



## AGENDA

Special Council Meeting held in Council Chambers at #6, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W, Empress, AB  
On

Tuesday October 29, 2024 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order:

2. Adoption of Agenda: October 29, 2024 Special Council Meeting Agenda

*(approve agenda as is or with changes)*

3. Business:

a) AMWWP additional funding request from Alberta Transportation

Due to cost escalations and changes of scope, the Village of Empress requested additional funding from the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation, to be able to complete the Water Reservoir Project. On October 17, 2024 Mayor Martin received a letter confirming that we will receive an additional \$877,444 in funding and that the change of scope has been approved. No further requests for additional funding will be considered.

*(that the October 17, 2024 letter from Minister of Transportation, Devin Dreeshen, be accepted for information.)*

b) Water Reservoir Scope

A number of items for the water tower were included in the engineering as provisional while we waited to hear further on the additional AMWWP grant funding request, including:

1. Demolition of existing potable water reservoir and capping of inlet/outlet potable water lines
2. Chlorine injection system
3. Chlorine analyzer and collection recycling system
4. Manganese analyzer and drain line
5. WTP permanent emergency generator

Funding has been approved for these items. Council must decide which of the provisional items will be included in the project. Administration is recommending items 2-5 be included. The demolition of the existing tower is less clear as it houses our Telus Communications Equipment. While we can get out of the contract



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with Telus, there is no guarantee that Telus will reinstall the equipment elsewhere in the Village. If we do tear down the reservoir Council will should consider either building a communications tower or if there is somewhere else in the village that may work for one.

*(that the following provisional be included when the Water Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station Upgrade tender is awarded:\_\_\_\_\_.)*

### c) Water Reservoir Tender

Council met previously with MPE engineering regarding the their recommendations on the Water Reservoir Replacement Tender award recommendation. It is recommended that the tender be awarded to the lowest bidder.

*(that the Water Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station Upgrade tender be awarded to \_\_\_\_\_.)*

### d) Water Reservoir Funding

Included in your package is an updated "plan to pay" for the new Reservoir. Empress must pay for 25% of the total project cost, but is allowed to utilize CCBF and LGFF grants for this purpose. Administration is recommending funding as outlined in the document. The need to use reserve funding will be dependent on total cost of the project and which provisional items have been included.

*(that applications be made for the following grants to fund the Water Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station Upgrade:*

- LGFF 2024, \$200,642
- LGFF 2025, \$206,977
- CCBF 2019-2023 unallocated funds, \$61,608
- CCBF 2024, \$58,622
- CCBF 2025, 58,622

*FURTHER that the previous MSI grant (2022 CAP15295) for water system testing and compliance improvements be utilized for the Water Reservoir Project and FURTHER that administration proceed with the applications.)*



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4. Next meeting: November 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
  
5. Adjournment: