

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Wembley, in the Province of Alberta,
held in the Wembley Municipal Office
this 27th day of February 2023.**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

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

Regrets: Councillor Johnson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #2023-0038

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 13, 2023.

MOTION #2023-0039

Moved by Councillor Skinner Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 13, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Grande Spirit Foundation
Grande Spirit Foundations' Steve Madden, Chief Administrative Officer, Shari Hrehoru, Director of Operations, and Ryan Mysko, Director of Finance presented to Council a PowerPoint with a brief history of the Grande Spirit Foundation, their past successes, and future projects.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Monthly Statement for the Month of January 2023.

MOTION #2023-0040

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council accept the Monthly Statement for the month of January 2023, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. BYLAWS

Initials

8. POLICIES

9. CAO REPORT

- 9.1 Tourism Plans for Wembley – The New Dino Center of the North
- Administration is currently working on presenting a plan for Council’s consideration regarding tourism potential for the Town of Wembley. This initiative could potentially make a big economic impact on local businesses and industries.
 - Conversations are being made with representatives from Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association and Travel Alberta for potential funding sources and other available resources.
- 9.2 Meetings/Training Attended
- February 15, 2023 – Wembley IDP Steering Committee (County of Grande Prairie Administration Office)
 - February 21 – 23, 2023 – Growing the North Conference (Tara Centre, County of Grande Prairie)
 - February 24, 2023 – RMRF Annual Northern Municipal Law Seminar (Grande Prairie)
- MOTION #2023-0041**
Moved by Councillor Skinner Council accept the CAO report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Council Committee Appointments – Update
MOTION #2023-0042
Moved by Councillor Baker Council approve the updated Council Committee appointments, as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 11.2 Membership to Community Rail Advocacy Alliance (CRAA)
MOTION #2023-0043
Moved by Councill Underwood Council approve joining the Community Rail Advocacy Alliance as an associate member.
- 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
- 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

Initials

- 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
 - 12.18.1 Councillor Underwood presented to Council the “Promoting the Use of Nurse Practitioners Within the Alberta Healthcare System” resolution for review. The proposed resolution would ask Alberta municipalities to continue to advocate for the Government of Alberta to remove the legislative and funding barriers that impede greater integration of nurse practitioners into the health care system.

MOTION #2023-0044

Moved by Councillor Ketchum that Council endorses the resolution to be submitted for consideration at the 2023 Alberta Municipalities Conference this fall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 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
 - 12.23.1 Alberta Library Services are now asking for the length of term of appointed Wembley Public Library board members.

MOTION 32023-0045

Moved by Councillor Skinner Council approve the request to appoint Martina Brewer, Brandy Adams, and Richelle LaCoste to the Wembley Public Library Board for a three (3) year term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 12.24 911 and Emergency Service
- 12.25 Bylaw Enforcement Services
- 12.26 Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment

MOTION #2023-0046

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council accept the reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 2023 Seniors’ Week Declaration – June 5 to June 11, 2023

MOTION #2023-0047

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council declare June 5 to June 11 as Seniors’ Week in the Town of Wembley.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 13.2 Farm Safety 2023

MOTION #2023-0048

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council accept correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

Initials

15. COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councillor Skinner – Will be attending the AHSA Conference in Edmonton with Grande Spirit Foundation board members.

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16. ROUND TABLE

- Councillor Skinner
Attended “Growing the North” for two days and found it very informative. Also thanked Councillor Underwood for her involvement/commitment to the Wembley Public Library, very impressive.
- Councillor Baker
Nothing to report.
- Councillor Underwood
Missed Library meeting. Will be attending Wembley Elementary School Board meeting tomorrow and Helen E. Taylor school will be going skiing tomorrow. Also thanked those who attended the Passionate Hearts event and attended the Family Dance.
- CAO Zhang
Attended “Growing the North”. Attended meeting with legacy group spearheading the development of strategies for the Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association. Also attended a Municipal Law seminar with our RMRF lawyers and suggested Council should attend next seminar as it was very informative addressing various municipal topics.
- Councillor Berlasty
Nothing to report.
- Councillor Ketchum
Attended “Growing the North”, very interesting. Also attended Tourism meeting and the Family Dance.
- Mayor Peterson
Attended “Growing the North” and the Grande Prairie Regional Tourism meeting.

17. CLOSED SESSION

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2023-0049

MOVED by Councillor Skinner Council adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(SIGNED)

Mayor – Kelly Peterson

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CAO – Noreen Zhang