

**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 25th day of May 2021**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

Present: Mayor Turnmire called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
CAO Noreen Zhang
Councillor Peterson (via Zoom)
Councillor McCallum
Councillor Guimond

Regrets: Councillor Underwood
Councillor Johnson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION # 2021-0143

Moved by Councillor Guimond Council approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on May 10th, 2021.

MOTION # 2021-0144

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council adopt the minutes of the regular May 10th, 2021, Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Eastlink

Stephanie Morash, Sales & Marketing Manager, and Ric McLaren, Technical Operational Manager, present via Zoom, gave Council a brief history of Eastlink plus an update of their enhanced services for residents and businesses. Eastlink was also approved for expansion of their fiber optics plus additional space which will help maintain their level of service to customers.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Accounts Payable

MOTION #2021-0145

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council ratify the accounts payable, as identified in Schedule "A", cheque #20210316 to cheque #20210339, totaling \$185,030.37.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Budgeted Amortization - 2021

MOTION #2021-0146

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council approve as recommended by the Town auditors the amount of \$725,459.80 for the 2021 budgeted amortization expense.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. BYLAWS

8. POLICIES

9. CAO REPORT

9.1 Council Chambers

- Administration is looking at options to optimize the space utilization of Council Chambers. This item will be brought back to be addressed at next Council meeting.

9.2 Wembley Ag Society Loan Guarantee

- Current bylaw guaranteeing loan for Wembley Ag Society will not be rescinded until the new loan is in place.

9.3 Development Permits

Initials

- There are 2 development permits currently being processed and referrals to adjacent lots have been sent to seek their input on the proposed developments.

9.4 Meetings Attended

- COVID-19 Update for Alberta Municipalities from the Chief Medical Officer of Health (Virtual -various dates and times)

MOTION #2021-0147

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Lowering Speed Limit - Information

Item tabled for now and Administration to further research pricing of signs and installation.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 2021 Town of Wembley Educational Award

MOTION #2021-0148

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council award the \$100.00 Wembley Educational Award to Dana.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Dump Station Closure – Sunset Park

Discussion centered around the options of repairing the leaking line (Administration to get an estimate), contacting Aquatera to see how much the cost would be for a secondary dump site while spray park is being constructed, and contacting Aquatera on relocating dump station (when and how soon).

11.3 Off Road Vehicle Use

Discussion centered on complaints regarding off road vehicles using a hill on private land for recreational purposes. Administration to talk to landowner on options to remedy this situation. Administration also to look into the feasibility of an off-road track at Stacy Krahn's, or other areas, for motorized/non-motorized.

12. REPORTS

12.1 Audit Committee

12.2 Community Futures

12.3 Community and Protective Services Committee

12.3.1 CAPS Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2021

12.4 FCSS Advisory Board

12.4.1 FCSS Advisory Board Minutes – May 11, 2021

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

12.20.1 Wembley Ag Society Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2021

12.20.2 Wembley Ag Society Meeting Minutes – April 20, 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

12.25 Bylaw Enforcement Services

12.26 Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment

MOTION #2021-0149

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council accept the reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Municipality of Crowsnest Pass – Letter of Support for Mining on Category 3 and 4 Lands

MOTION # 2021-0150

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council submit a Letter of Support.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 Town of Tofield – Rural Alberta Vaccine Provision Support

13.3 Town of Clareshold – Proposed Provincial Police Services

13.4 Village of Hill Spring - Letter of Support RCMP

13.5 Proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy – High River

13.6 Parks & Recreation Proclamation – Month of June

MOTION #2021-0151

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council authorize the Mayor to sign a Proclamation declaring June as Parks & Recreation month.

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13.7 Hythe & District Agricultural Society – Golf Fundraiser

13.8 Town of Redcliff – Letter of Support RCMP

MOTION #2021-0152

Moved by Councillor Guimond Council accept the correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. COUNCIL REPORTS

14.1 None

15. ROUND TABLE

Councillor Peterson

- Nothing to report.

Councillor Guimond

- Nothing to report.

Councillor McCallum

- Residents adjacent to Aquatera property have queried as to what Aquatera's intentions were with the compound behind the Town Hall. Administration will forward information from the Engineer's report to the adjacent landowners pertaining to the work Aquatera has planned for the summer.

Mayor Turnmire

- On May 17, 2021, presented the Proclamation for the Public Works Week, which ran from May 17 to May 27, 2021, to Public Works staff.
- On May 19, 2021, had a teleconference with MLA Travis Toews and the following topics were touched on:
 - Support for the police force versus provincial police force – still under review.
 - MSI turning over to Local Government Fiscal Framework - more information will be forthcoming.
 - Update on Grande Prairie Regional Hospital – tentative opening date of July 2, 2021.
 - Mayor Turnmire asked about the Grande Prairie Regional College transitioning to a polytechnic institution and the expectations.
 - The Mayor also queried about MOST and if the funding received for covid would be carried forward into 2021. Was informed that the Province is not presently considering this.
 - Also asked about the October elections and any provincial referendums that may be added onto the election ballot. Was informed that one will be the equalization payments to the federal government and the second one will be getting peoples' thoughts on an Alberta Pension Plan.
 - The Mayor also asked about Bill 41, The Insurance Amendment Act, which was passed last Fall. Consumers should see some reduction in their auto insurance but it was suggested to shop around.
 - Update on covid 19 – 75% of Province should have their first shots by mid-June and focus is economic recovery.

Initials

- Alberta got a credit down-grade from A+ to an A and debt will probably reach \$116 billion by end of fiscal year.
- Alberta jobs information has now been released and 22,000 Albertans will be able to get back to work through various training opportunities.

CAO Zhang

- Working on various projects, as per Council's direction.
- Budget information has been posted on the Town's website.
- Getting ready for Municipal Accountability Program which is an assessment on how well the Town is being managed in terms of following legislation as it pertains to conducting meetings, bylaws, financial reporting, etc. This assessment will highlight areas that need to be addressed and will be held on September 8, 2021.

16. CLOSE SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2021-0153

MOVED by Councillor Peterson the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor – Chris Turnmire

CAO – Noreen Zhang