

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAY LAKES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

VIA: ELECTRONICALLY - GOOGLE MEET

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Vallee; Deputy Mayor Dawn Pauls; Councillor Megan Patten; Councillor Faye Leicht; and Councillor Ron These

ABSENT:

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

MUNICIPAL RECORDER: Shannon Yearwood

DELEGATES: NIL

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Vallee at 7:02 p.m.

RES 016-2021: AGENDA: Moved by Councillor Patten to accept the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

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**Adoption of Minutes:**

Adoption of the January 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes of Council.

RES 017-2021: Moved by Councillor These to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of Council held on January 18, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

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**Public Works Report:**

Written Report submitted by Public Works Foreman, Aaron Benoit, was circulated and discussed.

RES 018-2021: Moved by Deputy Mayor Pauls that the Public Works Report submitted by Foreman Aaron Benoit be accepted as information.

**Administration Report:**

Administration presented the CAO Report for consideration by Council.

Council discussed the report and asked that administration complete tasks assigned.

RES 019-2021: Moved by Councillor These to accept the Manager's Report and Action List as information.

CARRIED

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**Financial Report:**

The financial report was circulated and discussed by council.

RES 020-2021: Moved by Deputy Mayor Pauls to accept the financial report as information.

CARRIED

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**Bylaws/Policies:**

Bylaw 01-2021 – Method of Tax Payment Including Penalties for Unpaid Taxes: Council discussed the proposed Penalty increases by administration. Given First Reading on January 18, 2021. – Administration to advertise Public Hearing for two consecutive weeks in the Camrose Booster and determine date of Public Hearing based upon when the ad can be placed at the first possible time.

Policy #01/2021 – Winter Road Maintenance – Administration to bring council other Winter Road Maintenance Policy of different Municipalities for comparison.

Telegraph Park – Bylaw addressing disposal of Human Ashes: Tabled

**Business:**

- COVID-19: Councillor Patten updated Council and Administration on state in Province at present.
- Meetings of Council mode of Meeting either electronic or in person: Determined that Meetings will continue via Google Meet for the foreseeable future.
- Library Board Member Approval for 2021:

RES 021-2021: Moved by Councillor Patten that the library board members will remain as:  
Chairperson – Amanda Derksen; Vice-Chair – Sheila Zetsen; Secretary – Cathy Marusak;  
and Treasurer – Jenny DeJong.

CARRIED

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RES 022-2021: Library Board Approval to have Glen Winder to audit the Library financials for 2021:  
Moved by Councillor Leicht to appoint Glen Winder as Library Auditor for 2020 Financial Audit.

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- Letter from MD of Bonnyville re: Stronger Western Canada Advocacy: Administration to write a letter of support to MD of Bonnyville.
  - Unsightly Properties & Dangerous Properties: Administration to follow up and send letter to unsightly and dangerous property owners giving mid-April as a date to have property cleaned up.
  - Tim Clark and Sandra Finseth proposal: Administration instructed to put together a plan to protect resident's interests. This development proposal is to be transparent

and open in terms of the variances given and all terms and conditions to be met in order for this to move forward.

- MOST Grant Funding: Hay Lakes received this funding for dispersal among Village Organizations that have been adversely affected by COVID-19.

RES 023-2021: Moved by Mayor Vallee that the MOST Gant Funding of \$55,123.00 is to be disbursed as follows:

Village towards infrastructure upgrades in the water plant and lift station:	\$21,123.00
Hay Lakes Library:	\$4,000.00
Hay Lakes Ag Society:	\$6,000.00
Curling Club:	\$6,000.00
Hay Lakes Fire Department:	\$6,000.00
Telegraph Park:	\$6,000.00
Hay Lakes Recreation Centre:	\$6,000.00

to assist these organizations that have had significant funding losses due to COVID-19.

CARRIED

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Rural Mental Health Project:

RES 024-2021: Moved by Councillor Patten to have employee Sherry Krozser enroll and take the online training components to become a Community Animator at a cost \$250.00.

CARRIED

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Support for 988 Crisis Line:

RES 025-2021: Moved by Deputy Mayor Pauls that:

WHEREAS the Federal Government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 (two hundred) percent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS Hay Lakes Council recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those seeking help;



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Hay Lakes Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MLA, Federal Minister of Health, CRTC (Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunication Commission) and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

CARRIED

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**Committee Reports:**

- Infrastructure: discussed with Public Works Report
- Protective Services: nothing to report.
- Fire Department Report: attended two calls.
- Development: nothing to report
- HARRB: nothing to report.
- Ag Society: Successful fundraiser for Valentine's Day.
- Library: not open to public – by appointment only.
- Telegraph Park: nothing to report.
- Recreation Centre: Organization could begin meeting at the Rec if they chose too.
- School Council: nothing to report.
- Rural Crime Watch: nothing to report.

RES 026-2021: Moved by Council Leicht to accept the Committee Reports as presented.

CARRIED

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**Information and Correspondence:**

RES 027-2021: Moved by Councillor These to accept the Information and Correspondence as information.

CARRIED

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**Confidential Items:**

RES 028-2021: Moved by Mayor Vallee that council close the meeting to the public for Agenda item 15 under section 17, Third party personal privacy, *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* at 9:54 p.m.

CARRIED

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RES 029-2021: Moved by Mayor Vallee to open the meeting to the public and come out of camera under the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* section 17 at 9:59 p.m.

CARRIED

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**Next Meeting of Council:**


Mayor Vallee calls for a Special Meeting of Council regarding budget 2021 for Wednesday, February 24, 2021 via Google Meet at 7:00 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, March 15, 2021 via Google Meet/at the Hay Lakes Recreation Centre beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

The being no further business to discuss Mayor Vallee adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

  
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Mayor Dave Vallee

  
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K. Shannon Yearwood  
Chief Administrative Officer

