

Village of Empress
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Empress was held in the Village Office in Empress on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councillors Martin and Burgess, ICAO Peers and Assistant Administrator Carrie Loose were present at the meeting The Mayor then asked council to review the agenda for the October 19, 2022 meeting

2. Adoption of Agenda

C151-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the agenda for October 19, 2022 be accepted by Council as presented/amended.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

C152-10-19-2022 Councillor Martin

That the Council of the Village of Empress accept the Sept 15th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

C153-10-19-2022 Councillor Martin

That the Council of the Village of Empress accept the Sept 15th, 2022 MPC Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

C154-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council of the Village of Empress Accept the Sept 15th, 2022 Special Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. Registered Presentations

RCMP, Oyen Detachment mad a presentation to Council and request input on the issue and areas where they could assist the Village.

5. Administration and Committee Reports

5.1 Committee Reports

- For information;

- Special Areas Rec Board Meeting was held in Empress on Friday Oct 14, 2022. Representatives from the various groups lead tours of their facilities and informed the Rec Board members of activities and functions in their facilities.

- CAO Peers was involved in a virtual meeting with all the regions CAO's and the Executive Director of Palliser Regional Municipal Services where a report on the funding of PRMS was tabled. The report's final recommendation proposed increases to membership fee's; The proposal would increase Palliser Regional Planning Fee's (Currently about \$225/month to \$416/month over a 5year time frame)

- Art Instalment update is that no response has been received as yet from the Blackfoot Chief.

5.2 CAO Report by Gary Peers

- IT upgrades, progressing, need one good day with staff to keep it moving.

- Future power back-up upgrade updates, Estimates for Office only are in the \$14,000 range, a small genset for the old shop would be in the \$2500 range plus a disconnect switch about another \$500

- Public Works Report; Fall work close to completion, equipment parked, putting away for winter. Helped with water issues as well as some sewer help to Dallas at RV park. Garbage as usual equipment repairs 90% complete, Bobcat to Neilson Mechanical for major hose repair. Assist on water break repairs this week.

- Splash Park Update, Inspected with Martin Jarvis as he explained system, I determined the breakage was likely due to human error so cancelled the expensive repairs. We drained, added a/f in lines as needed, ready for winter & backfilled hole. I recorded a movie of the procedure for files.

- Tower roof assessments and estimates for repair; Pricing out costs of a 85 foot skyboom for a week as well as delivery & return charges, about \$6-7000; Spray foam for filling cracks and asphalt crack filler would be under \$500; Finding manpower for about 4 days work about \$1600. Total Estimate \$8100-\$9100

- Financial Report as at Sept 30, 2022 (not available) but still expect over budget in utilities and most likely salaries due to compliance costs for the short term.

6. Old Business

C155-10-19-2022 Councillor Martin

That the Council of the Village of Empress appoint Councillor Burgess as representative to Marigold Library System.

CARRIED

C156-10-19-2022 Councillor Burgess

That the Council of the Village of Empress appoint Tamara Ravenwood as SDAB Clerk for the Village of Empress, replacing CAO Peers.

CARRIED

C157-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council of the Village of Empress authorize ICAO Peers to re-apply for AMWWP Funding for New Water Reservoir with the increased share to Village. The new total revised costs being \$1,582,000 with the Village share of \$395,500.

CARRIED

C158-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council of the Village discontinue with having Zoom Meetings until Further Notice.

CARRIED

C159-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council of the Village of Empress appoint MNP as Auditors for 2022.

CARRIED

C160-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council of the Villager of Empress appoint Benchmark Assessment Services as Assessors for 2023 to 2027.

CARRIED

C161-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council of the Village of Empress authorize ICAO Peers to sign the new agreement with Benchmark for 2023 to 2027.

CARRIED

7. New Business

C162-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council of The Village of Empress approve the 2nd Reading of Traffic Bylaw #2022-03.

Councillor Martin requested that the vote on this motion be recorded. All three councillors voted against the motion.

DEFEATED

C163-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council of The Village of Empress approve the 2nd Reading of Bylaw 2022-02, to Repeal the Streets & Boulevards bylaw #2019-01.

