

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING January 26, 2022

PRESENT

Mayor Goertz, Deputy Mayor Haight (via phone), Councillor Pickett, Councillor Dubitz, Councillor Hamed, Acting CAO Sheila Lupul.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goertz called the Village of Andrew Regular Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Goertz added #4 to New Business – To allow Council to enter an agreement with Alberta Counsel for contracts and agreements forth coming.

Res2022010008 Mayor Goertz moved to adopt the agenda as revised.

CARRIED

7:14 pm - Councillor Pickett arrived

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- A meeting will be set up with VM Systems to discuss a server or cloud storage for the Village
 office.
- Acting CAO has applied for a grant from Communities in Bloom for a community garden.
- The Village has applied to Canada Summer Jobs for 3 positions 2 for outside and 1 for inside.
- Council needs to decide which poles along the highway that they would like Christmas lights on.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Res2022010009 Councillor Dubitz moved to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2022 Special Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

DELEGATION - ED SHEPEL FROM SPECTRE SYSTEMS

Ed Shepel came and introduced himself to Council as a fellow elected official with the Town of Mundare and a recent business owner in Andrew. He purchased the elevator and the yard around it last year from the Historical Society and operates a construction business. He is currently working to get the site redefined from historical status to commercial, unfortunately, this is beyond the scope of what the Village Administration can assist with. He is looking forward to working in Andrew and would like to work with council on a few upcoming projects.

CORRESPONDENCE

Res2022010010 Councillor Dubitz moved to accept the correspondence as information.

CARRIED

BYLAWS AND POLICIES

1. **Policy 2022-01 Covid-19 Safety Policy -** The Village of Andrew is committed to maintaining a safe and secure workplace and providing effective services during the Covid-19 Pandemic, this policy was created to ensure the safety of Andrew's residents and employees.

Res2022010011 - Councillor Pickett moved to adopt Policy 2022-01 Covid 19 Safety Policy as presented.

CARRIED

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 Council Remuneration Policy – A review of the remuneration for council meetings as well as committee meetings is in progress. A variety of methods are utilized including comparisons from similar municipalities.

Res2022010012 - Mayor Goertz moved to refer the Council Remuneration Policy to a Bylaw/Policy committee meeting.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Acting CAO Lupul read the administration, public works and the financial reports.

Res2022010013 - Mayor Goertz moved to accept the Administration Reports as presented.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Duck Stop Re-opening – Administration has been receiving many calls regarding the availability
of the gym and bowling alley. It is currently closed due to lack of staff to maintain proper cleaning
and disinfecting of equipment.

Res2022010014 - Mayor Goertz moved to postpone the Duck Stop opening for 3 months or until restrictions from the Alberta Government relax.

CARRIED

- 2. Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Brownlee LLP (municipal law firm) hosts a conference annually regarding the 'hot' topics. It will be held virtually this year. Council will confirm with the CAO their availability.
- Alberta Rural Education Symposium Conference for municipal leaders, county councillors, business leaders and individuals from a rural context who take an interest in rural education and sustainability of rural communities.

Res2022010015 - Councillor Pickett moved that up to two councillors and one member of the Andrew School Committee attend the Alberta Rural Education Symposium.

CARRIED

4. Alberta Counsel – Mayor Goertz brought forth a recommendation to enter into an agreement with Alberta Counsel for future legal advice for the Village of Andrew

Res2022010016 - Mayor Goertz moved to allow Council and Administration to enter an agreement with Alberta Counsel.

CARRIED

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council reports were read and discussed.

Res2022010017 - Mayor Goertz moved to accept the Councillors reports as presented.

CARRIED

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CLOSED SESSION

Res2022010018 - Councillor Hamed moved to go into closed session at 8:29 pm, FOIPP Act, Sections 17 and 29.

Res2022010019 - Councillor Hamed moved to come out of closed session at 9:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goertz adjourned the January 26, 2021, Regular Council Meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Barry Geertz, Mayo

Sheila Lupul, Acting CAO