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## Meeting Minutes

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### **THOSE PRESENT:**

Mayor Doerksen  
Councillor Dodds  
Councillor Gammana  
Councillor McGee  
Deputy Mayor Peebles  
Councillor Wheeler  
Winston Rossouw, Chief Administrative Officer  
Debbi Weber, Assistant CAO  
Annette Driessen, General Manager of Community Services  
Jennifer Fancey, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services  
Tom Thomson, Fire Chief  
Merlin Klassen, Manager of Safety & Protective Services, Director of Emergency Management

Matt Ellis, Senior Planner  
Kelsey Baker, Communications Assistant  
Bernice Taylor, ECDC Program Manager  
Bree Motkoski, Records Management Clerk  
Aishah Mohd Isa, Energy Program Coordinator  
Abdulrahman Mogbonjubola, Intermediate Systems & Networks Analyst  
Sabine Landmark, Administrative Assistant  
Doug Whistance-Smith, Drayton Valley Municipal Library Director  
Graham Long, Drayton Valley Free Press  
Members of the Public

**ABSENT:**  
Councillor Ballas

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Doerksen called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

#### **1.0 Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

#### **2.0 Adoption of Agenda**

##### **RESOLUTION #157/19**

Councillor Gammana moved to adopt the Agenda for the November 6, 2019, Regular Meeting of Council, as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **3.0 Corrections or Amendments:**

##### **3.1. September 18, 2019, Regular Meeting of Council Minutes**

There were no corrections or amendments to the September 18, 2019, Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

##### **3.2. October 30, 2019, Organizational Meeting of Council Minutes**

There were no corrections or amendments to the October 30, 2019, Organizational Meeting of Council Minutes

**4.0 Adoption of:**

- 4.1. September 18, 2019, Regular Meeting of Council Minutes
- 4.2. October 30, 2019, Organizational Meeting of Council Minutes

**RESOLUTION #158/19**

Councillor Peebles moved to adopt the Minutes of the September 18, 2019, Regular Meeting of Council, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #159/19**

Councillor Wheeler moved to adopt the Minutes of the October 30, Organizational Meeting of Council, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.0 Proclamations**

- 5.1. Universal Children's Day  
Mayor Doerksen proclaimed November 20, 2019, as Universal Children's Day in the Town of Drayton Valley.

**6.0 Delegations / Administrative Updates**

- 6.1. Universal Children's Day – Bernice Taylor, ECDC Program Manager  
This item was presented later in the agenda.

**7.0 Decision Items**

- 7.1. Drayton Valley District Historical Society Bylaw

**RESOLUTION #160/19**

Councillor Wheeler moved that Council direct Administration to re-approach the Historical Society to redraft their resolution to state "whereby all assets upon dissolution of the society shall become the property of the Town of Drayton Valley."

**CARRIED**

- 7.2. Community Grants, Fourth Quarter Allocation

**RESOLUTION #161/19**

Councillor Wheeler moved that Council award the DV Alumni Event Committee \$2,225.00 from the Community Events Grant to help cover costs associated with hosting and promoting the Edmonton Oilers and Calgary Flames Alumni Hockey Game - March 28, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #162/19**

Councillor Wheeler moved that Council award the Pembina Crisis Connection Society \$3,173.42 from the Community Events Grant to help cover costs associated with hosting an Anti-Bullying Campaign in the schools - November 4-8.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor McGee entered the meeting at 9:26 a.m.*

**RESOLUTION #163/19**

Councillor Wheeler moved that Council award Brianne Vig \$1,000.00 from the Roger Coles Memorial Youth Sport Grant to assist with the costs associated with participating in the National Junior High Finals Rodeo on June 23 - 29, 2019.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #164/19**

Councillor Wheeler moved that Council award Emma Brooks \$1,500.00 from the Roger Coles Memorial Youth Sport Grant to assist with the costs associated with participating in the Canada Cup - Volleyball Alberta on July 2 - 16, 2019, and 16 - 22, 2019.

