



**MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF RYCROFT  
ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2024  
VILLAGE OF RYCROFT COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Joanne Chelick</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
	<b>Roxann Dreger</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
	<b>Brian Markovich</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
	<b>James Verquin</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
	<b>Peter Thomas</b>	<b>Chief Administrative Officer</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Dwayne Kotyk</b>	<b>Councillor (with notice)</b>

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

James Verquin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF CAO AS CHAIRMAN**

**2024-10-15-271** **MOVED** by James Verquin that Chief Administrative Officer Peter Thomas be appointed as the Chairman for the Annual Council Organization meeting. **CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**2023-10-15-272** **MOVED** by Roxann Dreger that the October 15, 2024 Annual Organizational meeting agenda be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

**4. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

**4.1 Election of Mayor**

Chairman Thomas called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Brian Markovich nominated James Verquin for the position of Mayor. James Verquin accepted the nomination.

Chairman Thomas called for nominations for the position of Mayor a second time.

Chairman Thomas called for nominations for the position of Mayor a third time.

Hearing no other nominations, Chairman Thomas declared the nominations for the position of the Mayor closed and proclaimed James Verquin as the Mayor for the Village of Rycroft.

**4.2 Election of Deputy Mayor**

Chairman Thomas called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Joanne Chelick nominated Roxann Dreger for the position of Deputy Mayor. Roxann Dreger accepted the nomination.

Chairman Thomas called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor a second time.

Chairman Thomas called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor a third time.

Hearing no other nominations, Chairman Thomas declared the nominations for the position of the Deputy Mayor closed and proclaimed Roxann Dreger as the Deputy Mayor for the Village of Rycroft.

5. **OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

Both James Verquin and Roxann Dreger have taken their Oath of Office for their respective positions at a previous Organizational Meeting.

6. **SIGNING AUTHORITIES AND CONFIRMATION OF BANKING INSTITUTION**

2023-10-15-273 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council designate the Village signing authorities where the financial accounts require either one of the Chief Administrative Officer Peter Thomas, or the Finance Clerk Lisa Shaykowski; and either one of the Mayor James Verquin, or the Deputy Mayor Roxann Dreger to withdraw funds, enter orders, withdraw assets, give instructions, sign documents, and make financial decisions regarding the funds in the accounts at the Village of Rycroft designated financial institution, the Alberta Treasury Branch. **CARRIED**

7. **FINANCIAL AUDITOR APPOINTMENT**

2023-10-15-274 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council affirm the accounting firm of Doyle and Company Chartered Professional Accountants to complete the annual financial audit for the Village. **CARRIED**

8. **ASSESSOR APPOINTMENT**

2023-10-15-275 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council affirm the appointment of Alan Down as the Property Assessor for the Village. **CARRIED**

9. **COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT BYLAW 210-19**

CAO and Council reviewed the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw.

2023-10-15-276 **MOVED** by Councillor Chelick that Council accept the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw 210-19 for information. **CARRIED**

10. **COUNCIL PROCEDURAL BYLAW 234-21**

2023-10-15-277 **MOVED** by Councillor Chelick that Council accept the Council Procedural Bylaw 234-21 for information. **CARRIED**

11. **COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTMENTS**

Council reviewed the Council Boards and Committees list and agreed to the maintain the same appointments as in the previous year:

The Central Peace Assessment Review Board will have Karen Egge as the Chairperson, and Lisa Shaykowski as the Clerk. Public Board members will be appointed on an ad hoc basis from the pool of accredited membership of the G5 municipalities.

The Central Peace Attraction and Retention Committee representatives will be Councillor Chelick as the representative, and Mayor Verquin as the alternate.

The Central Peace FCSS representatives will be Councillor Chelick as the representative, and Deputy Mayor Dreger as the alternate.

The Central Peace Fire and Rescue Commission will be Councillor Chelick and Deputy Mayor Dreger as the representatives.

The Central Peace Health and Wellness Coalition will be Deputy Mayor Dreger as the representative, and Mayor Verquin as the alternate.

The Central Peace Medical Services Corporation will be Deputy Mayor Dreger as the representative, and Mayor Verquin as the alternate.

The Central Peace Regional Emergency Management Committee will be Councillor Markovich as the representative, and Mayor Verquin as the alternate.

The Central Peace Subdivision and Development Appeal Board will have Lisa Shaykowski as the Clerk. Public Board members will be appointed on an ad hoc basis from the pool of accredited membership of the G5 municipalities, including our appointed member, Brenda Friedel.

The Central Peace Waste Management Commission will be Councillor Markovich as the representative, and Mayor Verquin as the alternate.