CARRIED

C164-10-19-2022 Councillor Martin

That the Council of The Village of Empress unanimously approve the 3rd and Final Reading of Bylaw 2022-02, to Repeal the Streets & Boulevards bylaw #2019-01, to be held at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C165-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council of The Village of Empress approve the 1st Reading of Bylaw 2022-09; to add outstanding debts to the Municipality to the Tax Role.

CARRIED

C166-10-19-2022 Councillor Martin

That the Council of The Village of Empress approve the 2nd Reading of Bylaw 2022-09; to add outstanding debts to the Municipality to the Tax Role.

CARRIED

C167-10-19-2022 Councillor Burgess

That the Council of The Village of Empress unanimously approve the 3rd and Final Reading of Bylaw 2022-09, to add outstanding debts to the Municipality to the Tax Role, to be held at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C168-10-19-2022 Councillor Martin

That the Council of The Village of Empress approve the 1st Reading of Bylaw 2022-10; to authorize the review and amendments to All Fees, Rates, Schedules that set fees, Appendices, charges or penalties in all existing Municipal Bylaws; by resolution of Council, at least annually before setting Budgets.

CARRIED

C169-10-19-2022 Councillor Burgess

That the Council of The Village of Empress approve the 2nd Reading of Bylaw 2022-10; to authorize the review and amendments to All Fees, Rates, Schedules that set fees, Appendices, charges or penalties in all existing Municipal Bylaws; by resolution of Council, at least annually before setting Budgets

CARRIED

C170-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council of The Village of Empress unanimously approve the 3rd and Final Reading of Bylaw 2022-10, to authorize the review and amendments to All Fees, Rates, Schedules that set fees, Appendices, charges or penalties in all existing Municipal Bylaws; by resolution of Council, at least annually before setting Budgets, to be held at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C171-10-19-2022 Councillor Burgess

That the Council of the Village of Empress set the date for the Regular Council Meetings furthermore that they be scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm; to be held in the Village Office Board Room, unless otherwise advertised.

CARRIED

C172-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council of the Village of Empress authorize ICAO Peers to book the Community Hall for Nov 10, 2022 at 7pm for the RCMP Town Hall Meeting

CARRIED

C173-10-19-2022 Councillor Burgess

That the Council of the Village of Empress approve the Sale of Lot(s) 28-31 Block 8 Plan 5043AV with House, for the Final price of \$61,389.50, sold as is.

CARRIED

C174-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council of the Village of Empress approve the Sale of Lot(s) 11-15 Block 12 Plan 5043AV with Structures, for the Final price of \$16,600.00, sold as is.

CARRIED

C175-10-19-2022 Councillor Martin

That the Council of the Village of Empress appoint Mayor Johnston and ICAO Peers to have signing authority for the Village of Empress Account(s) and credit card(s) at the Servus Credit Union.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence to Mayor or Council as a Whole

Verbal request from Mr. Howe that Ag Society would appreciate their annual grant of about \$10,000 for 2022, as soon as possible, as its used for part of their insurance policy costs which are due in early January 2023.

9. Move to MPC

C176-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council reconvene as the Municipal Planning Commission to Consider Development permit application 2022-02 at 9:00pm

CARRIED

Move to in-Camera Session

C179-10-19-2022 Mayor Johnston

That the Council of the Village of Empress enter into a closed session, (Economic and other interests as per *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, Part 1, Division 2, Section 27 and Employee Matters as per *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act I, Part 1, Division 2, Section 17*) at 9:39pm CARRIED

Mayor Johnston called the regular meeting back to order at 10:02pm

10. Next Meeting Dates

Mayor Johnston declared that the next Regular Council Meeting of the Village Of Empress Council, will be on the 3rd Wednesday of November, being November 16, 2022 @ 7pm in Council Chambers in the Village of Empress Offices. CONFIRMED

10. Adjournment

Mayor Johnston declared the Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Empress adjourned at 10:06pm

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Mayor Johnston

Gary E Peers

ICAO Peers