**CARRIED**

*Council agreed to proceed with decision item 7.12. prior to continuing with the other agenda items.*

*Councillor Dodds and Councillor Wheeler declared pecuniary interest with item 7.12. and exited the meeting at 9:38 a.m.*

**RESOLUTION #165/19**

Councillor Gammana moved that Council move to closed session at 9:38 a.m. for item 7.12. of the November 6, 2019, Regular Council Meeting Agenda, pursuant to section 25(1)(b)(c)(ii) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**CARRIED**

7.12. CLOSED SESSION: Bio-Mile Lands – FOIP section 24(1)(b)(c)(ii)

*Mr. Rossouw was present for item 7.12. to provide Council advice.*

*Ms. Weber was present for item 7.12. to provide Council advice.*

*Mr. Ellis was present for item 7.12. to provide Council advice.*

*Ms. Stone was present for item 7.12. to provide Council advice.*

*Mrs. Landmark was present for item 7.12. to record any outcomes.*

**RESOLUTION #166/19**

Councillor Gammana moved that Council move out of closed session at 9:52 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #167/19**

Councillor Peebles moved that Council accept Noble Growth Alberta Limited Partnership's letter of request for 2 acres of land as information and direct Administration to convene a meeting with Noble to obtain their business plan with timelines as it relates to the proposed cannabis training, cultivation, and extraction facility. Furthermore, that Administration reverts to Council after obtaining full details from Noble Growth Alberta Limited Partnership regarding their overall development plan for Council's decision.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor McGee exited the meeting at 9:55 a.m.*

*Councillor Dodds and Councillor Wheeler returned to the meeting at 9:56 a.m.*

*Mayor Doerksen called a break at 9:58 a.m.*

*Mayor Doerksen reconvened the meeting at 10:07 a.m.*

**6.0 Delegations / Administrative Updates**

6.1. Universal Children's Day – Mrs. Bernice Taylor (E CDC Program Manager)

Mrs. Taylor advised that universal children's day is on November 20, 2019.

**7.0 Decision Items Continued**

**7.3. Clean Energy Technology Centre (CETC) Ground Mount Solar Proposal**

**RESOLUTION #168/19**

Councillor Wheeler moved that Council direct Administration to pursue an agreement with Dandelion Renewables for the Clean Energy Technology Centre (CETC) Ground Mount Solar proposal in the amount of up to \$467,299; AND to proceed with the second stage application process for MCCAC Alberta Municipal Solar Program (AMSP) funding.

**DEFEATED**

**7.4. Appointment of Financial Auditors**

**RESOLUTION #169/19**

Councillor Dodds moved that Council approve retaining the services of Metrix Group LLP as the financial auditor for the Town of Drayton Valley for the 2019 fiscal year.

**CARRIED**

**7.5. Committee Appointments**

- Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Advisory Board

**RESOLUTION #170/19**

Councillor Dodds moved that Council appoint Hannah Luckwell as the Youth Representative for the FCSS Board for a two year term expiring October 31, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #171/19**

Councillor Peebles moved that Council appoint Wendell Smith as the Senior Representative for the FCSS Board for a two year term expiring on October 31, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #172/19**

Councillor Gammama moved that Council appoint Sandra Blades as the Town Representative for the FCSS Board for a two year term expiring on October 31, 2021.

**CARRIED**

- Early Childhood Development Centre (Childcare Operational) Board

**RESOLUTION #173/19**

Councillor Wheeler moved that Council appoint Sharon MacLellan as a Community-at-Large member for the Early Childhood Development Centre Board (Childcare Operational Board) for a three (3) year term, expiring October 31, 2022.

**CARRIED**

*Deputy Mayor Peebles declared pecuniary interest with item 7.5. Committee Appointments – Drayton Valley Municipal Library Board and exited the meeting at 10:39 a.m.*

- Drayton Valley Municipal Library Board

**RESOLUTION #174/19**

Councillor Dodds moved that Council appoint Lyndara Cowper-Smith as Member-at-Large to the Drayton Valley Municipal Library Board for a three (3) year term expiring October 31, 2022; AND direct Administration to look into the Library Bylaw to allow up to ten members on the Municipal Library Board.