The Friends of the Hall Board will be Councillor Chelick as the representative, and Deputy Mayor Dreger as the alternate.

The G5 Economic Development Advisory Committee will be Councillor Markovich as the representative, and Mayor Verquin as the alternate.

The G5 General Meeting Board Members will be all of Council.

The Central Peace Regional Water System Collaboration Committee will be Councillor Markovich and Councillor Kotyk as the representatives.

The G5 Seniors Housing Committee will be Deputy Mayor Dreger as the representative, and Mayor Verquin as the alternate.

The Grande Spirit Foundation member will be Councillor Chelick as the only representative, as no alternate representative is allowed in the Grande Spirit Foundation bylaw.

The Mighty Peace Water Shed Association/Water North Coalition member will be Councillor Markovich as the representative, and Deputy Mayor Dreger as the alternate.

The Northern Alberta Elected Leaders representatives will be Mayor Verquin as the representative, and Deputy Mayor Dreger as the alternate.

The Peace Library System member will be Deputy Mayor Dreger as the representative, and Councillor Chelick as the alternate.

The Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) representative will be Councillor Chelick as the representative, and Deputy Mayor Dreger as the alternate.

The Rycroft Arena Board representative will be Councillor Kotyk as the representative, and Mayor Verquin as the alternate.

The Rycroft Library Board representative will be Deputy Mayor Dreger as the only representative, as no alternate representative is allowed in the *Libraries Act*.

The Mayor and CAO are eligible members to all boards and committees, ex officio.

**2023-10-15-278** **MOVED** by Councillor Markovich that Council accept the Council Boards and Committees appointments as presented. **CARRIED**

**12. PUBLIC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Council reviewed and updated the following appointments to the Council Boards and Committees list:

The Agricultural Appeal Committee will consist of Keegan Milkovich, Shane Milkovich, and Thelma Dreger. Also, other Public Board members may be appointed on an ad hoc basis from the pool of accredited membership of the G5 municipalities.

The Rycroft Arena Board will have DJ Barbarich, Neil Magill, Tanis Vinck, and Garret Hjelsing. The Council representative is Councillor Kotyk.

The Central Peace Assessment Review Board will have Karen Egge as the Chairperson, and Lisa Shaykowski as the Clerk. Public Board members will be appointed on an ad hoc basis from the pool of accredited membership of the G5 municipalities, including our trained representative Anne Silvius. Also, Tanis Vinck is trained as a Clerk.

The Central Peace FCSS Board will have Carrie Jackson and Laurie Davies. The Council representative is Councillor Chelick.

The Central Peace Intermunicipal Subdivision Development and Appeal Board will be comprised of, contingent on availability, Brenda Friedel VOR, Thelma Dreger MDSR, Tammy Buchinski MDSR, Harry Ezio TSR, and SHC has 5 members, Also Lisa Shaykowski and Tanis Vinck may act as Clerks depending on availability.

The Rycroft Library Board will have Petrina Beale, Steve Everitt, Connie Everitt, Janet Sinkwich, Jean Fields, Elan Blandin, Lori Witts, Melisse Van Rooyen, and Roxann Dreger.

The Merry Pioneers will be Brenda Day, Marie Kotyk, and Christine Henning. The Council representative is Councillor Chelick.

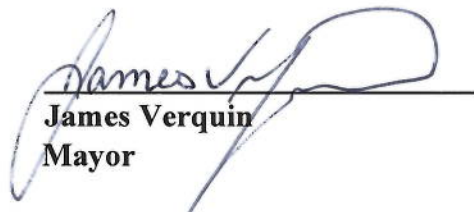
**2023-10-15-279** **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council accept the public committee appointments as presented. **CARRIED**

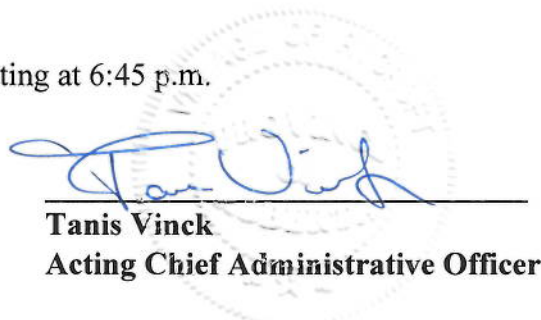
**13. DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**2023-10-15-280** **MOVED** by Councillor Markovich that excepting where unusual circumstances warrant a change, that Council approve that regular Council meeting schedule remain as the first Wednesday and third Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers located at 4703 51 street, Rycroft, Alberta. **CARRIED**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Verquin adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

  
James Verquin  
Mayor

  
Tanis Vinck  
Acting Chief Administrative Officer