

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Wembley, in the Province of Alberta,
held in the Wembley Municipal Office
This 26th Day of January 2026.**

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

Present: Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

CAO Noreen Zhang
Councillor Berlasty (via Zoom)
Councillor Ketchum
Councillor Barendregt
Councillor Baker

Regrets: Councillor Skinner
Councillor Wills

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #2026-0018

Moved by Councillor Barendregt Council approve the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on January 12th. 2026.

MOTION #2026-0019

Moved by Councillor Baker Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 12th, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Aquatera Utilities Inc. - 2026 Aquatera Rate Increases and Aquatera Utility Bylaw Ryan Ropcean, V.P. Customer Operations and David Halford, Chief Financial Officer, presented to Council the key inputs to Aquatera's 2026 Budget Plan and factors considered in setting 2026 Revenue Rates at 4% for water and wastewater.

4.2. Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association - Jasmin Greavett, Executive Director Ms. Greavett provided an update on operations and spoke to seeking support for the proposed 2026 municipal fee increase from \$2.25 to \$2.75 per capita. Wembley's 2026 Membership Fee, based on 2024 census data, would be \$4,158.00. Ms. Greavett also informed Council of upcoming projects.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Property Taxes Tax Trial Balance (Debit Balances) as of January 23, 2026. Property Taxes outstanding balance \$181,260.60, includes applied penalties.

Initials

Current (2026)	\$ 0.00
1 Year	\$130,198.22
2 Years	\$ 40,044.77
3 Years	\$ 11,017.61
Over 3	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Outstanding:	\$ 181,260.60

MOTION #2026-0020

Moved by Councillor Baker Council accept the above Property Taxes Tax Trial Balance (Debit Balances) as of January 23, 2026, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5.2 Request for Motion – that the remaining balance of \$24,329.73 from the Town of Wembley’s 2025 Budget for Wembley Medical Clinic operating expenses be carried forward as a payable in 2026 for Wembley Medical Clinic operating expenses.

MOTION #2026-0021

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council approve the remaining balance of \$24,329.73 from the Town of Wembley’s 2025 Budget for Wembley Medical Clinic operating expenses be carried forward as a payable in 2026 for Wembley Medical Clinic operating expenses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Barendregt requested a short recess – 8:03 p.m.– 8:04 p.m.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. BYLAWS

- 7.1 Bylaw 775: Town of Wembley-Aquatera Utility Bylaw
A Bylaw regulating and providing for the terms, conditions, rates, and charges for the supply and use of the Water and Wastewater Utilities provided by Aquatera Utilities Inc. in the Town of Wembley.

MOTION #2026-0022

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council give first reading to Bylaw 775, being the Town of Wembley-Aquatera Utility Bylaw

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 775 was then read for the first time.

MOTION #2026-0023

Moved by Councillor Baker Council gave second reading to Bylaw 775.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 775 was then read for the second time.

8. POLICIES

9. CAO REPORT

10. OLD BUSINESS

Initials

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. REPORTS

- 12.1 Audit Committee
- 12.2 Community Futures
- 12.3 Community and Protective Services Committee
 - 12.3.1. January 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes**
- 12.4 FCSS Advisory Board
- 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 Healthy Communities Committee
- 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
- 12.25 West Grande Prairie County Regional Landfill
- 12.26 911 and Emergency Service
- 12.27 Bylaw Enforcement Services
- 12.28 Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment

MOTION #2026-0024

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council accepts the Committee reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1. The Wembley Snowmobile Club is seeking to collaborate with the Town in establishing a designated Staging Area for visitors from out-of-town who wish to use our trail system for the Club's upcoming Poker Rally Event on February 21st, 2026.

MOTION #2026-0025

Moved by Councillor Ketchum Council accepts correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

15. COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councillor Ketchum – will be attending upcoming Wembley Health & Wellness Society meeting on February 3, 2026. Discussion will be focusing on strategic planning and direction to take. Also took part in RHPAP webinar pertaining to regional health, the reopening of the Wembley Medical Clinic was highlighted and pointed out as an amazing initiative. Attended Wembley Christmas concert, which was awesome. Also attended Wembley Library meeting and workshop.

16. ROUND TABLE

- Councillor Berlasty – nothing to report.
- Councillor Baker – been busy with work.
- Councillor Barendregt – met with a Wembley landowner/developer regarding developments further developments near the dinosaur museum.
- Councillor Ketchum – went to U18 hockey game.
- Mayor Peterson – attended Wembley Health & Wellness Society meeting.
- CAO Zhang – reminded Council the deadline to present topics for the Minister of Municipal Affairs is the end of this month. Attended Wembley Health & Wellness Society meeting with Councillor Ketchum and Mayor Peterson. Also attended a stakeholder meeting with GPREP to catch up on things. Reminded Council of upcoming budget meeting.

17. CLOSED SESSION

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2026-0026

Moved by Councillor Barendregt Council adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Original Signed)

Mayor – Kelly Peterson

(Original Signed)

CAO – Noreen Zhang

Initials