

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Wembley, in the Province of Alberta,
held in the Wembley Municipal Office
This 23rd Day of February 2026.**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

Present: Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

CAO Noreen Zhang
Councillor Berlasty
Councillor Ketchum
Councillor Barendregt
Councillor Wills
Councillor Skinner (via Zoom 7:12 p.m.)
Councillor Baker (via Zoom 7:12 p.m.)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #2026-0039

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council approve the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on February 9th, 2026.

MOTION #2026-0040

Moved by Councillor Berlasty Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 9th, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Community Futures Grande Prairie & Region – Holly Sorgen, Executive Director
Ms. Sorgen updated Council on Community Futures successful projects over the years and the impact they have had on the business community, especially as it pertains to services and training offered.

4.2 Depot Express/Plus I and Plus II Bottle Depots
Depot Express Mobile Bottle Drop-off - Nikki Arsenaault, Manager
The Depot Express is proposing a mobile bottle drop-off for Wembley. They are prepared to come to Wembley once a week on Fridays and/or once a month on Saturdays. This would take place between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., where they would have a designated spot to park the cube van to accept Depot Express drop-offs. This would be at no cost to the Town of Wembley. All they require is a place to park the cube van with room for a folding table for electronics. They have also developed an app that makes it easier for clients to access their services.

Initials

5. FINANCE
6. PUBLIC HEARING
7. BYLAWS
8. POLICIES
9. CAO REPORT
10. OLD BUSINESS
11. NEW BUSINESS
12. REPORTS
 - 12.1 Audit Committee
 - 12.2 Community Futures
 - 12.3 Community and Protective Services Committee
 - 12.4 FCSS Advisory Board
 - 12.4.1 **Approved Oct 14, 2025, FCSS Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**
 - 12.5 Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership
 - 12.6 Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership Committee
 - 12.7 Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee
 - 12.8 Grande Prairie Regional Tourism
 - 12.9 Grande Spirit Foundation
 - 12.10 HR Committee
 - 12.11 Wembley Healthy & Wellness Society (WHWS)
 - 12.12 Helen E. Taylor Advisory School Council
 - 12.13 ICF & IDP Steering Committee
 - 12.14 Northern Alberta Elected Leaders
 - 12.15 Parks and Recreation
 - 12.16 Peace Airshed Zone Association (PAZA)
 - 12.17 Peace Library System Board
 - 12.18 South Peace Physician Attraction & Retention Committee
 - 12.19 Wapiti Area Synergy Group (WASP)
 - 12.20 Water North Coalition
 - 12.21 Wembley and District Agricultural Society
 - 12.22 Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board
 - 12.23 Wembley Elementary School
 - 12.24 Wembley Public Library

**12.24.1 The Town of Wembley Library Board would like to request that the Town of Wembley Council accept the re-appointment of the following individuals to their Board for the following one year term:
Natasha Boileau-Byrne – from February 23, 2026 to February 23, 2027
Brandy Adams – from February 23, 2026 to February 23, 2027**

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MOTION #2026-0041

Moved by Councillor Wills Council approve the request to re-appoint the following individuals to the Town of Wembley Library Board as follows:

Natasha Boileau-Byrne – Term from February 23, 2026 to February 23, 2027

Brandy Adams – Term from February 23, 2026 to February 23, 2027

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.25 West Grande Prairie County Regional Landfill

12.25.1 October 16, 2025, West Grande Prairie Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Minutes

12.26 911 and Emergency Service

12.27 Bylaw Enforcement Services

12.28 Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment

12.28.1 2025-26 Q3 Wembley Community Letter

12.28.2 Beaverlodge Q3 Provincial Crime Statistics

12.28.3 RCMP Commanding Officer Alberta; Trevor Daroux, Deputy Commissioner Letter: Community Partners Supplement Q3-2026-02-04

12.28.4 Q3 2025-26 Beaverlodge Provincial Community Report

MOTION #2026-0042

Moved by Councillor Barendregt Council accept the Committee reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CORRESPONDENCE

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

15. COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councillor Ketchum – attended WASPS meeting for WHWS. Also attended GPRTA meeting, FCSS meeting, Passionate Hearts awards, Growing the North and took part in a tour of the Hospital (RPHAP) which was very interesting.

16. ROUND TABLE

- Councillor Barendregt – thanked Council for the beautiful flowers sent on the passing of his mother.
- Councillor Ketchum - nothing, but very busy.
- Councillor Baker – not much, busy with hockey.
- Councillor Skinner – nothing much, attended Growing the North.
- Councillor Wills – nothing to report.
- Councillor Berlasty – disappointed with the speakers at Growing the North. Queried if the Town of Wembley had an app.

MOTION #2026-0043

Moved by Councillor Berlasty Council direct Administration to look into the feasibility of the Town of Wembley developing an app.

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- CAO Zhang – please let her know who is interested in going to FCM in June and ABMunis in September. Also, the Municipal Seminar is next Friday. CBC Radio interviewed CAO Zhang and will be doing a segment on the Wembley Clinic. CAO Zhang will be sending the updated draft budget to the Councillors. Has also received the assessment numbers and on average they have gone up 2% to 3%.
- Mayor Peterson – went to Growing the North.

17. CLOSED SESSION

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2026-0044

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Original Signed

Mayor – Kelly Peterson

CAO – Noreen Zhang

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