## 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.

Mayor - Carman Cooper **MEMBERS** 

**PRESENT** 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** 

amended. 8ci) Water Sewer Service Request C190-18-03-2021

**CARRIED** 

**RESOLUTION** by Councillor Gill to adopt the March 18, 2021 agenda as

**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** Deputy Mayor Crooker provided Council with a report on the Acadia Foundation

**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.

Councillor Gill provided Council with a report on the Big Country Waste **BCWMC** 

Management Commission meeting he attended.

Councillor Gill provided Council with a report on the Palliser Economic **PEP** 

Partnership meeting he attended by zoom.

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

FININCIAL Council was provided with the financial report

**REPORTS** 

**CAO REPORT** Council was provided with the CAO action report

PUBLIC WORKS	Council was provided with a written Public Works report.
REPORT C192-18-03-2021	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Deputy Mayor Crooker to accept the written and verbal reports of Council and staff for information purposes as presented.
	CARRIED
BYLAW 9-63 TRAFFIC BYLAW C193-18-03-2021	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 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
	CARRIED
COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE C194-18-03-2021	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 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
	CARRIED
C195-18-03-2021	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 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.
	CARRIED
LIBRARY BOARD C196-18-03-2021	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 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
	CARRIED
CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY 12-15 C197-18-03-2021	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Mayor Cooper that the Council of the Village of Empress amend the Confidentiality Policy #12-15 as presented.
C1)7-10-03-2021	CARRIED
MSI GRANTS OFFICE SECURITY	CAO Ross advised Council on the changes to the MSI grants for the next 3 years.
C198-18-03-2021	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 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.
	CARRIED
REQUEST FOR WATER SEWER SERVICES C199-18-03-2021	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 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.
	CARRIED

FIRE BYLAW	Council requested more time to review and make recommendations
MAP REVIEW	CAO Ross reviewed with Council the Municipal Accountability Program Report for the Village of Empress. Council was provided with a copy of the full report, and CAO Ross went over the identified gaps and what is required to bring them into compliance.
<u>CORRESPONENCE</u> C200-18-03-2021	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Deputy Mayor Crooker that the Village of Empress receives for information the correspondence presented at the March 18, 2021 Regular Council meeting. <b>CARRIED</b>
FRIENDSHIP CENTER C201-18-03-2021	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Deputy Mayor Crooker that a letter is sent to the Friendship Center thanking them for their service to the Village residents. <b>CARRIED</b>
<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting @ 7:09 pm.
	Mayor
	Chief Administrative Officer





