

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ESTERHAZY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY May 12, 2021
IN THE TOWN OF ESTERHAZY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

ABSENT: NIL

STAFF: Community Planning & Economic Development Director – Tammy MacDonald
Community Development & Recreation Director – Brenda Redman
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) – Mike Thorley

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA: Additions/Deletions: Bylaw 772-21, Hay Land Tender, Fire Ban
137-2021. Flick: THAT the Agenda of May 12, 2021 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

MINUTES: **138-2021. Bot:** THAT the minutes of the April 28, 2021 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

DELEGATION: NIL

FINANCIALS: **139-2021. Rowland:** THAT the trial balance for month ending April 30, 2021 be accepted as presented; the list of accounts #29430 to #29466 for \$105,265.13 be approved as presented; the source deductions #932 to #934 for \$45,632.44 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Public Works Report – Nil.
Planning/Development Report – Received and presented.
Community Development/Recreation Report – Received and presented.
Fire Department Report – Received and reviewed.
Water Works Report – Nil.
Chief Administrative Officer Report – Received and presented.

AIRPORT LEASE AGREEMENT

140-2021. Nickell: THAT Council approves of the new agreement made for the airport lease contracts to be utilized for all of the current leases.
CARRIED.

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT – 2021

141-2021. Nickell: THAT the following list of students will be hired as Summer Students for the Town of Esterhazy in the specific areas:

Ashton Boyd	Labourer/Tour Guide	\$14.00 per hour
Hanna Beier	Labourer	\$14.00 per hour
Brayden Walker	Junior Lifeguard	\$11.32 per hour

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

142-2021. Flick: THAT the Administrative reports be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Nil

Mayor

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OLD BUSINESS: Landfill – 2021 – 2023 Rates: Tabled
Chief Administrative Officer – Contract

Councilor Bot left chambers at 7:05 p.m. – declaring a conflict of interest on the next item of business.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – CONTRACT

144-2021. Rowland: THAT Council approve the new contract agreement with Chief Administrative Officer Mike Thorley with the Town of Esterhazy as presented.

CARRIED.

Council Bot returned to Chambers at 7:06 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Operating, Capital and Reserve Budget – 2021
2021 Parent Grad Committee
Drainage Application E5002349
World-Spectator – Salute to the Graduates
Resident Request – Lots 15 & 16 Block 4 Plan 59463
Bylaw 772-21
Hay Land Tender
Fire Ban

OPERATING, CAPITAL AND RESERVE BUDGET – 2021

145-2021. Rowland: THAT the Council of the Town of Esterhazy hereby approves the 2021 Operating, Capital and Reserve Budget as prepared with the mill rate to increase to 6.7 mills on the current assessment and the commercial mill rate factor to remain at 1.7; whereas the base tax will remain at \$900.00 on residential properties and base tax will remain at \$1,100 on commercial properties. Furthermore, Council will transfer to the following reserves: \$50,000 to Decommissioning the Landfill Reserve, \$5,000 to Medical Clinic Reserve, \$5,000 to Boreen Hall Reserve, \$82,000 to Arena Reserve, \$2,000 to Skateboard Park Reserve and \$100,000 to Fire Hall Expansion Reserve.

CARRIED.

2021 PARENT GRAD COMMITTEE

146-2021. Bot: THAT Council allow the 2021 Parent Grad Committee to use the parking lot area at the SN Boreen Centre and Dana Antal Arena on June 26, 2021 for the starting and ending point of the Parade plus for a graduation event at no cost; the group must follow all guidelines of the Government of Saskatchewan as it relates to COVID-19 protocol; the group must also submit the parade route and all requirements as per the Traffic Bylaw 759-19 subsection (o) Parades: (1)(2)(3).

CARRIED.

WORLD-SPECTATOR – SALUTE TO THE GRADUATES

147-2021. Flick: THAT Council approve of the purchase of an advertisement in the World-Spectator for the Salute to the Graduates Ad at the cost of \$225.00 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED.

Councilor Petracek left chambers at 7:20 p.m. – declaring a conflict of interest on the next item of business.

CONSOLIDATION – LOTS 15 & 16 BLOCK 4 PLAN 59463

148-2021. Bot: THAT Council allow property owner of Lot 15 Block 4 Plan 59463 and Lot 16 Block 4 Plan 59463 permission to consolidate the lots at the property owner's expense.

CARRIED.

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Councilor Petracek returned to chambers at 7:22 p.m.

BYLAW 772-21

149-2021. Nickell: THAT Bylaw 772-21 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 759-19 known as the Traffic Bylaw be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED.

150-2021. Pfeifer: THAT Bylaw No. 772-21 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 759-21 be read a second time.

CARRIED.

151-2021. Petracek: THAT Council proceed with the third reading of Bylaw 772-21.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

152-2021. Bot: THAT Bylaw No. 772-21 be read a third time, adopted and attached hereto.

CARRIED.

FIRE BAN

153-2021. Bot: THAT the Town of Esterhazy Council issue a Fire Ban within the municipality an any wood burning open fires effective immediately as of May 12, 2021 and will be re-evaluated on Friday May 21, 2021.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

*Cathay Wagantall – MP - E-Newsletter
Saskatchewan Public Works Association
Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities
Tourism Saskatchewan – Industry Updates
Municipalities of Saskatchewan -MuniCast Podcast
Water Security Agency – Waterworks Compliance Inspection
Municipalities of Saskatchewan – Membership Vote on Rebranding
Bylaw Enforcement - Report*

CORRESPONDENCE

154-2021. Petracek: THAT the correspondence be accepted as presented and filed.
CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA

155-2021. Pfeifer: THAT pursuant to *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, Council will be discussing legal issues and staffing.

Time: 7:33 p.m.

CARRIED.

OUT OF CAMERA:

156-2021. Nickell: THAT Council rise and report.

Time: 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED.

STAFFING – RECREATION

157-2021. Nickell: THAT the current Community Development & Recreation Director be offered a contractual position for 12 weeks to assist in the supervision of summer staff and projects plus mentor the new Community Development & Recreation Director once hired for 16 hours per week at the amount of \$500.00 per week.

CARRIED.

Mayor

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ADJOURNMENT:

158-2021. Rowland: THAT this meeting of Council now be adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer