

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Wembley, in the Province of Alberta,
held in the Wembley Municipal Office
this 28th day of February 2022.**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

Present: Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
CAO Noreen Zhang
Councillor Ketchum
Councillor Skinner
Councillor Baker
Councillor Johnson
Councillor McCallum

Regrets: Councillor Underwood

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #2022-0045

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on February 14, 2022.

MOTION #2022-0046

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 14, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Peace Library System

Louisa Robison, CEO, was present via Zoom to update Council on the services of the Peace Library System.

- One of seven library systems in Alberta
- Established June 1986
- Members: 37 municipalities and 1 Métis settlement
- Serving: 46 public libraries and 36 schools
- Funding Structure
- Services include Library Collections, IT Services & Support, Access to Resources, Training & Programs

4.2 Community Futures

Holly Sorgen, Executive Director, provided Council with the following information.

- Community Futures is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to building an economically diverse future for communities in the region.
- Provides training, guidance, and financial support for small business owners.

Initials

- Board is made up of twelve (12) members consisting of six (6) members representing municipalities and the other six (6) members are made up of chamber members, business owners, past CF clients, and non-profit executive directors.
- Community Futures is funded by Western Economic Diversification Canada, as a part of the larger Community Futures organization.

5. FINANCE

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. BYLAWS

8. POLICIES

9. CAO REPORT

9.1 Intermunicipal Meeting

- The date for the next meeting with the City of Grande Prairie, County of Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge, Sexsmith and Wembley have now been set for April 12, 2022. It is the Town of Wembley's turn to host the meeting.

9.2 Meetings Attended

- Premier's Summit on Fairness for Newcomers – February 16, 2022 (Virtual Attendance)

MOTION #2022-0047

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council accept the CAO's report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Grande Spirit Foundation

Mr. Steve Madden, CEO and Mr. Scott McFadden, Capital Project Manager, were present to request continued municipal support for the Spirit River Self-Contained New Build, which will consist of 26 new units.

MOTION #2022-0048

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council direct Administration write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs indicating the Town of Wembley's continued support of the Spirit River Senior Self-Contained New Build project, consisting of the construction of 26 new units adjacent to Pleasantview Lodge.

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

Initials

- 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
- 12.26 Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 Alberta Government Letter – Winter Games 2024

MOTION #2022-0049

Moved by Councillor Baker Council direct CAO Zhang to contact other CAOs in the area to see if there would be an interest in partnering with the 2024 Winter games.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 13.2 National Police Federation re Government of Alberta Consultations

- 13.3 Wembley Resident - Letter

MOTION #2022-0050

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council accept correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. COUNCIL REPORTS

- 14.1 Councillor Johnson attended GPREP meeting and was nominated as Chair for the meeting. Councillor Johnson said he would like to see GPREP supply emergency kits to initial response personnel.

15. ROUND TABLE

Councillor Ketchum

- Going to Alberta Budget
- Will be attending Town Hall on Tourism

Councillor Baker

- WASP Committee will be meeting in March for first time this year.

Councillor Johnson

- Nothing to report

Initials

Councillor McCallum

- Lots of interest shown in starting up a Citizens on Patrol for Wembley.

Councillor Skinner

- Nothing to report.

CAO Zhang

- Presented Council with the BLOOM cards which is a short summary of the strategic plan.
- Hotel sale has been finalized.
- Speed limit survey now online.
- 2022 budget will be discussed at next CCW.

Mayor Peterson

- Briefly spoke about the provincial budget.

16. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #2022-0051

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council go into closed session at 8:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2022-0052

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council come out of closed session at 8:39 p.m.

MOTION #2022-0053

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council direct Administration to explore and bring back information or recommendations on specialized taxes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2022-0054

MOVED by Councillor Johnson Council adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(SIGNED)

Mayor – Kelly Peterson

(SIGNED)

CAO – Noreen Zhang