

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HINES CREEK, held
in Council Chambers February 22, 2022 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 9:00 a.m.

Louisa Robison delegation from Peace Library Systems entered Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

C-075-22 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to adopt the agenda for the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council. CARRIED.

MINUTES

a. Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting with Clear Hills County February 7, 2022

C-076-22 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to adopt the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting with Clear Hills County on February 7, 2022. CARRIED.

b. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council February 8, 2022

C-077-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on February 8, 2022. CARRIED.

c. Minutes of the Special Capital Budget Meeting of Council February 17, 2022

C-078-22 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to adopt the minutes of the Special Capital Budget Meeting of Council on February 17, 2022. CARRIED.

DELEGATION

a. Peace Library Systems – Louisa Robison

Louisa Robison left Council Chambers at 9:40 a.m.

C-079-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to receive the Delegation from Peace Library Systems – Louisa Robison as information. CARRIED.

Council recessed at 9:45 a.m.

Council reconvened with all members and administration present at 9:56 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Draft Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025

C-080-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to receive the Draft Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025 as information and have administration to bring back with the amendments as presented. CARRIED.

b. Equipment Donation Agreement

Deputy Mayor Bjornson declares a pecuniary interest as she is the wife of the Transforer and left Council Chambers at 10:30 a.m.

C-081-22 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to enter into the amended Equipment Donation Agreement between Dallas Bjornson and the Village of Hines Creek. CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Bjornson entered Council Chambers at 10:32 a.m.

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c. Policy 200-41 Assessment Complaint Form

C-082-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to adopt Policy 200-41 Assessment Complaint Form with the amendments as presented. CARRIED.

d. February Newsletter

C-083-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to approve the February Newsletter as amended to be sent out in the February Utility Billing. CARRIED.

REPORTS

a. Chief Administrative Officer Report

C-084-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to receive the Chief Administrative Officer Report as information. CARRIED.

b. Council Committee Reports
1. North Peace Housing Foundation

C-085-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to receive the North Peace Housing Foundation Report as information. CARRIED.

FINANCIAL

a. Assessment Summary for 2022

C-086-22 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to receive the Assessment Summary for 2022 as information. CARRIED.

b. 2022 MSI – Amending Memorandum of Agreement

C-087-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to enter into a Municipal Sustainability Initiatives Memorandum of Agreement (hereinafter called the “Original Agreement” dated October 26, 2007) with Her Majesty the Queen, in right of the Province of Alberta, as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, with effective date April 1, 2022. CARRIED.

c. Financial Statement for January 2022

C-088-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to receive the Financial Statement for January 2022 as information. CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

a. Cheque Listing for Council

C-089-22 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for the period of February 9, 2022 to February 22, 2022, cheques 20220075 to 20210095 totaling in the amount \$53,212.81 (Fifty three thousand two hundred twelve dollars and eighty one cents). CARRIED.

BYLAWS

a. Dog Control Bylaw No. 612-22

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A Bylaw of the Village of Hines Creek, in the Province of Alberta, for
Licensing, Regulating and Confinement of Dogs.

C-090-22 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to table the discussion and first reading of the Dog Control Bylaw No. 612-22 to the next Regular Meeting of Council on March 8, 2022. CARRIED.

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NEW BUSINESS

a. COVID-19 Restriction Changes

- C-091-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to rescind motions C-355-21 and C-419-21:**
“ C-355-21 RESOLUTION by Councillor Bjornson that youth indoor recreation groups can make use of the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex Arena without implementing the new Restriction Exemption Program provided they adhere to the following health measure:
- Indoor group classes, training, and competitions are permitted, but participants are required to:
- Screen for symptoms
- Maintain 2 metres distancing, except youth while engaged in physical activity.
- Wear a mask, except youth while engaged in physical activity
- Spectators attendance is restricted to 1/3 fire code capacity, attendees are limited to a single household or 2 close contact if living alone and must be masked and maintain 2 metres physical distancing.
- Outdoor activities can continue with no restrictions.
At this time there will be no public skating or shinny hockey and Adult indoor recreation groups will not be allowed in the facility until further notice. CARRIED.”
- “C-419-21 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to authorize private adult ice rentals with the implementation of the Restriction Exemption Program, adult groups must pre-register at the Village Office with payment and proof of the following for each skater:
- Proof of vaccination, or
- Proof of a privately-paid negative rapid test result taken within 72 hours of service, or
- Documentation of a medical exemption
CARRIED.”
And that all Village facilities will be regulated by the Alberta Government COVID-19 Health Guidelines. CARRIED.

b. Joint Meeting with Neighboring Municipalities

- C-092-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to agree to a joint meeting in late March or early April with the MD of Peace, MD of Fairview, Town of Fairview, Clear Hills County and Village of Hines Creek to discuss municipalities and future collaborations. CARRIED.**

Council recessed for lunch at 12:07 p.m.

Council reconvened with all members and administration present at 12:43 p.m.

c. Water Usage Policy

- C-093-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to bring back more information regarding water usage in the Village at the next Regular Meeting of Council on March 8, 2022. CARRIED.**

d. Hines Creek Playschool Society

- C-094-22 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to forward a letter to the Hines Creek Playschool Society recognizing their concerns, and providing possible solutions as discussed. CARRIED.**

e. End of Steel Museum

- C-095-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to have administration forward a letter to invite the End of Steel Museum as a Delegation to a upcoming Council meeting to discuss the Museum operations. CARRIED.**

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f. Alberta Community Champions Grant

C-096-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to approve administration for submitting an application for the Alberta Community Champions Grant for purchasing specialized recycling bins up to the amount of \$20,000.00. CARRIED.

g. Healthy Community Grant

C-097-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to approve administration for submitting an application for the Healthy Community Grant for up to \$5,000.00 for change rooms at the Splash Park. CARRIED.

h. Affordable Housing Survey

C-098-22 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to receive the Affordable Housing Survey as information. CARRIED.

i. Peace Library Systems – Utilities Commission

C-099-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to send a letter to the MLA and the Utility Commission about concerns for affordable utilities for northern residents. CARRIED.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. Village of Nampa – Nampa Public School Closing
- b. 2021 Census of Population
- c. National Police Federation – Keep Alberta RCMP Community Engagement

C-100-22 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to receive items a to c as information. CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION

C-101-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson that this Council close the meeting to the public at 2:37 p.m. as per FOIP Section 27 Land. CARRIED.

Chief Administrative Officer Walmsley and Executive Assistant Lund were present during the closed session.

C-102-22 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer that this Council open the meeting to the public at 3:23 p.m. CARRIED.

C-103-22 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to advertise Village Owned Properties for sale as discussed. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reintjes adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Hazel Reintjes, Mayor

Leanne Walmsley, Chief Administrative Officer