

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAY LAKES HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022
AT THE HAY LAKES RECREATION CENTRE

PRESENT: Mayor Ron These; Councillor Paige Berkholtz; Councillor Clifford Heinz and Councillor Paul Patterson

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Megan Patten

PUBLIC PRESENT: Faye Leicht; Dave Vallee; Cathy Marusak; and Brad Winder

MUNICIPAL RECORDER: Shannon Yearwood

DELEGATES: Nil

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order by Mayor These at 7:00 p.m.

RES 006-2022: AGENDA: Moved by Councillor Patterson to accept the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

Adoption of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 20, 2021: the minutes having been circulated and discussed were put forward for adoption.

RES 007-2022: Councillor Patterson moved that the Minutes of the December 20, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Adoption of the Minutes from the Special Meeting of Council held on January 10, 2022: The minutes having been circulated and discussed were put forward for adoption.

RES 008-2022: Councillor Heinz moved that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on January 10, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET 2022:

Mayor These opened the Public Hearing for discussion of the 2022 Budget at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor These asked if any written submissions had been received regarding the 2022 Budget.

CAO Yearwood confirmed that there have been no written submissions received at this time.

Mayor These invited anyone to speak in favour of Budget 2022.

Mayor These asked anyone present to speak in favour of Budget 2022 for a second and a third time.

Mayor These asked anyone present to speak against Budget 2022.

Mayor These asked anyone present to speak against Budget 2022 for a second and a third time.

Throughout the Public Hearing the resident's of the Village asked various questions and voiced concerns. Mr. Vallee expressed that he had sent an email with approximately 12 questions to administration about the budget. Administration had not received the email and Mr. Vallee resent the email. Administration advised that she would acknowledge receipt when the email was received and forward the email to Council for their input and consideration. Administration will attempt to answer all questions for Mr. Vallee before the end of the week.

The Public Hearing is required under Section 230 of the *Municipal Government Act* and provides the public with the opportunity to make presentations regarding the proposed Budget. Notice of the Public Hearing was provided to the residents of Hay Lakes in accordance with MGA s. 606.

Mayor These concludes the public hearing.

RES 009-2022: The being no further input Mayor These moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Public Works Report: The monthly public works report and the Incident Report regarding the power outage shutting down the pumps at the water station were presented by Administration.

RES 010-2022: Councillor Patterson moved to accept the Public Works Report as information.

CARRIED

Administration Report: The Administration Report was presented to Council.

RES011-2022: Moved by Councillor Berkholtz to accept the CAO Report presented as information.

CARRIED

Financial Report: The Financial Report was presented to Council by Administrator Yearwood.

Opening Bank Accounts for Reserves: Administration asked for Council to consider the following accounts: General Reserve Account; Water/Wastewater Reserve Account; and an account for the UFA Playground and Park Project.

RES 012-2022: Councillor Berkholtz moved that Administration set up separate Reserve Accounts at the ATB for the following accounts: Water/Wastewater Reserve Account; General Reserve; and UFA Playground and Park Project.

CARRIED

RES 013-2022: Councillor Berkholtz moved that the Financial Report; the General Ledgers for December and January; the MasterCard Statement for December to January; and the ATB Account Summaries all be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Bylaws/Policies:

Bylaw 01-2022 – Procedural Bylaw – The Procedural Bylaw has been circulated and discussed.

Bylaw 01-2022 – Procedural Bylaw was discussed Councillor Berkholtz pointed out some concerns regarding the bylaw and it was determined that Administration would make corrects before the next meeting being held on Thursday, January 27, 2022. The Bylaw was Tabled until January 27, 2022.

Ms. Cathy Marusak left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Brad Winder left the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Business:

- COVID-19: Currently still following Provincial requirements.
- Current draft of 3-year Operating Budget presented.
- Draft of 5-year Capital Budget presented. CAO requests additional time to finalize and prepare the two budgets for final consideration by council.
- Hay Lakes Council Events: Family Day, February 21, 2022. This being discussed the Village will be contributing Hot Chocolate and snacks to the Ag as they
- CAO Contract: Administration has drawn up a Codicil to the 2018 Contract Agreement for consideration and signing by Council.

RES 014-2022: Moved by Councillor Heinz to accept and sign the Codicil to the 2018 Contract of the CAO to extend the same contract for one year with no alterations.

CARRIED

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- Next Meeting of Council moved to Wednesday, February 23, 2022 to recognize Family Day.

RES 015-2022: Moved by Councillor Berkhotlz that the next Regular Meeting of Council be moved to Wednesday, February 23, 2022 to recognize Monday, February 21, 2022 as Family Day Statutory Holiday.

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- Open Bank Accounts for: General Reserve Account; Water Reserve; and Wastewater Reserve: Discussed and Resolution made in Financial Report.
 - Administration reports that applications for MSI Capital; Scotts Canada; Enbridge; Fortis; and MuniSoft are being worked towards.
 - Realtor Roger Osness: has had a formal offer of \$55,000 on Lots 4 and 6 on 3rd Avenue South. Council has come back with a counter-offer of \$62,000.00.
 - Environmental Programming Telegraph Park: It was determined that Administration will forward this information to the Park Committee for input. Council agreed that this would be a good fit with the Go-East Program.
 - Rural Mental Health Project: Council fully endorses Sherry Krozser's commitment to the project.
 - Facebook and Emails regarding the Power Outage on January 17 and 18, 2022: This issue will be fully discussed at the Special Meeting of Council being held on Thursday, January 27, 2022. It was determined and understood that likely this portion of the meeting will need to be closed to the public.

Committee Reports:

- Infrastructure: Nothing to report
- Protective Services: Nothing to report
- Fire Department Report: No report submitted
- Development: Has been discussed earlier in meeting.
- HARRB: Nothing to report.
- Ag Society: The Ag Society is going to host musician, Travis Dolter, at the Ag on Monday, February 17, 2022.
- Library: Council asked to appoint Glen Winder as the Library Auditor for the 2021 Financial Audit.

RES 016-2022: Moved by Councillor Berkholtz to appoint Glen Winder as the Auditor for the 2021 Library Audit.

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- Telegraph Park: No meetings scheduled at present.
 - Recreation Centre: Monday, February 28, 2022 the Rec Committee will host the AGM. Council will approach the Committee about forming a separate Committee under the umbrella of the Rec Society.
 - School Council: Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2022.
 - Rural Crime Watch: Nothing to report.
 - CRSWSC: Councillor Patterson and Heinz both reported that the Commission will be raising the water rates in 2023.

RES 017-2021: Moved by Mayor These to accept the Committee Reports as presented.

CARRIED

Information and Correspondence:

RES 018-2021: Mayor These moved to accept the Information and Correspondence as presented.

CARRIED

Next Meeting of Council:

Special Meeting of Council will be held on Thursday, January 27 at the Recreation Centre beginning at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Bylaw 02-2022 – Procedural Bylaw; Public Works Infrastructure Issues; and the Counter-offer made to Council regarding lots 4 and 6 on 3rd Avenue South with penalties.

The next Regular Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 in person at the Recreation Centre beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

The being no further business to discuss Mayor These adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.



Mayor Ron These



K. Shannon Yearwood
Chief Administrative Officer