

VILLAGE OF EMPRESS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Empress was held via Zoom on Thursday February 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS
PRESENT

Mayor - Carman Cooper
Deputy Mayor – Sandra Crooker
Councillor – Roy Gill

CAO/ Recording Secretary – Debbie Ross

CALL TO ORDER

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Cooper at 5:07 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA
C181-18-02-2021

RESOLUTION by Councillor Gill to adopt the February 22, 2021 agenda as amended.

8bi) Correction Alternate Returning Officer Appointment
9b) Damien Kuriek MP
9d) Airport

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF
MINUTES
C182-18-02-2021

RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper that the Village of Empress adopts the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of January 21, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

BCMDB

Deputy Mayor Crooker provided Council with a report on the Big Country Medical Dental Board meeting she attended in Oyen.

ACADIA
FOUNDATION

Deputy Mayor Crooker provided Council with a report on the Acadia Foundation meeting she attended in Consort.

HALL COMMITTEE

Councillor Gill provided Council with a report on the Hall Committee meetings he attended on February 1 and 16 in Empress.

FININCIAL
REPORTS

Council was provided with the financial report

CAO REPORT

Council was provided with the CAO action report

PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT

Council was provided with a written Public Works report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
REPORT
C183-18-02-2021

Council was provided with a Fire Department report from the Fire Chief as well as an update on the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief appointments.

RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Crooker to accept the written and verbal reports of Council and staff for information purposes as presented.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

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| <p><u>BYLAW 9-63</u> <u>TRAFFIC BYLAW</u></p> | <p>Council requested more time to review this Bylaw.</p> |
| <p><u>FREEDOM TO</u> <u>READ WEEK</u> C184-18-02-2021</p> | <p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper that the Council of the Village of Empress proclaim February 21-27, 2021 as Freedom to read week.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| <p><u>SUBSTITUTE</u> <u>RETURNING</u> <u>OFFICER</u> C185-18-02-2021</p> | <p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Gill that the Council of the Village of Empress appoint Carrie Loose as the substitute returning Officer for the 2021 Election.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| <p><u>CONFIDENTIALITY</u> <u>POLICY 12-15</u> C186-18-02-2021</p> | <p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper that the Council of the Village of Empress adopt the Confidentiality Policy #12-15 as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| <p><u>988 CRISIS LINE</u> C187-18-02-2021</p> | <p>RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Crooker: WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS Empress Council recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Empress Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;</p> <p>and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MLA, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| <p><u>JACK MCGILLIS</u> C188-18-02-2021</p> | <p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper that the Council of the Village of Empress add Jack McGillis as a delegate to the Council meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> |
| <p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> C189-18-02-2021</p> | <p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper that Council of the Village of Empress receives for information the correspondence presented at the February 18, 2021 Regular Council meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| <p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> | <p>Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting @ 6:20 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Mayor</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Chief Administrative Officer</p> |

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