

**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 June 2023.**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

Present: Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Councillor Skinner
Councillor Berlasty
Councillor Johnson
Councillor Ketchum
Danielle Line, Admin Assistant
CAO Zhang – via Zoom

Regrets: Councillor Underwood
Councillor Baker

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #2023-0142

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council approve the Agenda with the change to Item 17.1, changing FOIP Section 24 to Section 27 - Advice from Officials.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on June 12th, 2023.

MOTION #2023-0143

Moved by Councillor Skinner Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 12, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

5. FINANCE

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. BYLAWS

8. POLICIES

9. CAO REPORT

9.1 AB Munis Fall Convention Minister Meetings

- Invitations to book a time with provincial ministers have started to come in. These invitations allow municipalities to speak to different cabinet ministers on various topics.

9.2 Next Steps on Town Rebranding

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- Administration is working on a presentation to Council for the next steps for the Town's rebranding.
- 9.3 Town's STIP Application Update
- The Town's application for STIP grant funding for road projects was not successful at the last intake but will reapply again in November when the next intake is open.
- 9.4 Volunteer Firefighters - Dunes Wildfire Activation Compensation Update
- Administration has reached out to Fire Chief Grant to create a policy and procedure on volunteer firefighter activation compensation. It will be presented to Council once it is ready for review.
- 9.5 Meetings/Training Attended
- June 13, 2023 – Asset Management Small Group Learning Communities (Calgary) in person
 - June 16, 2023 – GPREP Agency Meeting (Grande Prairie) in person
 - June 20, 2023 – AB Munis 2023 Summer Municipal Leaders Caucus (Wembley) in person
 - June 20, 2023 – Aquatera Quarterly CEO/Board Chair/Mayor/Reeve/CAO – Annual Stakeholder Meeting (Grande Prairie) in person
 - June 21 – 23, 2023 – Business Retention and Expansion International Conference (Grande Prairie) in person
- MOTION #2023-0144**
Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council accept the CAO Report as information.

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10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Communities in Bloom

MOTION #2023-0145

Moved by Councillor Berlasty Council direct Administration communicate with previous Communities in Bloom members and discuss reestablishing Communities in Bloom in the Town of Wembley.

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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

12.10.1 Wembley Community Action Team: Alberta Healthy Communities Initiative Review – April 25, 2023

12.11 Helen E. Taylor Advisory School Council

12.12 ICF & IDP Steering Committee

12.13 Joint Grande Prairie Area Recreation Committee

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- 12.14 Parks and Recreation
- 12.15 Peace Airshed Zone Association (PAZA)

- 12.16 Peace Library System Board
 - 12.16.1 Highlights May 27, 2023, Board Meeting**
- 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 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
 - 12.24.1 March 2023 Meeting Minutes**
 - 12.24.2 May 2023 Meeting Minutes**
- 12.25 911 and Emergency Service
- 12.26 Bylaw Enforcement Services
 - 12.26.1 County of Grande Prairie Bylaw Enforcement May 2023 Report**
- 12.27 Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment
 - MOTION #2023-0146**
 - Moved by** Councillor Ketchum Council accept the reports as information, except for Item 12.10.1 - Alberta Healthy Communities Initiative Review which will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

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13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 Alberta Municipal Affairs- Minister McIver
 - MOTION #2023-0147**
 - Moved by** Councillor Ketchum Council direct Mayor to write a letter, on behalf of the Town of Wembley, to Minister McIver congratulating him on his win and return as Minister of Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

15. COUNCIL REPORTS

16. ROUND TABLE

- Councillor Berlasty
Discussed with Mayor Peterson the feasibility of installing a couple of EV charging stations within Town limits, for travelers coming through with electric vehicles. CAO Zhang will be looking further into this.
- Councillor Johnson
Nothing to report.
- Councillor Skinner
Attended Grande Spirit Foundation meeting last week in Spirit River. Did a tour through the new lodge with expected completion in 2024. Also attended Grand Opening of spray park, which was awesome. Hats off to everyone who made it happen. Also excited about

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upcoming water gun fights. Was also assigned to the Grande Spirit Foundation's new finance sub-committee.

- **CAO Zhang**
Over 100 taxpayers are on the TIPS program now. Tim Duhamel, BLOOM, will be in the area in July so please update your calendars so a suitable time can be set up with Tim. Keeping your calendars updated will also make it easier to schedule meetings, training, etc. Also, Chinese greens in the little garden behind Town Hall are ready for harvesting. Please pass around the word so people can help themselves. Herbs & Spice have again donated some plants and flowers to the community. Looking for commitment from Councillors to help with the Street Performers on July 18th and the Dino Derby on August 12th.
- **Councillor Ketchum**
Attended a couple of Grande Prairie Tourism Association meetings. Was also appointed to the Dinosaur Museum Board and is on the sub-committee for the Dino-palazzo fundraising. Attended Grande Prairie Pow Wow on Sunday. Met up with some people who had attended spray park Grand Opening and excited about giving the Town the pillars for their funding because they want more events in Wembley with their sponsorship on it. Has also started the "Painted Rocks" event.
- **Mayor Peterson**
Attended Grand Opening of spray park and thanked everyone, especially Public Works, for the awesome job. Also attended a couple of Aquatera meetings.

17. CLOSED SESSION

17.1 FOIP Section 27 - Advice from Officials

MOTION #2023-0148

Moved by Councillor Skinner Council move into Closed Session at 7:43 p.m.

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MOTION #2023-0149

Moved by Councillor Skinner Council come out of Closed Session at 8:47 p.m.

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18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2023-0150

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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(SIGNED)

Mayor – Kelly Peterson

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CAO – Noreen Zhang