

VILLAGE OF INNISFREE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of April 18, 2023

	<p>A REGULAR meeting of the Council of the Village of Innisfree was held in the Council Chambers of the Innisfree Village Office, Innisfree, Alberta on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.</p>
<i>CALL TO ORDER</i>	Mayor Raycraft called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.
<i>PRESENT</i>	<p><u>Attendance in-person</u> Mayor E. Raycraft Councillor J. Johnson Councillor D. McMann</p> <p>Terri Wiebe, Interim Chief Administrative Officer</p>
<i>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</i> <i>2023-04-18/01</i>	Moved by Clr. Johnson that the agenda be approved as presented. <u>CARRIED</u>
<i>DELEGATION</i>	Jeff Alliston, CPA, CA from Metrix Group attended virtually and presented the 2022 Audited Financial Statements to Mayor and Council via PowerPoint Presentation.
<i>MARCH 21, 2023, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES</i> <i>2023-04-18/02</i>	Moved by Clr. McMann that the March 21, 2023, Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented. <u>CARRIED</u>
<i>UTILITIES BYLAW 650-20</i> <i>2023-04-18/03</i>	Moved by Mayor Raycraft that Utilities Bylaw 650-20 be tabled to the next Council meeting so Administration can get more information as to how many properties this Bylaw affects. <u>CARRIED</u>
<i>ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW 680-23</i> <i>2023-04-18/04</i>	Moved by Clr. Johnson that Animal Control Bylaw 680-23 receive THIRD and FINAL reading with changes this 18 th day of April 2023. <u>CARRIED</u>
<i>TRAVEL-ING ON</i> <i>2023-04-18/05</i>	Moved by Clr Johnson that Administration register the Birch Lake Campground and the Prairie Bank Museum on the Travel-ING On app for up to a maximum of \$200. <u>CARRIED</u>
<i>OLD UTILITY LAPTOP</i> <i>2023-04-18/06</i>	Moved by Mayor Raycraft that Administration donate the old utility laptop to the Prairie Bank Museum. <u>CARRIED</u>
<i>STRATEGIC PLANNING session</i> <i>2023-04-18/07</i>	Moved by Clr Johnson that the date for the Strategic Planning be May 2 nd and if necessary finish on May 4 th and that Administration advertise for up to three (3) Village of Innisfree residents to participate. <u>CARRIED</u>

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VOLUNTEER GRANT 2023-04-18/08

Moved by Mayor Raycraft that Council endorses the application by MMI FCSS for funding under Volunteer Alberta.

CARRIED

VOLUNTEER WEEK 2023-04-18/09

Moved by Clr. McMann that Council declares April 16 - 22, 2023 as Volunteer Week.

CARRIED

FCM ADVOCACY REGARDING RCMP 2023-04-18/10

Moved by Clr. Johnson that Council supports FCM in their advocacy regarding future RCMP contract policing decisions as per the following:

WHEREAS, The Government of Canada has made the decision in Budget 2023 to make municipalities responsible for all retroactive costs stemming from the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, These extraordinary one-time costs, which in some jurisdictions amount to millions of dollars, will cause significant hardship for communities and residents across the country, and were negotiated without meaningful consultation or a seat at the table for the municipalities responsible for paying the bill; and
WHEREAS, Municipal governments are already paying a growing share of policing costs, but unlike other orders of government, cannot run deficits to spread out the impact of these extraordinary one-time sums, and have limited revenue tools; and

WHEREAS, Local governments will now be forced to make difficult decisions that will impact residents, such as cutting essential services, reducing policing levels, raising property taxes significantly, and/or cancelling work on local infrastructure, at a time when Canadians' concerns about community safety and the cost of living are already rising; and

WHEREAS, Going forward, it is critical that municipalities be proactively engaged in any forthcoming processes related to contract policing to prevent this occurring again; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Village of Innisfree joins the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the federal government to commit to ensuring the local governments are meaningfully consulted, fully informed, and at the table on issues related to policing costs given the municipal role in keeping our communities safe; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Village of Innisfree conveys this support in writing to local Members of Parliament.

CARRIED

APWA PROCLAMATION 2023-04-18/11

Moved by Mayor Raycraft that Council proclaim May 21-27th, 2023 as National Public Works Week.

CARRIED

2023 OPERATING FINAL BUDGET 2023-04-18/12

Moved by Clr Johnson that the date for the Operating Budget be May 2nd and if necessary, finish on May 4th after the Strategic Planning session.

CARRIED

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*APPROVAL OF
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS
2023-04-18/13*

Moved by Mayor Raycraft that Metrix Group LLP's presentation, the 2022 Audited Financial Statement be approved as presented.

CARRIED

*LIGHTS ON
AFTERSCHOOL
PROCLAMATION
2023-04-18/14*

Moved by Clr Johnson that Council proclaim April 21st as Lights On Afterschool Alberta Day.

CARRIED

*COUNCILLOR
REPORTS
2023-04-18/15*

Moved by Mayor Raycraft that the four (4) items listed under "Councillor Reports" be received as information.

CARRIED

*RECESS (In)
2023-04-18/16*

Moved by Clr Johnson to go into recess at 7:04 pm.

CARRIED

*RECESS (Out)
2023-04-18/17*

Moved by Mayor Raycraft to come out of recess at 7:08 pm.

CARRIED

*MEETING TIME
EXTENSION
2023-04-18/18*

Moved by Clr Johnson that the meeting be extended beyond the 3 hours as per the Council Procedural Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*ADMINISTRATION
REPORTS
2023-04-18/19*

Moved by Clr. McMann that the items listed under "Administration Reports" be received as information.

CARRIED

*CORRESPONDENCE
2023-04-18/20*

Moved by Clr McMann that the five (5) items listed under "Correspondence" be received as information.

CARRIED

*ENTERING CLOSED
SESSION
2023-04-18/21*

Moved by Mayor Raycraft that the meeting moves into closed session at 8:22 pm pursuant to FOIPP Section 27 to update Council about employment legal concerns.

CARRIED

*EXITING CLOSED
SESSION
2023-04-18/22*

Moved by Clr Johnson that the meeting moves out of closed session at 8:29 pm.

CARRIED

*ADJOURNMENT
2023-04-18/23*

Moved by Mayor Raycraft that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor, Evan Raycraft

Interim Chief Administrative Officer, T. Wiebe