

VILLAGE OF EMPRESS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

The Regular Council Meeting of the Council of the Village of Empress was held at the Village Office on Friday, September 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Interim CAO - Gary Peers
Mayor Arlen Johnston
Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin
Councillor Kelly Burgess

CALL TO ORDER

The regular council meeting was called to order by Arlen Johnston at 7:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**
C118-09-15-2022

MOTION by Kelly Burgess to adopt the agenda, with the addition of item 8.1 RCMP.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**
C119-09-15-2022

MOTION by Dawna Martin to adopt the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of August 18th, 2022.

CARRIED

C120-09-15-2022

MOTION by Arlen Johnston to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 18th, 2022.

CARRIED

C121-09-15-2022

MOTION by Dawna Martin to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 18th, 2022.

CARRIED

C122-09-15-2022

MOTION by Arlen Johnston to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 26th, 2022.

CARRIED

C123-09-15-2022

MOTION by Kelly Burgess to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 9th, 2022.

CARRIED

C124-09-15-2022

MOTION by Arlen Johnston to move into closed session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss personnel.

CARRIED

**REGISTERED
PRESENTATION**
C125-09-15-2022

Art for the Village – A presentation by Tamara Ravenwood

MOTION by Kelly Burgess that the Council of the Village of Empress, on behalf of the residents of Empress, express our desire to provide a forever-home for the two bronze sculptures by Ken Lum, known as the Buffalo and the Fur Trader, as commissioned by the City of Edmonton via the Edmonton Arts Council and which have been rejected for public display in Edmonton. We believe that our particular history, geography, climate, and culture are a more appropriate setting for this work of art and wish for Ken Lum to gift these magnificent works to our Village for public display with our pledge to care for them in perpetuity. The project would not proceed without the blessing of the Blackfoot Nation.

CARRIED

<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <p>ICAO REPORT</p> <p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p> <p>OLD BUSINESS <u>SPLASH PARK</u> C126-09-15-2022</p> <p>WATER TOWER</p> <p><u>APPOINTMENT TO MPC</u> C127-09-15-2022</p> <p><u>SIGNING AUTHORITY</u> C128-09-15-2022</p> <p><u>HALL FURNACE REPAIRS</u> C129-09-05-2022</p> <p>NEW BUSINESS <u>BYLAW 2022-07</u> <u>CREATE THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR</u> C130-09-15-2022</p> <p><u>APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR</u> C131-09-15-2022</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>Gary Peers provided Council with information on upcoming IT upgrades, the need for a backup generator for continuity of administrative functions, website updates, repairs to the drain at the Uptown RV park, and the MOU regarding financial oversight by Special Areas for approximately 18 months.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>The Splash Park will be winterized soon and the (water) vault blown out. Some repairs still needed. MOTION by Arlen Johnston to direct the ICAO to request the use of MSI funds to hire Grassroots to repair the issue, and if no MSI funds are approved, to use funds from reserves to complete the repairs. CARRIED</p> <p>This Capital project is awaiting a reply from MPE, with a funding application pending. Drone pics of the tower roof indicate the covering is deteriorating.</p> <p>MOTION by Kelly Burgess to appoint Arlen Johnston to the Municipal Planning Committee. CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION by Dawna Martin that Council authorize Arlen Johnston as a signing authority on all ATB and Servus Credit Union bank accounts. CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION by Dawna Martin that Council direct Administration to pay for the repairs to the furnace in the Community Hall from funds held by the Village on behalf of the Hall Committee. CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION by Arlen Johnston that Council give Bylaw 2022-07, being the Assistant Administrator Bylaw, first reading. CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION by Kelly Burgess that Council give Bylaw 2022-07, being the Assistant Administrator Bylaw, second reading. CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION by Dawna Martin that Council give Bylaw 2022-07, being the Assistant Administrator Bylaw, third and final reading. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>MOTION by Arlen Johnston that Council appoint Carrie Loose to the position of Assistant Administrator, and also as an administrative signatory, making signing authority on Village accounts specifically: any one Councillor (of three) <u>plus</u> any one (of two) designated administrative signing officers. CARRIED</p>
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<p><u>BYLAW 2022-06</u> <u>CREATE THE</u> <u>POSITION OF CAO</u> <u>(REPEAL OLD)</u> C-132-09-15-2022</p>	<p>MOTION by Arlen Johnston that Council give Bylaw 2022-06, being the CAO Bylaw (repeal old), first reading.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<p>MOTION by Dawna Martin that Council give Bylaw 2022-06, being the CAO Bylaw (repeal old), second reading.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<p>MOTION by Kelly Burgess that Council give Bylaw 2022-06, being the CAO Bylaw (repeal old), third and final reading.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p><u>APPOINTMENT OF</u> <u>CFO'S</u> C133-09-15-2022</p>	<p>MOTION by Dawna Martin that Council appoint ICAO Gary Peers, and Special Areas Accountants Darcy Ferguson and Darran Jones as the Village of Empress CFO's as outline in the MOU, endorsed by ICAO Peers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>PROCEDURAL</u> <u>BYLAW 2022-01</u> C134-09-15-2022</p>	<p>MOTION by Kelly Burgess that Council give Bylaw 2022-01, being the Procedural Bylaw for Council, Committee & Public Meetings (with amendments), second reading.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<p>MOTION by Arlen Johnston that Council give Bylaw 2022-01, being the Procedural Bylaw for Council, Committee & Public Meetings (with amendments), third and final reading.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p><u>BYLAW 2022-07</u> <u>RENUMBERING OF</u> <u>BYLAWS</u> C135-09-15-2022</p>	<p>MOTION by Dawna Martin that Council give Bylaw 2022-08, being the Bylaw to Allow CAO to Renumber Bylaws for IT Purposes, first reading.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<p>MOTION by Kelly Burgess that Council give Bylaw 2022-08, being the Bylaw to Allow CAO to Renumber Bylaws for IT Purposes, second reading.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<p>MOTION by Arlen Johnston that Council give Bylaw 2022-08, being the Bylaw to Allow CAO to Renumber Bylaws for IT Purposes, third and final reading.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p><u>ENDORSEMENT OF</u> <u>MARIGOLD</u> <u>LIBRARY</u> <u>AGREEMENT</u> C136-09-15-2022</p>	<p>MOTION by Arlen Johnston that Council authorize Gary Peers to sign the funding agreement with Marigold.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<p>The RCMP wish to schedule a Special Meeting with Council and schedule a Town Hall meeting at the Community Hall. Dates to be determined.</p>

<p><u>INTO CLOSED SESSION OF MPC</u> C137-09-015-2022</p> <p>RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING</p> <p><u>INTO CLOSED SESSION</u> C142-09-15-2022</p> <p>RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING</p> <p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>MOTION by Arlen Johnston that Council move to a session of the Municipal Planning Committee at 8:53 p.m. for consideration of a development permit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>Arlen Johnston reconvened the meeting at 9:17 p.m.</p> <p>MOTION by Dawna Martin that Council move to in-camera session at 9:18 p.m. for discussion of land sales and issues, and personnel recruitment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>Arlen Johnston reconvened the meeting at 10:02 p.m.</p> <p>The next Regular Council Meeting will be Wednesday, October 19th at 7 p.m.</p> <p>Arlen Johnston adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <u><i>Arlen Johnston</i></u> Mayor Johnston </p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <u><i>Gary Peers</i></u> Interim CAO Peers </p>
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