

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HINES CREEK, held
in Council Chambers December 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

Present: Mayor Reintjes
Deputy Mayor Bjornson
Councillor Rimmer

Attending: Chief Administrative Officer Walmsley
Executive Assistant Lund

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Reintjes called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

AGENDA

Additions to Agenda
Unfinished Business
e. Private Ice Rental Policy

Reports
b. Council Committee Reports
4. Clear Creek Fire Committee
5. North Peace Regional Landfill

C-477-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to adopt the agenda with the additions for the December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council. CARRIED.

MINUTES

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council November 23, 2021

**C-478-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on November 23, 2021 with the following correction as presented:
“C-457-21 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to approve the Donation of Equipment to the Rodney Bjornson Fitness Center and to draft an agreement between the Village of Hines Creek and the Donator, with the option to buy back the equipment ~~back~~ for \$1.00 and donator have first right of refusal. CARRIED.”
CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

b. Utility Bill Newsletter Insert

C-479-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to have the Winter 2021 Utility Bill Newsletter Insert mailed out in the December Utility Billing. CARRIED.

c. Holiday Greeting

C-480-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to send out Option 1: Red & White Holiday Greeting as a mail out to residents and residents in the surrounding area. CARRIED.

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d. Village of Hines Creek Policies – Table of Contents

Councillor Rimmer entered the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

C-481-21 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to start reviewing policies time permitting at every regular meeting, and to have administration prioritize which policy sections to review first. CARRIED.

a. Bulk Water Rates

C-482-21 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to receive the Bulk Water Rates as information. CARRIED.

e. Private Ice Rental Policy

C-483-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to send a letter to address the concerns outlined in the email sent to Council regarding the Village's Private Ice Rental Policy, and to investigate rapid COVID-19 testing for the Arena. CARRIED.

REPORTS

a. Chief Administrative Officer Report

C-484-21 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to receive the Chief Administrative Officer Report as information. CARRIED.

b. Council Committee Reports

1. North Peace Housing Foundation
2. Peace Library Systems
3. Mighty Peace Tourism Association
4. Clear Creek Fire Committee
5. North Peace Regional Landfill

C-485-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to send a letter to Municipal Affairs to use the updated census information to determine 2022 Requisition's. CARRIED.

C-486-21 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to receive the Council Committee Reports as information. CARRIED.

FINANCIAL

a. Bank Reconciliation Month Ending November 30, 2021

C-487-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to receive the Bank Reconciliation Month Ending November 30, 2021 as information. CARRIED.

b. Hines Creek & District Recreation Board and Fitness Center November 30, 2021 Financial Statements

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- C-488-21 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to receive the Hines Creek & District Recreation Board and Fitness Center November 30, 2021 Financial Statements as information. CARRIED.**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

a. Cheque Listing for Council

- C-489-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for the period of November 24, 2021 to December 14, 2021, cheques 202100566 to 202100598 totaling, in the amount of \$87,310.01 (Eighty seven thousand three hundred and ten dollars and one cent). CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

a. Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Village of Hines Creek for the Year Ended December 31, 2021 and Auditor Independence with Respect to the Village of Hines Creek

- C-490-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to receive the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Village of Hines Creek for the Year Ended December 31, 2021 and Auditor Independence with Respect to the Village of Hines Creek correspondence from Doyle & Company as information. CARRIED.**

b. Virtual Joint Meeting with Peace River School Division Board of Trustees

- C-491-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to authorize Council and Administration to attend the Peace River School Division Board of Trustees & Joint Council's Meeting on February 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. CARRIED.**

c. Donation to Secret Santa for a Senior

- C-492-21 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to receive the Donation to Secret Santa for a Senior as information. CARRIED.**

Council recessed at 10:54 a.m.

Council reconvened with all members & administration present at 10:59 a.m.

d. Assessment Review Board (ARB) and Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (SDAB) Training

- C-493-21 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to authorize Deputy Mayor Bjornson to complete the online training for the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (SDAB) new member training and Councillor Rimmer to complete the online training for Assessment Review Board Training (ARB) new member training in the 2022 year. CARRIED.**

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e. Animal Control

C-494-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to review the Animal Control Bylaw 604-21, and to investigate more options on cat animal control. And to send three stray cats to the Animal Shelter for \$150.00 per cat upon apprehension. CARRIED.

f. 2020 Provincial Programs & Outcomes Report

C-495-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to receive the 2020 Provincial Programs & Outcomes Report as information, and to bring this item back as Unfinished Business to the January 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED.

g. Arts & Crafts – New Horizons for Seniors Program Call for Proposals for Community Based Projects Across Canada

C-496-21 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to support the Hines Creek & District Arts & Crafts application for grant funding to New Horizons for Seniors Program 2021-2022 up to \$25,000.00 for the replacement of a Chair Lift within the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex, Arts & Crafts Area. CARRIED.

h. National Police Federation – Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) Transition Study

C-497-21 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to support the National Police Federation and object to the Alberta Provincial Service and to keep the R.C.M.P. force in Alberta. CARRIED.

i. RhPAP's Rural Voice Information Panel (VIP)

C-498-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to bring forward the information on RhPAP's Rural Voice Information Panel to the next Health Professional Enhancement Committee Meeting. CARRIED.

j. IT Support

C-499-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to meet with Trinus Stress Free IT in a Virtual Meeting to further discuss IT support for the Village at the January 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED.

k. Write Off Old Utility Accounts

C-500-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to write off the outstanding Utility Accounts as presented in the total amount of \$785.38. CARRIED.

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I. Hines Creek & District Recreation Board Grant Recommendations

C-501-21 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to allocate funds to the Hines Creek Figure Skating in the amount of \$5,000.00 as per recommendation from the Hines Creek and District Recreation Board. CARRIED.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Executive Assistant Lund left Council Chambers at 11:38 a.m.

- a. City of Cold Lake – Doctor Recruitment & Retention
- b. Alberta Health Services - Grand Prairie Regional Hospital Now Open
- c. Alberta Recreation and Parks Association – Greeting to Council

C-502-21 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to receive items a to c as information. CARRIED.

Executive Assistant Lund enter Council Chambers at 11:46 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:46 a.m.

Council reconvened with all members and administration present at 12:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reintjes adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

Hazel Reintjes, Mayor

Leanne Walmsley, Chief Administrative Officer