

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Wembley, in the Province of Alberta,
held in the Wembley Municipal Office
this 26th day of February 2024.**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

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

Regrets: Councillor Berlasty

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #2024-0036

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council approve the Agenda with the deletion of Item 11.2 - Utility Safety Partners.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on February 12th, 2024.

MOTION #2024-0037

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 12th, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment – no one in attendance

5. FINANCE

5.1 Bank Financials as of January 31, 2024

MOTION #2024-0038

Moved by Councillor Baker Council accept the bank financials as of January 31st, 2024, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. BYLAWS

8. POLICIES

9. CAO REPORT

9.1 Fire Advisory for the Region

The fire season started February 20th this year and we are currently under fire advisory.

Initials

- 9.2 Economic Development and Marketing Options
Administration is going to approach the Northwestern Polytechnique's Arts and Business Administration Department to have their students assist in the Town's economic development planning and marketing options.
- 9.3 Dino Days
Ideas on how the Town could potentially have its signature annual event in the fall, such as a Dino Day, is currently being explored by Administration.
- 9.4 Meetings/Training Attended
- January 25, 2024 – Tri-Municipal Roundtable with Premier Smith (Grande Prairie)
 - January 30, 2024 – Community Futures Luncheon (Grande Prairie)
 - February 7, 2024 – Regional Economic Development Working Committee – (Sexsmith)
 - February 13, 2024 – ICF Steering Committee – (Town of Wembley)
 - February 15, 2024 – Meet and Greet with Minister Joseph Schow (Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum)
 - February 20 – 22, 2024 – Growing the North (County of Grande Prairie)
 - February 23, 2024 – Resilience and Recovery Workshop for Communities (County of Grande Prairie)

MOTION #2024-0039

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 South Peace Physician Attraction & Retention Committee – Susan Moodie, Community Member

MOTION #2024-0040

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council approve the appointing of Susan Moodie to the South Peace Physician Attraction & Retention Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 11.2 Utility Safety Partners (formerly Alberta One Call) – to Register the Town as a Utility Safety Partners Member -DELETED

- 11.3 Development Permit 22.09 – Removal of Conditions

MOTION #2024-0041

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council approve the removal of the requirement for a Road Use Agreement for Range Road 83, as per Conditions of Approval, for Development Permit 22.09.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 11.4 Items going to Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers for auction:

- a) Gravel truck PWV2.
- b) Small ATV Pull behind sander.
- c) The sander from the old tool cat.
- d) 2 old sewer snakes.
- e) 1 pallet of old water fitting and hose.

Initials

12. REPORTS

- 12.1 Audit Committee
- 12.2 Community Futures
- 12.3 Community and Protective Services Committee
 - 12.3.1 February 7th, 2024 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
- 12.14 Northern Alberta Elected Leaders
 - 12.14.1 NAEL November 17th, 2023 Minutes**
- 12.15 Parks and Recreation
- 12.16 Peace Airshed Zone Association (PAZA)
- 12.17 Peace Library System Board
- 12.18 West Grande Prairie County Regional Landfill
- 12.19 South Peace Physician Attraction & Retention Committee
- 12.20 Wapiti Area Synergy Group (WASP)
- 12.21 Water North Coalition
- 12.22 Wembley and District Agricultural Society
- 12.23 Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board
- 12.24 Wembley Elementary School
- 12.25 Wembley Public Library
- 12.26 911 and Emergency Service
- 12.27 Bylaw Enforcement Services
- 12.28 Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment

MOTION #2024 -0042

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council accept the reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 Community Rail Advocacy Alliance Meeting Minutes - February 15, 2024

MOTION #2024-0043

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council accept correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

15. COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilors Underwood
 - Attended Peace Library System (PLS) meeting.

Initials

- Councillor Ketchum
Attended WASP, Passionate Hearts, Wembley Elementary School, and Growing the North.

16. ROUND TABLE

- Councillor Johnson
Informed Council/Administration on call received pertaining to snow removal. Administration clarified Public Works staff have different areas and priorities that day. The main roads were being dealt with despite perception of the public that they weren't.
- Mayor Peterson
Billboards going into Town are down and asked if they could be put upright.
- Councillor Skinner
Nothing to report.
- Councillor Baker
Mentioned that the Town roads are good.
- Councillor Underwood
Inquired on why hotel rooms are being booked for conferences when Council cancelled any funds for conferences. Administration clarified that these were only prebooked as per previous practice to ensure low cost in case Council/Administration do attend but can be cancelled at no cost. Some bookings that were made are within the Council direction as per the interim budget discussion.
- CAO Zhang
Nothing to report.

17. CLOSED SESSION

17.1 Section 25 – Disclosure Harmful Economic and Other Interest of a Public Body

MOTION #2024-0044

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council go into Closed Session – 7:38 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2024-0045

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council come out of Closed Session – 8:09 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2024-0046

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council direct Administration to inform Land Solutions, representing Rogers Communications, that after receiving new information, the Town of Wembley is no longer in support of the proposed communication tower's location on Town property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2024-0047

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

(SIGNED)

Mayor – Kelly Peterson

(SIGNED)

CAO – Noreen Zhang