

PRESS RELEASE
Town Council Meeting
May 11, 2021

Attendance: Mayor: Glenn McCaffery; Councillors: Alexis Armit, Meagan Dickson, Sherry Pilon, Betty Lou Palko, Kelly Stonehouse, Mel Cadrain, Administrator: Teresa Parkman; Director of Public Works: Clayton Dickson Delegations: Sgt. Rod Rudnisky

The following were received and acknowledged:

- April 27th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Public Works Report
- RCMP Report
- Accounts
- Various Correspondence

SHEAR EXPRESSIONS – BUILDING PERMIT #1-21

Council approved Building Permit #1-21 for Cassandra Hirsekorn o/a Shear Expressions as presented.

BCL ENGINEERING – LIFT #1 STATION & FORCE MAIN DRAWINGS & TENDER

Council approved the Engineer's Report and Tender documents which consist of the Contract of Construction and Drawings for the Sewage Force Main Upgrades and Sewage Pumping Station Upgrades as presented by BCL Engineering.

AQUATIC CENTRE – NAME REQUEST – RUMAK FAMILY

Council approved that the new pool be named The Hudson Bay Community Pool and we name the beach entry area or kids' splash park area after Elvina Rumak.

POOL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – DRAFT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Council approved the Pool Fundraising Committee's Sponsorship Program with the amended changes.

AMANDA PURVES – RETURN TO WORK

Council accepted Accounting Clerk, Amanda Purves' return to work date from maternity leave to be Monday, July 5th, 2021.

P MACHIBRODA – LANDFILL – 2021 GROUNDWATER & SURFACE WATER TESTING

Council approves and accepts P. Machibroda's proposal for the 2021 groundwater and surface water testing, at the Hudson Bay Landfill as presented.

HB SKATEBOARD & BMX CLUB – ADDITIONAL SKATEBOARD PARK EQUIPMENT

Council approved the Hudson Bay Skateboard & BMX Club's plans to purchase additional equipment for their club to install at the Hudson Bay Skateboard Park using monies from their fundraising efforts.

COUNCIL MEETING

Council's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

POOL OPENING – PREPPING/PAINTING

Council approved the prepping and painting of the pool to proceed as required. The Pool is scheduled to open for the 2021 Season, following all Covid-19 Regulations and Public Health Orders. In the next couple weeks, staff will be preparing the pool including seasonal maintenance and painting along with wading through the regulations surrounding Covid-19 Public Health Orders to be sure we will operate safely. An official opening date has not been confirmed as it is dependent on a number of factors, including weather, maintenance and Public Health inspections. We hope to be running by the first or second week of June. Returning Pool Manager, Kaley Brooks has been hired. She will be working from a distance and part time while training Co-Assistant Managers Karson Brooks and Hunter Morin. Brendan Bank, Hailey Craig and Jordyn Parkman are back as lifeguards for another season and we welcome new guards Kaden Brooks and Chloe Courchene to the pool. Maison Morin has been hired part time and to fill in when he's able. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 all swim lesson instructor courses were cancelled for the year throughout the province which caused our lifeguards not to be able to get the training needed to teach swimming lessons. This leaves our pool in dire shortage of lesson instructors, therefore the regular two week swim lesson schedules will not be offered. With Kaley Brooks and Maison Morin being the only qualified instructors, we are working with them to try offer some kind of lesson schedule. Both have full time jobs elsewhere, but plans for them to try offer a set or two of a week swim lessons is currently being worked out. Stay tuned and watch for more information on swim lessons. We look forward to opening to our community this season. Patience and compliance will be needed by all community members and users of the pool this year. We face a number of challenges with Covid-19 regulations, staffing and lack of swim instructors. We ask all community members and users to be patient as we try our best to accommodate. It may be a season of changes but we remain optimistic and excited to welcome the season back for 2021. Stay tuned as more information becomes available.