferences on behalf of the CAO.

Councillor Peterson

- Attended Volunteer Appreciation event which was enjoyed by all attendees.

Mayor Turnmire

- The 2021 Federal Census will be starting on May 3rd, 2021. Information will be forwarded to the Councillors and also posted on Wembley's website and Facebook.

Councillor Johnson

- The intersection of 94th and 100th has multiple potholes, due to runoff, which needs to be addressed.
- The Fire Department will be holding a Bottle Drive for Steve "Bubba" Rawlyk, who is gravely ill in Edmonton, on Wednesday and Thursday.

Councillor Guimond

- Nothing to report.

Councillor Underwood

- Attended Glow Walk on Friday, April 23, 2021, which was well attended.
- Cst. Sommerfeld spoke to the Helen E. Taylor Grade 5 class and was well received.

Councillor McCallum

- Expressed concern about amount of sand on west access and Railway Avenue which is also causing a lot of dust. CAO Zhang will reach out to Source and convey the concerns Council has.

16. CLOSE SESSION

16.1 None

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2021-0122

MOVED by Councillor Underwood the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor – Chris Turnmire

CAO – Noreen Zhang

