

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Wembley, in the Province of Alberta,
held in the Wembley Municipal Office
this 13th day of September 2021.**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

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

Regrets: Councillor Johnson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION # 2021-0223

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council approve the agenda with the addition of item 11.2 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and item 13.3 Wembley Community Society – Request for a Letter of Support.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on August 23, 2021.

MOTION # 2021-0224

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council adopt the minutes of the regular August 23, 2021, Council meeting, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

5. FINANCE

5.1 Accounts Payable

MOTION #2021-0225

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council ratify the accounts payable, as identified in Schedule "A", cheque #20210554 to cheque #20210685, totaling \$293,272.76.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Revenue & Expense and Monthly Statement for the Month of July 2021

MOTION #2021-0226

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council accept the Revenue & Expense and Monthly Statement for the month of August 2021, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARING

Initials

7. BYLAWS

7.1 Rescind Bylaw 678 – Municipal Borrowing Bylaw

A Bylaw of the Town of Wembley, in the Province of Alberta, to borrow a certain sum of monies for the purpose of obtaining a MasterCard Expense Account.

MOTION #2021-0227

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council rescind Bylaw 678, being the Municipal Borrowing Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. POLICIES

9. CAO REPORT

9.1 Pumphouse Building Addition

- Aquatera has initiated the construction of the addition to the pumphouse, adjacent to the Town Office. The modification includes a backup/fire flow natural gas engine pump replacement, upgrade on the electrical system, and a backup generator installation.

9.2 Town of Wembley Council Candidates

- We have only one (1) confirmed candidate for the Mayoral position and none for the rest of the Council positions.

9.3 Fall Clean-Up

- We are again holding our fall clean-up on September 17th and 18th with the same process and set up to be followed as the spring clean-up.

9.4 Meetings Attended

MOTION #2021-0228

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Strategic Plan

MOTION #2021-0229

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council approve entering into an Agreement with BLOOM CME to complete a strategic plan for the Town of Wembley, to be introduced to the new Council during the month of November 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 ATCO Electric Franchise Fee

MOTION #2021-0230

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council does not approve a change to the current Franchise Fee.

CARRIED 4 – 1

Initials

11.2 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30, 2021

MOTION #2021-0231

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council acknowledge September 30, 2021, as a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and that staff receive the day off, with pay, in recognition of this National Day.

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

12.5.1 Info for DEMs GPREP Agreement

12.5.2 GPREP Management Agreement – draft – August 28, 2021

GPREP Management Agreement - highlighted changes for DEMs August 28, 2021

GPREP Management Agreement Signed and Sealed June 2, 2013

Emergency Management Aid Agreement signed June 2013

MOTION #2021-0232

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council approve the August 28, 2021, GPREP Management Agreement and approve the Mayor signing this Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.6 Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership Committee

12.6.1 GPREP Agency Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2021

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 GPRRC Ice Allocation

12.13.2 Arena Re-Evaluates Ice Time – Article in Town & Country News, August 19, 2021

MOTION #2021-0233

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council accept the report for information and forward the report to the Wembley & District Agricultural Society with the recommendation that they take it under consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Initials

- 12.22 Wembley Elementary School
- 12.23 Wembley Public Library
- 12.24 911 and Emergency Services
 - 12.24.1 September 2, 2021, General Meeting Minutes – Wembley Fire Department**
- 12.25 Bylaw Enforcement Services
 - 12.25.1 County Bylaw Enforcement Services Monthly Report – August 2021**
- 12.26 Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment
 - MOTION #2021-0234**
 - Moved by** Councillor Underwood Council accept the reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 Workplace Bullying Awareness Week – October 17 to October 23, 2021 - Proclamation
- 13.2 Letter to Minister Shandro – QEII Hospital
- 13.3 Wembley Community Society – Request for Letter of Support
 - MOTION #2021-0235**
 - Moved by** Councillor Peterson Council direct Administration to write a Letter of Support in the Wembley Community Society’s bid to request grant funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2021-0236

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council accept correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. COUNCIL REPORTS

- 14.1 Councillor Peterson updated Council on attending a Wembley & District Agricultural Society meeting whereby he informed the Society that the Town of Wembley would not be assisting with funding for the ice making plant.

Mayor Turnmire also informed Council that a meeting for September 22, 2021, had been set-up with the County of Grande Prairie regarding the issue of funding for the ice making plant.

MOTION #2021-0237

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council return funds, in the amount of \$6,163.68, to the Wembley & District Agricultural Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. ROUND TABLE

Councillor Peterson

- 99th and 97th, there is a hole created by Aquatera due to road being ripped up, and a letter should be written to Aquatera stating that it is not acceptable for a road repair to take one (1) year. CAO Zhang informed Council that she has a meeting set up with Aquatera to address this and other matters.

Initials

Councillor McCallum

- Attended Community Futures meeting and they are getting ready for roll-over of Councils and representatives. Their AGM will take place right after the October 19, 2021, elections.

Councillor Underwood

- On October 6, 2021, P & R will be holding a Turkey Trot and on October 22, 2021, will be the Skeleton Crawl.
- Two fabulous full gazebos now completed by Community Action team.
- Walked around Town and is glad the chain-link fences around the parks have been replaced with wooden stacks. The fences look great.
- The school has a new Vice-Principal, Stephen Clark, and he is looking forward to getting involved with the Community.
- Also took part in the SPPARC Tour, which included six (6) medical students. Councillor Underwood felt that SPPARC played an important role in the community.

Councillor Guimond

- Nothing to report.

CAO Zhang

- Still gearing up for the elections and provincial referendums for October 18, 2021. Planning to provide transportation for Wembley resident voters with mobility issues to the Dinosaur Museum where voting will be taking place.
- Departments have also been asked to start preparing the 2022 budget requirements.

Mayor Turnmire

- Nothing to report.

MOTION #2021-0238

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council take a five (5) minute recess at 8:14 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2021-0239

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council resume at 8:19 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. CLOSED SESSION

16.1 Section 25 – Economic Interest

MOTION #2021-0240

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council go into Closed Session at 8:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2021-0241

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council come out of Closed Session at 8:54 p.m.

Initials

MOTION #2021-0242

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council accept the offer on the Hotel in the amount of \$20,000.00, that Council does not accept any conditions made by purchaser, and Council's condition is that the building be demolished, removed, and site cleaned-up within six (6) months.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2021-0243

MOVED by Councillor McCallum the meeting be adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(SIGNED)
Mayor – Chris Turnmire

(SIGNED)
CAO – Noreen Zhang