

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HINES CREEK, held
in Council Chambers October 24, 2023, at 7:20p.m.**

Present: Mayor Reintjes
Deputy Mayor Bjornson
Councillor Rimmer

Attending: Chief Administrative Officer Walmsley

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Reintjes called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions to Agenda:

Reports

- c) New Park Project
- d) Stars
- e) Mighty Peace Tourist Association

C-391-23 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to adopt the agenda with the additions for the October 24, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council. CARRIED.

MINUTES

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council October 10, 2023

C-392-23 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council October 10, 2023 as presented. CARRIED.

b) Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council October 18, 2023.

C-393-23 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council October 18, 2023 with amendments to the agenda to include the following.

New Business

**Development Plan “*Railroad Avenue Park*”
and correction to spelling of ~~Adjournment~~ to “*Adjournment.*” CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Bylaw 620-23

Bylaw No. 620-23

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

C-394-23 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer that this Council give second reading of Bylaw No. 620-23, A Bylaw of the Village of Hines Creek, in the Province of Alberta, For the Licensing, Regulating and Confinement of Dogs. CARRIED.

C-395-23 RESOLUTION by Mayor Reintjes to give third reading of Bylaw 620-23, A Bylaw of the Village of Hines Creek, in the Province of Alberta, For the Licensing, Regulating and Confinement of Dogs. CARRIED.

b. Bylaw 621-23

Bylaw No. 621-23

A Bylaw of the Village of Hines Creek, in the Province of Alberta, For the Purpose of Regulating, Controlling and Reducing Untidy, Unsafe, Unsightly and Dangerous Premises within the Village of Hines Creek

C-396-23 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer that this Council give second reading of Bylaw No. 621-23, A Bylaw of the Village of Hines Creek, in the Province of Alberta, For the Purpose of Regulating, Controlling and Reducing Untidy, Unsafe, Unsightly and Dangerous Premises within the Village of Hines Creek. CARRIED.

C-397-23 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to give third reading of Bylaw 621-23, A Bylaw of the Village of Hines Creek, in the Province of Alberta, For the Purpose of Regulating, Controlling and Reducing Untidy, Unsafe, Unsightly and Dangerous Premises within the Village of Hines Creek. CARRIED.

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- c. Dave Shaw Memorial Complex Rentals

C-398-23 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson that each User Group will be given two keys for their Executive Members at no charge. If additional keys are required members will only be given a key once verified by the minutes of a duly convened meeting that identifies those members of the User Group who are authorized to hold an additional key. Each additional member will be charged a cost recovery fee upon key pickup. CARRIED.

REPORTS

- a. Chief Administrative Officer Report

C-399-23 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to receive the C.A.O. Report to Council as Information. CARRIED

- b. North Peace Regional Landfill Meeting Report to Council

C-400-23 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to receive the North Peace Regional Landfill Meeting Report to Council as Information. CARRIED.

- c. New Park Project Report to Council

C-401-23 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer directs administration to send a letter to Clear Hills County requesting a Joint Meeting of Council's at a mutually agreed upon date and time. CARRIED.

C-402-23 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to receive the New Park Project Report to Council as Information. CARRIED.

- d. STARS Report to Council
- e. Mighty Peace Tourist Association Meeting Report to Council

C-403-23 RESOLUTION by Councillor to receive the Mighty Peace Tourist Association Report to Council as information. CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- a. Cheque Listing for Council

C-404-23 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson that Council receives for Information the Accounts Payable Report Cheque Listing #20230515 to Cheque #20230538 totaling \$32,922.43 (thirty-two thousand, nine hundred and twenty-two dollars and forty-three cents). CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Letter to Rural Municipalities of Alberta Requesting Assistance

C-405-23 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to request help with problems encountered with our Public Tender for Electricity and Natural Gas pricing through 8760 and their refusal to allow the missed sites to our original contract through TransAlta. CARRIED.

- b. Library Improvements

C-406-23 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer that the Library Board provide Council with cost estimates for vinyl plank flooring, moving and storage of books, and painting of the library. To bring cost estimates to Council for budget discussions. CARRIED.

Mayor Reintjes called a brief recess at 9:37 pm
Council reconvened at 9:41 pm with all members of Council and C.A.O. present.

- c. Village Christmas Hours

C-407-23 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer approved Village Christmas Hours for 2023 be as follows:

Office: Closed December 25 & 26, 2023. Open December 27 through 29, 2023. Closed January 1st & 2nd Open January 3rd, 2024.

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Public Works/Arena: Closed for Christmas December 25 & 26, 2023. Open December 27 through 29, 2023. Closed January 1st & 2nd Open January 3rd, 2024. CARRIED.

d. Fee Waiver/Reduction Program Policy 1400-10

C-408-23 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to table discussions on Policy 1400-10 until the next regular meeting of Council November 14, 2023. CARRIED.

e. Hines Creek & District Agricultural Society Country Christmas Events

C-409-23 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to approve the donation request from the Hines Creek & District Agricultural Society for the Country Christmas Event (including public skating) December 8, 2023 from 2-10 pm and to approve the donation request for the Community Supper and Dance December 9, 2023. CARRIED.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a. Arena Fire Codes

C-410-23 RESOLUTION by Councillor to table discussions on Arena Fire Codes to a later date so administration can gather additional information on requirements. CARRIED.

b) Alberta Counsel “The News”

c) Alberta Counsel “The News”

C-411-23 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson to receive Information items b and c as information. CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION

a. Personnel

b. Land

C-412-23 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson that Council closes the meeting to the public at 10:02 pm as per FOIP Section 17 Personnel, and Section 27 Land. CARRIED.

Chief Administrative Officer Walmsley was present while in closed session.

C-413-23 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson that Council reverts meeting to regular session at 10:17 pm. CARRIED.

C-414-23 RESOLUTION by Councillor Rimmer to receive leave of absence from Executive Assistant from October 18 to December 18, 2023, and for compensation as discussed. CARRIED.

C-415-23 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson that Administration advertises until a suitable candidate is found, for a Temporary Executive Assistant Position. CARRIED.

C-416-23 RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Bjornson that Council transfers \$1,412.87 for Lot 4, Block 15, Plan 961 TR and \$785.87 for Lot 5, Block 15, Plan 961 TR combined amount of \$2,198.74 to Tax Recovery Account and to take position of the properties under “Tax Forfeiture” and to notify the previous landowner (section 427 (1) that they may apply to the Court of King’s Bench to recover the surplus amounts remaining from the sale of the properties). That Council take Lot 5, Block 23, Plan 6061 KS under “Clear Title” as there are no surplus funds left after tax arrears payments and remedial costs recovered. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reintjes adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Hazel Reintjes, Mayor

Leanne Walmsley, Chief Administrative Officer