**CARRIED**

*Deputy Mayor Peebles returned to the meeting at 10:40 a.m.*

- Brazeau Foundation

**RESOLUTION #175/19**

Councillor Gammana moved that Council appoint Mrs. Jeannette Vatter as a Community Member at Large for the Town of Drayton Valley on the Brazeau Foundation Board for a one (1) year term, ending October 31, 2020.

**CARRIED**

7.6. Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Bylaw 2012/27/D, Land Use Bylaw (LUB) 2007/24/D, and Signage Bylaw 2012/16/D Review/Update

**RESOLUTION #176/19**

Councillor Dodds moved that the Town of Drayton Valley undertake an update of the current Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Bylaw 2012/27/D and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) 2007/24/D that will include sustainability goals, specific targets, actions, as well as an implementation and monitoring strategy; AND that the Town of Drayton Valley commit \$115,426.50 from its budget and in-kind contributions valued at \$8,230.00 towards the costs of this initiative should a grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) not be awarded. Any amount awarded as part of a grant from the FCM for this project shall be subtracted from the total of \$115,426.50 noted above; AND, therefore, proceed with the proposed Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Bylaw 2012/27/D and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) 2007/24/D Review led by ISL Engineering and Land Services.

*Councillor Wheeler made a friendly amendment to change the amount committed by the Town to \$109,679.85.*

*Councillor Dodds accepted the friendly amendment.*

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

7.7. Resolution in Opposition to Quebec Bill 21

**RESOLUTION #177/19**

Councillor Gammana moved WHEREAS in 2019 the Province of Quebec enacted Bill 21 (An Act Respecting the Laicity of the State) which prohibits public servants from wearing religious symbols including turbans, hijabs, yarmulke, the cross and many others;

AND WHEREAS Drayton Valley is a multicultural, socially diverse, and inclusive town that is home to many different faiths, religions, genders, languages, and cultures;

AND WHEREAS the wearing of signs or clothing as a religious symbol is a fundamental right in the exercise of "freedom of thought, conscience and religion," as written in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

AND WHEREAS Freedom of religion in Canada is protected by the Canadian Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms and the Canadian Human Rights Act;

AND WHEREAS The Town of Drayton Valley stands firmly to support religious freedom as this is aligned with the Canadian Charter of Human Rights;

AND WHEREAS Government has an important role in protecting our shared values of tolerance and diversity;

AND WHEREAS a secular and religiously neutral state is achieved by treating all citizens fairly through unbiased governance structures that do not favor one religion over another;

AND WHEREAS forcing citizens to abandon certain cultural and religious practices will create an environment that fosters intolerance and inequity;

AND WHEREAS Bill 21 is a divisive law that perpetuates exclusion, discrimination, and class division by increasing systematic barriers to employment for religious groups;

AND WHEREAS The National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM), the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) and others have initiated a constitutional challenge against Bill 21;

AND WHEREAS Drayton Valley is an welcoming community and provides countless opportunities to people from across Canada and the world;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Drayton Valley Council oppose Quebec's Bill 21 and continue to support building a welcoming town where everyone has access to opportunity and prosperity.

**CARRIED**

7.8. Amendment to Council Meeting, Agenda and Public Hearing Policy C-02-14

**RESOLUTION #178/19**

Councillor Peebles moved that Council amend Council Meeting, Agenda and Public Hearing Policy C-02-14 to delete the statement that "[a]ny change to the time, date or location of a regular Council Meeting shall be approved by a Motion for change with a two-thirds vote. Motions must be made at a regular Council meeting at least three (3) weeks prior to the meeting date, time or location which is subject to the change, to allow Administration the ability to advertise the change" and insert instead "Council may change any meeting if notice is given as set out in the *Municipal Government Act*."

**CARRIED**

7.9. Amendment to External Council Committee Appointments

**RESOLUTION #179/19**

Councillor Peebles moved that Council approve the attached list of Council members and alternates being appointed to the Committees as presented, taking into consideration that the Mayor can designate any member of Council to attend any Committee meeting and vote on behalf of the Town.

