

VILLAGE OF EMPRESS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 18, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Empress was held via Zoom on Thursday March 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 5:00 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA
C190-18-03-2021

RESOLUTION by Councillor Gill to adopt the March 18, 2021 agenda as amended.
8ci) Water Sewer Service Request

CARRIED

RCMP

Constable Rob Morozoff attended at Council meeting to review with Council the changes at the department and look for input on community priorities.

ADOPTION OF
MINUTES
C191-18-03-2021

RESOLUTION by Councillor Gill that the Village of Empress adopts the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

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 March 1 in Empress.

BCWMC

Councillor Gill provided Council with a report on the Big Country Waste Management Commission meeting he attended.

PEP

Councillor Gill provided Council with a report on the Palliser Economic Partnership meeting he attended by zoom.

LIBRARY

Mayor Cooper provided Council with a report on the Library meeting he attended.

FININCIAL
REPORTS

Council was provided with the financial report

CAO REPORT

Council was provided with the CAO action report

<p><u>PUBLIC WORKS REPORT</u> C192-18-03-2021</p>	<p>Council was provided with a written Public Works report.</p> <p>RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Crooker to accept the written and verbal reports of Council and staff for information purposes as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>BYLAW 9-63 TRAFFIC BYLAW</u> C193-18-03-2021</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper That the council of the Village of Empress rescind Bylaw 9-63 being the Bylaw for the regulating and Control of Traffic</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE</u> C194-18-03-2021</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper that the Village of Empress engage our engineers to rework the hall renovations to work within the existing footprint, with the expense coming out of the hall renovation account..</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p>C195-18-03-2021</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Gill that the Council of the Village of Empress rescind Bylaw 6-2017 being the Municipal Hall Committee Bylaw, and enter into an agreement with the empress and District Arts, Culture and Leisure Society for the lease of the hall.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>LIBRARY BOARD</u> C196-18-03-2021</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Gill that the Council of the Village of Empress appoint Haylle Burgess to the Empress Municipal Library Board for a period of 2 years ending on October 19,2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY 12-15</u> C197-18-03-2021</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper that the Council of the Village of Empress amend the Confidentiality Policy #12-15 as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>MSI GRANTS</u></p>	<p>CAO Ross advised Council on the changes to the MSI grants for the next 3 years.</p>
<p><u>OFFICE SECURITY</u> C198-18-03-2021</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper that the Council of the Village of Empress approve the additional expenditure of up to \$5000.00 not included in the budget for upgrading security cameras and lighting for the office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>REQUEST FOR WATER SEWER SERVICES</u> C199-18-03-2021</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper that the Village of Empress cost share the water/sewer service installation to Lot 1-3, Block 33, Plan 0910420to a maximum of \$15,000.00 utilizing grant funding.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>

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