

**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 22nd day of February 2021**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

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

Regrets: Councillor Johnson

Leave of Absence: Councillor Gundersen

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION # 2021-0047

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council approve the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on February 8th, 2021.

MOTION # 2021-0048

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council adopt the minutes of the regular February 8th, 2021 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Source Energy Services – Decrease in Truck Traffic

Ray Zavary, Director of Business Development, Charles Gunn, Vice-President of Logistics, and Holly Tomkins, Transportation Resource Manager, were present via Zoom, to talk about the new initiative they were proposing regarding being more environmentally friendly and minimizing their carbon footprint. This new initiative will be going from eight (8) axels to nine (9) axels on their trucks. This will enable Source to haul 10% more per load and basically increasing gross vehicle weight from 63,500 to 71,300Kg, thereby decreasing truck traffic.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Accounts Payable

MOTION #2021-0049

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council ratify the accounts payable, as identified in Schedule "A", cheque #20210077 to cheque #20210107, totaling \$69,743.55.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 None

7. BYLAW

7.1 None

8. POLICIES

8.1 COVID-19 Handbook

MOTION #2021-0050

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council adopt the COVID-19 Handbook, with the suggested changes, as an addition to the HR Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials

9. CAO REPORT

9.1 Update on Curbside Recycling

- Prairie Disposal is anticipating a delayed roll-out of the curbside recycling due to unexpected setback on acquiring carts.
- Town Logo on the carts is a significant cost to the program therefore Administration opted out of that feature. Cart becomes property of Prairie Disposal.

9.2 Budget Meeting

- Administration is currently scheduling budget meetings for department heads and Council to ensure sufficient time is given for budget considerations.

9.3 Tidewater Donation

- Chris Walsh – Tidewater (Community and Indigenous Relations) dropped off a cheque for \$5,000 to use towards damages from the recent break-ins on Town Facilities.

9.4 Meetings Attended

- RCMP Beaverlodge Detachment – Town Hall February 16, 2021
- AUMA President’s Summit – (virtually) February 17, 2021
- COVID-19 Update for Alberta Municipalities from the Chief Medical Officer of Health (various dates and times).

MOTION #2021-0051

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Community Economic Development Advisory Committee

MOTION #2021-0052

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council approve the Community Economic Development Advisory Committee’s Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 RCMP Annual Performance – Council Input

CAO Zhang informed Council that the RCMP now have a Liaison Officer with the Town of Wembley and the schools. Council also mentioned that they would like to see more RCMP engagement with the Town.

11.2 Telus – Letter of Support for the Canadian Government’s Universal Broadband Application
Telus is looking for a Letter of Support from the Town of Wembley as they are applying for financial contribution to improve wireless services in Wembley.

MOTION #2021-0053

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council direct the CAO to sign the Letter of Support to Telus, on behalf of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. REPORTS

12.1 Audit Committee

12.2 Community Futures

12.3 Public Works

12.3. February 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

12.13.1 Request for Decision – Regional Proposal (Grande Prairie High Performance Training Centre)

MOTION #2021-0054

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council endorse the concept of a High-Performance Centre in the Grande Prairie region to allow for further research and development in the future but declines the option to enter into an agreement to contribute to both capital and operating expenses for said facility.

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- 12.14 Parks and Recreation
 - 12.14.1 January 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
- 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

MOTION #2021-0055

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council accept the reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 Farm Safety Letter

MOTION #2021-0056

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council accept correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. COUNCIL REPORTS

- 14.1 Councillor McCallum
 - Attended first Growing the North Conference (virtual).
 - Missed Community Futures meeting.

15. ROUND TABLE

Councillor Guimond

- Nothing to report.

Councillor Underwood

- Attended the virtual Growing the North Conference, found it too techie.
- Was part of the virtual RCMP Town Hall – disappointed at the number of people who engaged in the Town Hall.
- Attended virtual AUMA President Summit.
- Virtual attendance at Passionate Heart Award and FCSS was great.

Councillor McCallum

- Nothing to report.

Councillor Peterson

- Also, part of the virtual RCMP Town Hall and disappointed with attendance. Happy with Sgt. Brown and the Beaverlodge RCMP presentation.

CAO Zhang

- The Townfolio is now available on the Town of Wembley's website with links to various statistics and data on the Town, right at your fingertips.
- Wednesday is Pink Shirt Day which is in support of anti-bullying.
- Received a call from Cindy, Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce, that the Town of Wembley has been a member for ten (10) years and the Chamber is there to support any economic development or any information, that they collect, to assist the Town.
- CAO Zhang made Council aware that they could continue to hold Council meetings at the Dinosaur Museum, or they could go back to holding meetings at Town Hall. If there is an issue of distancing at the Town Office, masks will be required. Right now, the Museum is charging a minimum fee but that may have to be looked at the end of March 2021.

Initials

Mayor Turnmire

- Congratulations to Councillor Underwood for receiving the Passionate Heart Award.
- Eastlink recently reached out to Mayor and CAO and were interested in presenting to Council on updates with what they currently offer the Town in terms of fiber optics and to further discuss any matters of concerns to residents of the Town of Wembley.
- AUMA President's Summit presentations will be distributed to Council once the whole report comes out.
- Also thank you to Tidewater for their \$5,000 donation which will help with more security for Public works.

16. CLOSE SESSION

16.1 None

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2021-0057

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor – Chris Turnmire

CAO – Noreen Zhang