

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ESTERHAZY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2021
TOWN OF ESTERHAZY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

REGRETS: NIL

STAFF: Community Planning & Economic Development Director – Tammy MacDonald
Public Works Foreman – Gordon Meyer
Community Development & Recreation Director – Brenda Redman
Acting Administrator – Mike Thorley

CALL TO ORDER:

With a quorum present, Mayor Forster called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

AGENDA: Additions/Deletions: Safety Course
55-2021. Petracek: THAT the Agenda of February 24, 2021 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

DELEGATION: Cancelled

MINUTES: **56-2021. Rowland:** THAT the minutes of the February 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

FINANCIALS: **57-2021. Petracek:** THAT the list of accounts #29214 to #29245 for \$154,541.24 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Public Works Report – Received and presented.
Planning/Development Report – Received and presented.
Community Development/Recreation Report – Received and presented.
Fire Department Report – Received and reviewed.
Water Works Report – Nil.
Acting Administrator Report – Received and presented.

ZONING REQUEST

58-2021. Flick: THAT Council approve the request of property owner Lot 10 Blk 18 Plan No. 64R19224 to have the zoning of this lot changed from R1 – residential property to R2 – residential multiple dwelling for the purpose of a four-plex; owner will be responsible for all expenses related to the re-zoning; all utilities for the property to remain in titles name.
CARRIED.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

59-2021. Bot: THAT Council approve of the recommendation from the Recreation Committee for the following to stand as the Volunteer of the Year for 2019 and 2020:
2019 – Reginald Knezacek
2020 – Lions Club of Esterhazy
A gift of appreciation in the amount of \$75.00 for each will be presented; potential plan for a volunteer appreciation event in spring/summer, 2021 pending restrictions.
CARRIED.

S.N. BOREEN – NON-PROFIT RATE

60-2021. Flick: THAT Council approve the new rate of \$300.00 per day or \$755.00 per weekend package for registered Non-Profit Organizations from Esterhazy to use the S.N. Boreen Centre.

CARRIED.

D.A MACKENZIE AQUATIC CENTRE – RATES

61-2021. Rowland: THAT Council approve of the 2021 D.A. MacKenzie Aquatic Centre rates as follows:

Leisure Swim – Day	Leisure Swim – Season	Swimming Lessons
Under 1 – Free	Under 1 – Free	Parent & Tot - \$50.00
2 to 17 - \$5.00	\$95.00	Preschool 1-5 - \$55.00
Adult (18+) - \$7.00	\$115.00	Swimmer 1-3 - \$60.00
Senior (55+) – 6.00	\$95.00	Swimmer 4-6 - \$70.00
Family Pass - \$20.00	\$240.00	Rookie Ranger Star - \$75.00

CARRIED.

SUMMER STUDENTS – WAGES

62-2021. Nickell: THAT Council approve of the following summer student wages for the 2021 season:

Pool Manager	\$17.00 - \$18.00 per hour
Instructors/Guards	\$15.00 - \$16.00 per hour
Senior Lifeguards	\$14.00 per hour
Junior Lifeguards	\$11.45 per hour

For accepted returning applicants, an additional \$0.25 per hour per year incentive.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

63-2021. Flick: THAT the Administrative reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Nickell – East Central Transportation Planning Committee
Councilor Petracek - Cleanfarms

OLD BUSINESS:

Landfill – Cleanfarms Equipment
Safety Course

LANDFILL – CLEANFARMS EQUIPMENT

64-2021. Nickell: THAT Council authorize Administration to increase the bid from \$6,500 to up to \$12,000 on the equipment of a Grain Bag Roller as per motion 47-2021.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Well 2-07 - Quote
MP Wagantall – 988-Suicide Prevention Hotline
Municipalities of Saskatchewan – Group Benefits Insurance Update
Esterhazy Regional Park – PDAP

TOWN WELL 2-07 – QUOTE

65-2021. Pfeifer: THAT Council accept and approve of the expense totaling \$5,248.31 from Big Sky Electric for a Variable Frequency Drive for the Town Wells.

CARRIED.

MP WAGANTALL – 988 SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

66-2021. Rowland: THAT Council support the 988 Crisis Line
WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;
AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;
AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 985 crisis hotline;
AND WHEREAS Town of Esterhazy Council recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Esterhazy Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;
And that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MLA, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

CARRIED.

MUNICIPALITIES OF SASKATCHEWAN – GROUP BENEFITS INSURANCE UPDATE

68-2021. Nickell: THAT Council approve to provide Esterhazy Volunteer Firefighters with On Duty coverage - Plan B Basic through SUMA at the total cost of \$853.06.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bylaw Enforcement Report
Ministry of Government Relations – Infrastructure & Finance
Good Spirit School Division
Ministry of Government Relations – Potash Regulations
2021-22 Esterhazy RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan
Esterhazy Regional Park – Meeting Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE

68-2021. Nickell: THAT the correspondence be accepted as presented and filed.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

69-2021. Rowland: THAT pursuant to *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, Council will be discussing Legal issues.

Time: 8:08 p.m.

CARRIED.

70-2021. Nickell: THAT Council rise and report.

Time: 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED.

607 MAPLE STREET

71-2021. Flick: THAT Council will approve the demolition of the house at 607 Maple Street and entertain quotes to complete said demolition.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

72-2021. Bot: THAT this meeting of Council now be adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Mayor

Acting Administrator