

**AMENDED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Wembley, in the Province of Alberta,
held in the Wembley Municipal Office
This 11th Day of May 2026.**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

Present: Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
Danielle Line, Administrative Services Manager, Acting on behalf of CAO Zhang
Councillor Berlasy
Councillor Ketchum
Councillor Barendregt
Councillor Wills
Councillor Baker
Councillor Skinner

Regrets: CAO Zhang

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #2026-0100

Moved by Councillor Baker Council approve the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on April 27th, 2026.

MOTION #2026-0101

Moved by Councillor Barendregt Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 27th, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Pisim Power

Mr. Dan Ukrainetz, Vice President, Finance and Mr. Ken Thomas, President and Chief Executive Officer, were present to explain the goals of Pisim Power as it pertains to enabling Indigenous equity into large-scale infrastructure projects across North America. They support First Nations who wish to move projects forward and put those Nations into investment collectives. The full multimodal corridor will be made up of rail, segregated multi-product pipelines, refineries, fibre optic cabling, transmission lines, and other ancillary infrastructure, and done in phases in each province. A Letter of Support from the Town of Wembley for the Canadian Northern Corridor project, that the company is developing, would be greatly appreciated.

MOTION #2026-0102

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council direct Administration write a Letter of Support for the Canadian Northern project.

CARRIED

Initials

- 4.2 Aquatera Utility Inc. - Ryan Ropcean, VP, Customer Operations

ATIA S.30 – Closed Session

Access to Information Act - Section 30 (Economic interests)

MOTION #2026-0103

Moved by Councillor Skinner Council go into Closed Session – 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2026-0104

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council come out of Closed Session – 7:57 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. FINANCE

- 5.1 2025 Town of Wembley Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and acknowledgement of the Management Letter as presented by Auditors on April 27, 2026.

MOTION #2026-0105

Moved by Councillor Barendregt Council accept the audited 2025 Town of Wembley Consolidated Financial Statements and Management Letter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5.2 Monthly Bank Financial Statement for April 2026 – Updated.

MOTION #2026-0106

Moved by Councillor Baker Council accept the monthly bank financial statement for April 2026 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5.3 Monthly Bank Financial Statement for January to March 2026 revised to show proper balance.

MOTION #2026-0107

Moved by Councillor Wills Council accept the revised monthly bank financial statement for January to March 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5.4 2026 Capital and Operating Budget – Final

MOTION #2026-0108

Moved by Councillor Berlasty Council adopt the 2026 Capital and Operating Budget as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. BYLAWS

- 7.1 Bylaw 777: 2026 Property Tax Bylaw

To establish a Bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Town of Wembley for the 2026 taxation year.

Initials

MOTION #2026-0109

Moved by Councillor Barendregt Council give first reading to Bylaw 777, being the Bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation for the 2026 taxation year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 777 was then read for the first time.

MOTION #2026-0110

Moved by Councillor Berlasty Council give second reading to Bylaw 777.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 777 was then read for the second time.

MOTION #2026-0111

Moved by Councillor Skinner Council have third reading of Bylaw 777 at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2026-0112

Moved by Councillor Baker Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 777.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 777 was read for the third time and finally passed.

8. POLICIES

9. CAO REPORT

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Curbside Garden Mulch Bin

MOTION #2026-0113

Moved by Councillor Skinner Council direct Administration to add curbside grass bin pick up with the current Prairie Disposal agreement and discontinue offering general grass and branches bin at Public Works yard. The additional cost of \$3/month year-round will be added to the residents' utility bills.

CARRIED

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 Recreation Committee

12.8 Grande Prairie Regional Tourism

12.9 Grande Spirit Foundation

12.10 HR Committee

Initials

- 12.11 Wembley Healthy & Wellness Society (WHWS)
- 12.12 Helen E. Taylor Advisory School Council
- 12.13 ICF & IDP Steering Committee
- 12.14 Northern Alberta Elected Leaders

12.14.1 Touch A Truck Event – May 22, 2026 (Event information & registration form)

- 12.15 Parks and Recreation
- 12.16 Peace Airshed Zone Association (PAZA)
- 12.17 Peace Library System Board
- 12.18 South Peace Physician Attraction & Retention Committee
- 12.19 Wapiti Area Synergy Group (WASP)
- 12.20 Water North Coalition
- 12.21 Wembley and District Agricultural Society
- 12.22 Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board
- 12.23 Wembley Elementary School
- 12.24 Wembley Public Library
- 12.25 West Grande Prairie County Regional Landfill

12.25.1 2026-02-04 - West Grande Prairie Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Minutes

- 12.26 911 and Emergency Service
- 12.27 Bylaw Enforcement Services

12.27.1 County of Grande Prairie No.1 Bylaw Enforcement Services – Town of Wembley April 2026 Report

- 12.28 Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment

MOTION #2026-0114

Moved by Councillor Berlasty Council accept the committee reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CORRESPONDENCE

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

15. COUNCIL REPORTS

16. ROUND TABLE

- Councillor Barendregt – will be attending Library meeting next week and Board will be pushing back on Bill 28. Attended Alberta Christian Leadership Summit in Red Deer. Health Minister LaGrange, MLA Nolan Dyck, MLA Ron Wiebe and Nathan Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities were also in attendance. Had good conversations with some attendees.
- Councillor Ketchum – had a meeting with Health Minister LaGrange and booked a meeting with Dr. Kim Simmons, CEO Primary Care Alberta. Also attended Alberta Municipalities meeting where conversations centered on various government issues. Also, AISH will be changed to ADAP (Alberta Disability Assistance Program) in July with cut services which will have to be covered by municipalities. Also discussed were the pros/cons of public versus private schools.

Initials

- Councillor Skinner – has been a busy 6 weeks with training new employees at Daycare. Participated in the Mother's Day Brunch at the arena and did Kids craft gift. Also invited Council to Rain Barrel fundraiser for Daycare.
 - Councillor Baker – nothing to report, busy with work. Queried about the Town Clean-Up; notification on the Town's website and Facebook of how far in advance before putting their discarded items on the curb. Ms. Line stated that the town residents have been given a seven (7) days' which is indicated on the Town Clean-Up Event notice and is posted on the Town's website and Facebook.
 - Councillor Wills – nothing to report, busy with school stuff.
 - Councillor Berlasty – nothing to report.
 - Danielle Line (on behalf of CAO Zhang) – Council was invited to the Public Works Week lunch on May 20. Town clean-up is May 29 and 30, 2026. May 14th the 2026 combined taxation & property assessment notices will be mailed out with July 21st being the deadline for assessment revisions. The evening of June 3rd - Beaverlodge Regional High School's Awards.
 - Mayor Peterson – nothing to report other than a personal trip to Edmonton.
17. CLOSED SESSION
17.1 Aquatera Utility Inc. - Access to Information Act - Section 30 (Economic Interests)
Please see Item 4.2.
18. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION #2026-0115
Moved by Councillor Berlasty Council adjourn at 8:58 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)

Mayor – Kelly Peterson

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)

Danielle Line, Administrative Services
Manager (on behalf of CAO Zhang)

Amended Minutes Approved June 8, 2026