



REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ESTERHAZY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH, 2023
IN THE TOWN OF ESTERHAZY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

ABSENT: Nil

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

ABSENT: Director of Operations – Joel Friesen

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA: **17-2023. Nickell:** THAT the Agenda of January 25th, 2023 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

DECLARING CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councilor Petracek declared conflict of interest with Planning/Development Report

MINUTES: **18-2023. Rowland:** THAT the minutes of the January 11th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

DELEGATION: Nil

FINANCIALS: **19 -2023. Flick:** THAT the list of accounts #31286 to #31327 for the amount of \$177,196.13 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 – Received and presented.
Esterhazy Regional Water System – Received and presented.
Public Works/Director of Operations Report – Committee Minutes presented.
Chief Administrative Officer Report – Received and presented.

While the report of Planning & Economic Development Director was being presented, Councilor Petracek left the Chambers at 6:46 p.m., declaring a conflict of interest.

Once report was completed, Councilor Petracek returned to Council Chambers at 6:53 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

20-2023. Rowland: THAT the Administrative Reports be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Forster and Councilor Petracek attended the Area Meeting on January 19, 2023 in Churchbridge.

OLD BUSINESS: Resolution – Lawyer/Administrative Fees/Costs

21-2023. Rowland: THAT Council authorize Administration to draft a resolution to be presented to SUMA regarding the request to have technical and financial support to assist with legal action that has been taken against municipalities on any resolutions that have been passed at Regular Council Meetings which has been challenged legally.

CARRIED.

Mayor CAO



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NEW BUSINESS:

SUMA – Membership Communication
RFD – UMAAS Membership
RFD – RMAA/UMAAS Workshop
Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant

SUMA – MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATION

22-2023. Bot: THAT Council agrees to be a part of the advocacy campaign launched by SUMA by proceeding to send a letter to the Honorable Don McMorris, Minister of Government Relations, calling upon the provincial government to listen to their Chief Electoral Officer and the voices of Saskatchewan’s hometowns regarding the change to Municipal Election Date.

CARRIED.

UMAAS MEMBERSHIP

23-2023. Flick: THAT Council approves of the memberships with UMAAS for Chief Administrative Officer Mike Thorley for regular register at \$250.00 taxes included and Assistant Administrator Tammy MacDonald for first time Associate application of \$200.00 taxes included.

CARRIED.

RMAA/UMAAS WORKSHOP

24-2023. Flick: THAT Council approves to have Chief Administrative Officer Mike Thorley attend the Spring Workshop of Enhanced Municipal Administration Program in Melville on March 29, 2023 under RMAA/UMAAS at the cost of \$100.00 taxes included plus expenses as per policy.

CARRIED.

MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING GRANT

25-2023. Rowland: THAT the Council of the Town of Esterhazy confirms the municipality meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant:

- Submission of the 2021 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations;
 - Submission of the 2021 Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks to the Ministry of Government Relations;
 - In Good Standing with respect to the reporting and remittance of Education Property Taxes;
 - Adoption of a Council Procedures Bylaw;
 - Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct;
 - All members of Council having filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements;
- that we authorize the Administrator to sign the Declaration of Eligibility and submit to the Ministry of Government Relations.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Good Spirit School Division – Newsletter
SUMA – Group Benefits Insurance Update
The Health Foundation of East Central Saskatchewan, Inc.
FCM – Rural Advocacy Update
Parkland College – Potential Merger Update

CORRESPONDENCE

26-2023. Nickell: THAT the correspondence be accepted as presented and filed.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

27-2023. Rowland: THAT this meeting of Council now be adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer