

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ESTERHAZY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9TH, 2022
IN THE TOWN OF ESTERHAZY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor Grant Forster (via phone) and Councilors Randy Bot, Tenille Flick, Earl Nickell, Marty Pfeifer, Vern Petracek and Maggie Rowland

ABSENT: Nil

STAFF: Community Development & Recreation Director - Garth Forster
Director of Operations – Joel Friesen
Community Planning & Economic Development Director – Tammy MacDonald
Chief Administrative Officer – Mike Thorley

ABSENT: Nil

CALL TO ORDER:

With a quorum present, Mayor Forster called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
As per the situation with the Mayor entering the meeting via phone, he handed the Chair over to Deputy Mayor.

295-2022. Flick: THAT Deputy Mayor Randy Bot assume the Chair for this meeting.
CARRIED.

AGENDA: Addition: Old Business – Fire Department - Travel
296-2022. Nickell: THAT the Agenda of November 9, 2022 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

DECLARING CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

MINUTES: **297-2022. Petracek:** THAT Council rescind motion 289-2022.

CARRIED.

298-2022. Rowland: THAT the minutes of the October 26, 2022 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION: Resident/Business Owner – Heather Gorecki

- Meeting telecast Live Stream
- Pedestrian Lights – Crosswalk by Park Avenue and Main Street
- New decorative light standard in front of business – request removal
- Main Street – sidewalk snow removal – request to have Town clear the sidewalks
 - Referred to Public Works Committee
- Taxes on Commercial Property – referred to Administration

FINANCIALS: **299-2022. Nickell:** THAT the Trial Balance for month ending October 31, 2022 be approved as presented; list of accounts #31082 to #31121 for the amount of \$183,963.19 and Source Deductions #991 to #993 in the amount of \$47,520.65 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Planning/Development Report – Received and presented.
Community Development/Recreation Report – Received and presented.
Fire Department Report – Received and presented.
Water Works Report – Nil.
Esterhazy Regional Water System – Nil.
Public Works/Director of Operations Report – Received and presented.
Chief Administrative Officer Report – Received and presented.

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JOINT ZONING BYLAW

300-2022. Petracek: THAT Council approves to remove the Intensive Livestock Operations (ILOS) section in the draft Joint Zoning Bylaw between the RM of Fertile Belt and the Town of Esterhazy.

CARRIED.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – STRATEGIC PLAN

301-2022. Rowland: THAT Council approve to have the Economic Development Committee hire on a contractual basis, McCullough Consulting to conduct a Strategic Plan session at the cost of \$2,500.00 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED.

SUMA BENEFITS – SHORT TERM DISABILITY

302-2022. Rowland: THAT Council approve and authorize the change over of the Town of Esterhazy Benefits to the Short-Term Disability benefit from 14 days to the 7 days waiting period at the anticipated 2023 expense of \$1,436.04 effective December 1, 2022.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

303-2022. Flick: THAT the Administrative Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Nil

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Department – Travel

FIRE DEPARTMENT – TRAVEL

304-2022. Rowland: THAT Council approve of travel expense for councilors of continued information gathering from numerous Fire Halls to assist with a conceptual plan for a new Fire Hall; expense from Council Travel account.

CARRIED.

Councilor Nickell Abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

Records Retention and Disposal
Street Closure – Winterfest/Moonlight Magic
Tender – Recycling Collection
Request – 724 Park Avenue

RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSAL

305-2022. Flick: THAT as per the Records Destruction Schedule Bylaw 751-18, Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to destroy all applicable documents of the Municipality in accordance with the Schedule; destruction will be on November 23, 2022 by the company Shred-It.

CARRIED.

STREET CLOSURE – WINTERFEST/MOONLIGHT MAGIC

306-2022. Nickell: THAT as per Traffic Bylaw No. 759-19 5.(f), Council to authorize to have the temporary street closure of Main Street from Veterans Avenue to Park Street from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday December 2, 2022 for the Winterfest/Moonlight Magic event.

CARRIED.

TENDER – RECYCLING COLLECTION

Tabled to next meeting

Mayor CAO

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REQUEST – 724 PARK AVENUE

307-2022. Petracek: THAT Council shall grant the owners of business at 724 Park Avenue to temporarily place a storage container on their business for a temporary time limit of up to 6 months as per policy.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

*SUMA – Municipal Update
Area Meeting – November 24, 2022
EZ FM – Radio Advertisement
RCMP – District Commander Update
Government of Canada – 2022 Teaching Excellence Awards
Cathay Wagantall MP – Yorkton-Melville
GSSD – In Focus Newsletter
Tourism Saskatchewan - Update*

CORRESPONDENCE

308-2022. Nickell: THAT the correspondence be accepted as presented and filed.

CARRIED.

OTHER

309-2022. Rowland: THAT pursuant to *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, Council will be discussing staffing issues.

Time: 7:54 p.m.

CARRIED.

310-2022. Nickell: THAT Council rise and report.

Time: 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

MANAGEMENT - SALARY REVIEW – PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER/ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

311-2022. Pfeifer: THAT Council approve of the new salary for the Planning & Economic Development Officer/Assistant Administrator of \$70,000 per year commencing November 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023; performance evaluation will be completed in 6 months.

CARRIED.

MANAGEMENT - SALARY REVIEW – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & RECREATION DIRECTOR

312-2022. Rowland: THAT Council approve of the new salary for the Community Development & Recreation Director of \$61,800 per year commencing November 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023; performance evaluation will be completed in 6 months.

CARRIED.

Mayor Forster Abstained.

MANAGEMENT - SALARY REVIEW – DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

313-2022. Flick: THAT Council approve of the new salary for the Director of Operations of \$71,400 per year commencing November 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023; performance evaluation will be completed in 6 months.

CARRIED.

Councilor Bot left Chambers at 9:06 p.m., declaring a conflict of interest with the next item. Mayor Forster (via phone) assumed the Chair.

MANAGEMENT - SALARY REVIEW – CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

314-2022. Flick: THAT Council approve of the new salary for the Chief Administrative Officer of \$84,000 per year commencing November 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023; performance evaluation will be completed in 6 months.

CARRIED.

Councilor Bot returned to Chambers at 9:07 p.m.

Mayor CAO

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ADJOURNMENT:

315-2022. Rowland: THAT this meeting of Council now be adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer