

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAY LAKES IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.  
IN THE HAY LAKES VILLAGE RECREATION CENTRE

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ron These; Deputy Mayor Clifford Heinz; Councillor Paige Berkholtz; Councillor Levi Blanchard and Councillor Paul Patterson

**ABSENT:**

**MUNICIPAL RECORDER:** CAO, K. Shannon Yearwood

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Cory Zetson, Hay Lakes Pre-School/Daycare; and Faye Leicht

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Meeting was called to order by Mayor These at 7:03 p.m.

RES 096-2022: **AGENDA:** Councillor Berkholtz moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Mayor These opened the Public Hearings for discussion at 7:05 p.m. and explained the Public Hearing process.

**Bylaw 02-2022 – Traffic Bylaw:**

Mayor These asked if any written submissions had been received regarding Bylaw 02-2022 – Traffic Bylaw.

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

Mayor These asked anyone present to speak in favour of Bylaw 02-2022 – Traffic Bylaw.

Mayor These asked anyone present to speak in favour of Bylaw 02-2022 – Traffic Bylaw for a second and a third time.

No person came forward to speak.

Mayor These asked anyone present to speak against Bylaw 02-2022 – Traffic Bylaw.

Mayor These asked anyone present to speak against Bylaw 02-2022 – Traffic Bylaw for a second and a third time.

No one came forward.

Faye Leicht arrived at the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Cory Zetson asked to speak to Council regarding the Hay Lakes Playschool. Mayor These allowed this request. Mr. Zetson was asking Council to provide the Playschool with a piece of land that they could allow children to play upon. This is requested because the playschool is hoping to also become a daycare centre at some time in the future. Councillor Berkholtz asked that Mr. Zetson put the request in writing and present the proposal to council at a regular meeting of council. Mr. Zetson agreed. In the meantime, administration will measure the area on Main Street (the UFA donated property to determine if this will satisfy Provincial requirements, currently they need 75 square meters.

Cory Zetson left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor These continued the Public Hearing to discuss the 2022 Capital Budget.

**2022 Capital Budget:**

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

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

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

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

Mayor These asked anyone present to speak against the Capital Budget 2022.

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

Council discussed the Capital Budget with administration in depth.

Mayor These moved the Public Hearing forward to discuss the 2022 Operating Budget.

**2022 Operating Budget:**

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

CAO Yearwood confirmed that there have been no written submissions received at this time regarding the 2022 Operating Budget.

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

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

Mayor These asked anyone present to speak against the Operating Budget 2022.  
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Council again engaged in a comprehensive discussion of this budget that involved the Village Assessment and the impact on the Operational Budget.

Mayor These moved the Public Hearing forward to discuss Bylaw 05-2022 – 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw.

**Bylaw 05-2022 – 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw**

Mayor These asked if any written submissions had been received regarding Bylaw 05-2022 – 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw.

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

Mayor These asked anyone present to speak in favour of Bylaw 05-2022 – 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw.

Mayor These asked anyone present to speak in favour of Bylaw 05-2022 – Tax Rate Bylaw for a second and a third time.

No person came forward to speak.

Mayor These asked anyone present to speak against Bylaw 05-2022 – Tax Rate Bylaw.

Mayor These asked anyone present to speak against Bylaw 05-2022 – Tax Rate Bylaw for a second and a third time.

This was discussed and Council agreed to give first reading to the 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw.

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 097-2022: The being no further input Mayor These moved to close the Public Hearing at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS:**

**2022 Property Assessments:** Council extensively discussed the 2022 Property Assessments. Administration informed all present that the total assessment of the Village was raised by twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000.00). The Village property assessments had been audited from the year before and many properties had not been classified correctly. This has resulted in a drastic increase. The major impact will be felt by the homeowners in the new subdivision. Council spoke about different methods to work with the homeowners to pay this increase over time. The option of extending the time to pay bylaw from one month to two or three months. Also, council discussed allowing residents to pay the amount paid last year in the one-month period but allowing for any increase to be spread over 2 months interest free. Administration will draft something for Council to consider for the June meeting.

**Bylaw 02-2022 – Traffic Bylaw:**

This Bylaw has come before Council multiple times in the last few months and the final revisions have been completed. First reading having been taken on March 21, 2022; Council chooses to move forward.

RES 098-2022: Moved by Deputy Mayor Heinz that Bylaw 02-2022 – Traffic Bylaw be given second reading.

CARRIED

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RES 099-2022: Moved by Mayor These that Bylaw 02-2022 – Traffic Bylaw be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

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This Bylaw 02-2022 – Traffic Bylaw is now in effect.

**Bylaw 05-2022 – Tax Rate Bylaw:** The Tax Rate Bylaw was presented to Council and was put forward for first reading.

RES 100-2022: Moved by Deputy Mayor Heinz to give Bylaw 05-2022 – Tax Rate Bylaw first reading.

CARRIED


**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL:**

Council has called a Special Meeting set for June 13<sup>th</sup> to address the Budget and the Tax Rate Bylaw to take some pressure off the agenda for the next regular meeting of Council.

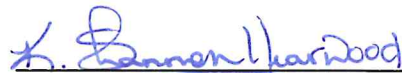
Regular Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rec Centre in the former Seniors area.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business of Council, Mayor These declared the meeting be adjourned at 9:23 p.m.



Mayor Ron These



K. Shannon Yearwood  
Chief Administrative Officer