**CARRIED**

7.10. Farm Safety Centre Inc. Funding Request

**RESOLUTION #180/19**

Councillor Dodds moved that Council grant funding to Farm Safety Centre in the amount of \$100 for the 2020 calendar year, from the "Grants to other Community Organizations."

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Wheeler and Dodds declared pecuniary interest with item 7.11. and exited the meeting at 11:08 a.m.*

7.11. Property Tax Forgiveness and Development Permit Fee Refund Request Lots 7 and 8, Block 112, Plan 062 4280

Since Council lost quorum, this item was tabled until next Council meeting.

*Councillor Wheeler and Dodds returned to the meeting at 11:09 a.m.*

*Mayor Doerksen called a break at 11:09 a.m.*

*Mayor Doerksen reconvened the meeting at 11:20 a.m.*

**8.0 Department Reports**

8.1. Engineering and Development/Capital Project Update

Mr. Rossouw provided an update on the activities of the Engineering Department and Public Works Department as well as CAO/Administration.

*Councillor Gammana entered the meeting at 11:23 a.m.*

8.2. Community Services and FCSS

Ms. Driessen provided an update on the activities of the Community Services Department, FCSS and Early Childhood Development Centre.

8.3. Emergency Services

Fire Chief Thomson advised that Fire Prevention Month of October was very successful.

8.4. CAO/Administration

Ms. Stone introduced Bree Motkoski as Records Management Clerk.

**9.0 Council Reports**

9.1. Councillor Wheeler

- RMA District Meeting
- Outdoor Education Centre at the Pembina Nordic Centre - Grand Opening
- Federal Election
- Homelessness Workshop
- International Delegation
- AUMA Conference
- Energy Futures Roadshow
- Joint Council Meeting

9.2. Councillor Ballas

- Was not present to provide a report.

9.3. Deputy Mayor Peebles

- AUMA Conference
- HANA and AHA Meeting
- Hemp Conference
- International Delegation
- Meeting with Tribal Chiefs
- Affinity Funeral Home Grand Opening

9.4. Councillor Dodds

- AUMA Conference
- Waste Management Water Disconnect Open House
- Zero Fee Meetings
- Aquatic Facility Meetings
- Economic Development Committee Meeting

9.5. Councillor Gammana

- AUMA Conference
- Waste Management Water Disconnect Open House
- Homelessness Workshop
- Zero Fee Meetings
- Joint Council Meeting
- Drayton Valley Multicultural Association AGM

9.6. Mayor Doerksen

- AFPA Conference
- ADOA Conference Opening Remarks
- Meeting with ATCO and Somerville
- Outdoor Education Centre at the Pembina Nordic Centre - Grand Opening
- Holy Trinity Academy Awards
- Entrepreneur of the Year Event
- First Poppy Presentation
- Foster and Kinship Caregiver Week Celebration
- Town Facilities Tours
- Eco Charge
- International Delegation
- Meeting with Tribal Chiefs
- Other Investor Meetings
- Joint Council Meeting

Councillor Wheeler reminded that the Sustainability Committee is holding a Town Organization Sustainability Meeting on November 19.

**10.0 Information Items**

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10.1. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Annual Report 2018-2019

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10.2. Childcare Operational Board Minutes – June 27, 2019

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10.3. Drayton Valley Multicultural Association Minutes – July 4, 2019

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10.4. Brazeau Foundation Minutes - July 25, 2019

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10.5. Joint Exploratory Recreation and Culture Ad Hoc Committee meeting Minutes – August 28, 2019

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10.6. Economic Development Committee Meeting Notes – September 10, 2019

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10.7. STAR Catholic School Board Meeting Highlights – September and October 2019

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10.8. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – FCM Innovation Network

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10.9. Sustainability Committee Meeting Notes – September 12, 2019

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**RESOLUTION #181/19**

Councillor Peebles moved that Council accept the above items as information.

**CARRIED**

**11.0 Adjournment**

Mayor Doerksen adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED