### MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF EDGERTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Kaylan White; Deputy Mayor Jennifer Beattie; Councillor Leonard Waddell; Councillor Deanna Jackson; CAO Nick Frank;

Absent:

Public

Online - 2

In person - 1

Mayor Kaylan White called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

# Adoption of the agenda

01-05-28-25 MOTION by Councillor Deanna Jackson, THAT the agenda be accepted with additions. CARRIED

## Delegates

None

# Adoption of the Minutes

02-05-28-25 MOTION by Deputy Mayor Jennifer Beattie, THAT the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be approved. CARRIED

03-05-28-25 MOTION by Councillor Leonard Waddell, THAT the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be approved. CARRIED

## **Bank Reconciliation**

04-05-28-25 MOTION by Councillor Della Hughes, THAT the bank reconciliation be accepted for information. CARRIED

05-05-28-25 MOTION by Councillor Deanna Jackson, THAT the Visa Statement be accepted for information. CARRIED

## **Accounts Payable**

NOTED THAT Councillor Leonard Waddell declared a pecuniary interest as an item in the accounts payable may financially affect a member of their family. Councillor Leonard Waddell abstained from voting. per s.172(1) & (2) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

06-05-28-25 MOTION by Deputy Mayor Jennifer Beattie, THAT the accounts payable of \$629,728.99 in expenses up to May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be paid. CARRIED

### **Chief Administrative Officer Report**

07-05-28-25 MOTION by Councillor Deanna Jackson, THAT CAO Report be approved as presented. CARRIED

## Correspondence:

08-05-28-25 MOTION by Deputy Mayor Jennifer Beattie, THAT Provincial Lab report for routine water testing be received as information noting no concerns. CARRIED

09-05-28-25 MOTION by Councillor Leonard Waddell, THAT LGFF letter and background information be received as information. CARRIED

10-05-28-25 Motion by Deputy Mayor Jennifer Beattie, TO dismiss complaints against the Chief Administrative Officer.

WHEREAS, two complaints were received on May 14th, 2025, at 2:02 PM and 3:46 PM, respectively, made against the Chief Administrative Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, these complaints have been reviewed in accordance with the Harassment Policy: Complaints Made Against the Chief Administrative Officer, specifically section 1 (iii); and

WHEREAS, Mayor White has presented a recommendation regarding these complaints;

**THEREFORE**, the two complaints received on May 14th, 2025, at 2:02 PM and May 14th, 2025, at 3:46 PM, made against the Chief Administrative Officer, be and are hereby Dismissed in accordance with the Harassment Policy: Complaints Made Against the Chief Administrative Officer, s.1 (iii), as presented by Mayor White. CARRIED

11-05-28-25 MOTION by Councillor Della Hughes, THAT Mayor White respond to the concern brought forward by Buffalo Trails Board Trustee Stephanie Spornitz with a copy of the marketing materials that will be included with Tax Notices to ensure clarity around the Alberta School Fund tax increase and to ensure residents know that the Buffalo Trails Public School Division does not set or have control of this rate.

CARRIED

## New Business from Correspondence

12-05-28-25 Motion by Deputy Mayor Jennifer Beattie, TO enact policy P-1

**WHEREAS**, Mr. C. Stewart has exhibited a continuing pattern of unreasonable and disruptive behavior, including but not limited to, excessive emails and harassing communication both in person and through email;

WHEREAS, this behavior has regrettably impeded the ability of Village staff to effectively carry out their duties, notwithstanding previous efforts to address these issues;

WHEREAS, the ongoing actions by Mr. Stewart have resulted in increased operational costs to the municipality;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Edgerton, hereby moves to:

- 1. Enact Stage 3 restrictions and limitations on Mr. Stewart's access to the Village of Edgerton Office, effective May 28, 2025, pursuant to the Village's Public Code of Conduct Policy (Policy # P-1).
- 2. Direct that all future communication initiated by Mr. Stewart to the Village of Edgerton must be submitted in writing and mailed via Canada Post to the Village of Edgerton, PO Box 57, Edgerton, AB, T0B 1K0.
- 3. Prohibit all email communication from Mr. Stewart to the Village of Edgerton.
- 4. Stipulate that all mailed correspondence, with the exception of formal complaints against the CAO, must be directed solely to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).
- 5. Direct that formal, written complaints against the CAO, strictly in accordance with the Village's established policy concerning complaints against municipal staff, must be addressed directly to the mayor, written, and delivered through Canada Post to PO Box 57, Edgerton, AB, T0B 1K0.
- 6. Mr. Stewart can continue to attend council meetings virtually.
- 7. Consider any attempt by Mr. Stewart to enter Village of Edgerton premises in person as an act of trespass, and the Village will invoke the provisions of the Trespass Act to enforce this restriction.
- 8. Confirm that these restrictions and limitations shall remain in effect for a period of twelve (12) months (1 Year) from the effective date of May 28, 2025.
- 9. Mandate that a reassessment will be conducted following this twelve-month period, contingent upon there being no further breaches of the Public Code of Conduct Policy.
- 10. Stipulate that in the event of any subsequent breach during this twelve-month timeframe, the reassessment period will be reset to commence from the date of the most recent breach.
- 11. Declare that this determination to implement Stage 3 restrictions is not subject to appeal.

### CARRIED

#### **New Business**

13-05-28-25 MOTION by Councillor Deanna Jackson. THAT administration deny the request for year-round use of the Sand Castle Campground owned by Village of Edgerton. CARRIED

14-05-28-25 MOTION by Councillor Leonard Waddell, THAT June 12th, 2025 at 7:00 pm be set for special meeting to review the operational budget and tax rate bylaw. CARRIED

15-05-28-25 MOTION by Councillor Deanna Jackson, THAT MSI funding be used for the purchase of a Salt and Sand Spreader, Shop Equipment, and grapple attachment for a total not to exceed \$46,500. CARRIED

## **Closed Session**

16-05-28-25 MOTION by Deputy Mayor Jennifer Beattie, THAT Council enters a closed session at 9:16 p.m. pursuant to FOIP s.17. CARRIED

17-05-28-25 MOTION by Councillor Leonard Waddell, THAT Council exits the closed session at 9:38 p.m. CARRIED

### Reports be accepted as information:

Councillor Waddell Ag Society **Councillor Hughes** NLLS Councillor Jackson Battle River Lodge

18-05-28-25 MOTION by Deputy Mayor Jennifer Beattie, THAT reports be accepted presented. CARRIED

#### Adjournment

Councillor Della Hughes, ADJOURNED the meeting at 11:30 P.M.

CARRIED

MAYOR:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: