

**VILLAGE OF MORRIN  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance** MAYOR: CHRIS HALL  
DEPUTY MAYOR LORRAINE MACARTHUR  
COUNCILLOR M'LISS EDWARDS  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER ANNETTE PLACHNER

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1.1 Adoption of Agenda**

**C22-015** CAO Plachner added to the agenda item # 7.2 Old Business – Tax Incentive  
Moved by Deputy Mayor MacArthur to approve the February 16, 2022, Council  
meeting agenda as amended. Carried

**2. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

- Install for the new emergency pump is complete.
- New water meter installed at the Starland County shop.
- Delia Public Works passed the water operator test – waiting for approval.
- Olympic Trail gas station lot condition. Contacted Wayne Ling from Alberta Environment who recommended contacting an environmental lawyer. He will investigate the status and inform the Village.
- Sign for vacant lot sale is purchased and will be installed on the lot.
- No one interested in the electrical panel, MPE, Balzers, Vector or Collicut. Public Works will be putting it online for sale and contacting recyclers.

**C22-016** **Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that Public Works report be adopted as presented. Carried

**3. REGISTERED PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 None

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 Regular Council Meeting January 12, 2022

**C22-017** **Motion:** Moved by Mayor Hall to approve the January 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried

4.2 Regular Council Meeting December 15, 2021

**C22-018** **Motion:** Moved by Mayor Hall to approve the January 31, 2022 special Council meeting as presented. Carried.

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT**

5.1 Financial Report as at January 31, 2022.

**C22-019 Motion:** Moved by Mayor Hall to accept the January 31, 2022 financial report as presented. Carried

**6. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

6.1 Nothing to report at this time.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

7.1 Street Light – Morrin Access on Highway 27.

Mayor Hall reported that Alberta Transportation have approved the street light on highway 27 access to the Village and are currently waiting for funding approval.

7.2 Tax Credit Incentive Program – Non Residential Properties.

Council and CAO discussed the tax incentive program for non-residential new development in the Village. It was decided that the program would be established for three years on development of \$250,000. and over. The first two years would be a 50% reduction of taxes and the third year a 25% tax reduction.

**C22-020 Motion:** Moved by Mayor Hall, that the tax incentive program be approved as discussed. CAO to draft a Bylaw for the next regular meeting in February. Carried.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 Public Relations

Public relations and the Village Website were discussed by Council. Documents that can be reviewed on the Village website are meeting agendas, Council meeting minutes, Village bylaws and policies, Village budget and audited financial statements. Deputy Mayor MacArthur stated that the information on the website is sufficient information for the public.

8.2 Fire Department – 100 Anniversary

Council discussed ways to celebrate the Volunteer Fire Department's 100 Anniversary. It was decided that the Village would hold an open house at the Fire Hall on March 13, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.. The Village will have donuts and coffee available, and will be issuing 100 year Fire Dept. decals to each of the volunteer Fire Fighters for their volunteer service.

**C212-021 Motion:** Moved by Councillor Edwards that the Village proceed with the Fire Department 100 year open house celebration as discussed. Carried.

8.3 Wildrose Assessments – Contract Re-newal

**C22-022**

**Motion:** Moved by Deputy Mayor MacArthur that the Village re-new the assessment contract with Wildrose Assessments for a period of five years. Carried.

**9. COUNCIL REPORTS:**

9.1 Deputy Mayor MacArthur reported on a virtual meeting of the Morrin Library Board on January 24, 2022. Issues discussed were the resignation of the Library Manager Michelle Jensen. The Library Manager then requested to withdraw her resignation. Marigold Library was contacted regarding the protocol for this request. Also discussed were memberships, record keeping and a job description for the Library Manager.

**C22-023**

**Motion:** Mayor Hall motioned that the Library report be adopted. Carried.

9.2 Councillor Edwards did a report regarding the Drumheller District Foundation. Issues discussed were the remodeling of old suites at Sunshine Lodge. The Foundation received a \$7,000,000. grant for upgrades.

**10. COUNCIL INQUIRIES OR COMMENTS - None**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE TO MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

11.1 None

**12. CLOSED SESSION:**

12.1 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacArthur, that Council proceed into closed session at 8:03 p.m. Carried.

12.2 Mayor Hall motioned that Council return to the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. Carried.

**C22-024**

**Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that a letter be forwarded to Howard Helton accompanied by the letter from TKNT stating that his sewer line is functional. The letter from Council to be advertised in the Drumheller Mail. Carried.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**C22-025**

**Motion:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion of Mayor Hall. Carried.



MAYOR



CAO