

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Wembley, in the Province of Alberta
held in the Philip J. Currie Museum
this 25th day of January 2021**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

Present: Mayor Turnmire called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
CAO Noreen Zhang
Councillor Peterson
Councillor Underwood
Councillor McCallum
Councillor Johnson

Regrets: Councillor Guimond

Leave of Absence: Councillor Gundersen

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION # 2021-0017

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council approve the Agenda with the addition of Item 16.1 – HR – Organizational Structure under 16. Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on January 11th, 2021.

MOTION # 2021-0018

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council adopt the minutes of the regular January 11th, 2021 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Canadian Fiber Optics

Jodi Bloomer-Kaput, Chief Business Development Office (co-founder) and Johann Reimer, Director Sales & Marketing, presented a PowerPoint highlighting the services Canadian Fiber Optics provides. The Company specializes in building and operating fast, reliable networks in rural Canada. Councillors queried regarding construction timelines, costs, etc.

MOTION#2021-0019

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council direct Administration to continue to pursue conversation through researching more information on fiber optics and providers thereof.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Johnson stepped out at 7:42 p.m. and returned at 7:43 p.m.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Accounts Payable

MOTION #2021-0020

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council ratify the accounts payable, as identified in Schedule "A", cheque #20210001 to cheque #20210011, totaling \$12,009.82.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 None

7. BYLAW

7.1 None

8. POLICIES

8.1 None

9. CAO REPORT

9.1 Regional Handibus

Initials

- Received responses from County of Grande Prairie, City of Grande Prairie, Town of Sexsmith and Village of Hythe. Currently waiting for Town of Beaverlodge Council's response.
- 9.2 Covid-19 Restrictions
- With no changes to the current restrictions, Administration is operating as previously stated.
- 9.3 Schedule of Events and Council Meetings
- Administration is currently ensuring that events for the Town throughout the year are planned accordingly, with considerations to the pandemic restrictions.
 - Council meetings and other events requiring the attendance of its members are planned and approved for the year to ensure an easy transition for the new group of Council members in the fall.
- 9.4 Recycling Poll
- The poll was launched January 18th and has had a good number of responses.
 - It ends January 31st and the results, along with Administration's recommendations, will be presented to Council at the next regular meeting of February 8th.
- 9.5 Meetings Attended
- COVID-19 Update for Alberta Municipalities from the Chief Medical Officer of Health (various dates and times).
- MOTION #2021-0021**
Moved by Councillor Peterson Council accept the CAO's report as information

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 None

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 CAO Vacation Schedule for 2021

MOTION #2021-0022

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council approve the CAO's 2021 Vacation Schedule as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Townfolio – Statistical Data for Website

MOTION #2021-0023

Moved by Councillor McCallum Council approve the proposal from Townfolio to provide statistical data for the Town's website for three (3) years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. REPORTS

- 12.1 Audit Committee
- 12.2 Community Futures
- 12.3 Public Works
- 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 Helen E. Taylor Advisory School Council
- 12.11 ICF & IDP Steering Committee
- 12.12 Joint Grande Prairie Area Recreation Committee
- 12.13 Parks and Recreation
- 12.14 Peace Airshed Zone Association (PAZA)
- 12.15 Peace Library System Board
- 12.16 West Grande Prairie County Regional Landfill
- 12.17 South Peace Physician Attraction & Retention Committee
- 12.18 Wapiti Area Synergy Group (WASP)
- 12.19 Wembley and District Agricultural Society
- 12.20 Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board
- 12.21 Wembley Public Library
- 12.22 911 and Emergency Services
- 12.23 Healthy Communities Committee

No reports were submitted.

 Initials

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Fletcher Mudryk, LLP – Town Auditors

MOTION #2021-0024

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council accept correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. COUNCIL REPORTS

14.1 Councillor McCallum

- Reported on attending first Community Futures Directors meeting. Awesome group.

15. ROUND TABLE

CAO Zhang

- Nothing to report other than getting everyone organized regarding coordinating events through the year.

Councillor Peterson

- Queried if the recycling poll would be presented to next Council meeting.

Mayor Turnmire

- Nice to see people using the outdoor rink.
- Received information from Grande Spirit Foundation that Spirit River Lodge is doing some Community Engagement sessions on Thursday and has invited the Town of Wembley.

Councillor Johnson

- Suggested Town of Wembley send a Thank You to NuVista for the outdoor rink lights they supplied.

Councillor Underwood

- Good usage of outdoor rink.
- Queried about Growing the North conference and was informed it was all virtual.
- Let's Talk Day is on January 28, 2021 and addresses mental health.

Councillor McCallum

- Working on Economic and Business Development project.
- NuVista donated lights to light up rink and looks forward to assisting with future community projects.

16. CLOSE SESSION

16.1 HR – Organizational Structure

MOTION #2021-0025

Moved by Councillor Peterson Council go into Closed Session at 8:27 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2021-0026

Moved by Councillor Underwood Council move out of Closed Session at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2021-0027

Moved by Councillor Johnson Council directs administration to prepare a RFP for all public works services including but not limited to snow removal, greenspace care, park maintenance, general labour, and supervision of said services in the interest of cost savings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2021-0028

MOVED by Councillor Johnson the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY