



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ESTERHAZY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 26th, 2023
IN THE TOWN OF ESTERHAZY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

ABSENT: Maggie Rowland and Randy Bot

STAFF: Community Development & Recreation Director - Garth Forster
Director of Operations – Joel Friesen
Community Planning & Economic Development Director – Tammy MacDonald

ABSENT: Chief Administrative Officer – Mike Thorley

CALL TO ORDER:

With a quorum present, Mayor Forster called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. In the absence of the CAO, Assistant Administrator Tammy MacDonald will assume the role.

AGENDA: Additions: Contract for Consulting Services - New Business
90-2023. FLICK: THAT the Agenda of April 26, 2023 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

DECLARING CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Councilor Petracek – CAO Report regarding 402 Main Street

MINUTES: **91-2023. FLICK:** THAT the minutes of the April 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

DELEGATION: NIL

FINANCIALS: **92-2023. PETRACEK:** THAT the list of accounts #31501 to #31540 for the amount of \$126,199.98 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Planning/Development Report – Received and presented.
Community Development/Recreation Report – Received and presented.
Fire Department Report – Nil.
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.

UMAAS CONVENTION:

93-2023. Nickel: THAT Council approve to have the Chief Administrative Officer to attend the annual UMAAS Convention in Saskatoon on June 6 – 9, 2023 with expenses paid as per policy.
CARRIED.

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FINANCIAL AUTHORITY:

94-2023. Pfeifer: THAT Mike Thorley signing authority for all banking and financial transactions with Dominion Securities, CWB, RBC Royal Bank and any affiliated of RBC Royal Bank is hereby revoked effective April 30, 2023 and;

THAT Mike Thorley signing authority for any and all matters for the Town of Esterhazy including, but limited to CRA, SaskTel, SaskEnergy, SaskPower is revoked effective April 30th, 2023

CARRIED.

95-2023. FLICK: THAT Tammy MacDonald be granted signing authority for and all matter for the Town of Esterhazy, including but not limited to CRA, SaskTel, SaskEnergy, SaskPower effective April 28, 2023 and;

THAT Michelle Fuhr be granted viewing and online bill payment access SaskTel, SaskEnergy, Sask Power, CRA, GST, PST; and WCB.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

96-2022. NICKEL: THAT the Administrative Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Nil

OLD BUSINESS: 2023 Operating, Capital and Reserve Budget

2023 Budget:

97-2023. NICKEL: THAT the following hereby be approved for the 2023 Operating, Capital and Reserve budget:

a) The Municipal Mill Rate is to remain at 7.0 mills and the commercial mill rate factor remain at 1.7,

b) The Base Tax on Residential Property remain at \$900.00 and Commercial Property at \$1,100.00,

c) That the following be transferred to reserves: \$50,000 to Decommissioning of the Landfill Reserve.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX MILL RATE:

98 – 2023. FLICK: THAT Council acknowledge the education property tax mill rates to be levied for 2023.

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SEISMIC MONITORING EQUIPMENT:

99 – 2023. PETRACEK: THAT the Town of Esterhazy is to enter into agreement with Mosaic for Seismic Monitoring Equipment Installation and Access Agreement for monitoring equipment to be placed in the NW 35-19-1 W2 (LSD 11&12)

CARRIED

COMMUNITY GARDEN:

100-2023. FLICK: THAT Council supports the request of a community garden initiative with the Parks and Recreation Director to aid with the development of a plan of a garden.

CARRIED.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT:

101-2023. NICKEL: THAT Council enter into a one-year contract with Ron McCullough for services as per proposal.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

*Canadian History EHX
Bylaw Enforcement Report
Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network
FCM Voice e-newsletter
WSA – Drinking Water and Wastewater Publications and Updates*

CORRESPONDENCE:

102-2023. PETRACEK: THAT the correspondence be accepted as presented and filed.

CARRIED.

OTHER: NIL

ADJOURNMENT:

103-2022. FLICK: THAT this meeting of Council now be adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor

Assistant Administrator