



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday March 23, 2020**  
**Teleconference 6:30 pm**  
**Approve by Motion 2020-173**

<p><b><u>PRESENT</u></b>          Deputy Mayor Craig McMaster          Councillor Mike St Amour          Councillor Sandra McMaster          Councillor Barb Hart          Councillor Joe Lalonde (6:50 pm)</p>	<p><b><u>ABSENT</u></b>          Mayor Brandon Kimble          Councillor Daniel Harley</p>	<p><b><u>STAFF</u></b>          SAO, Tammy Neal</p> <p><b><u>MINUTES PREPARED BY</u></b>          SAO, Tammy Neal</p>
<p><b><u>GALLERY</u></b>          NIL</p>	<p><b><u>DELEGATES</u></b>          NIL</p>	

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Craig McMaster called the March 23, 2020 Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

**2. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES**

**Resolution 2020-139**

Motion to accept the absence of the following Council Members:

- \* Mayor Brandon Kimble, with reason
- \* Councillor Daniel Harley, without reason
- \* Councillor Joe Lalonde, without reason

**Moved By:** Councillor Barb Hart

**Seconded By:** Councillor Mike St. Amour

**ALL IN FAVOUR – MOTION CARRIED**

**3. AGENDA ADDITIONS**

There were no agenda additions

**4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution 2020-140**

Motion to adopt the March 23, 2020 Special Council Meeting Agenda, as presented.

**Moved by:** Councillor Barb Hart

**Seconded by:** Councillor Sandra McMaster

**ALL IN FAVOUR - MOTION CARRIED**

Initials: Mayor CM SAO TM

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of conflict of interest

6. DELEGATIONS - NIL

7. REPORTS - NIL

8. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S) - NIL

9. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS - NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. O&M Budget - Review and Approval

**Resolution 2020-141**

Motion to approve the 20/21 O&M Budget, as presented.

**Moved By:** Councillor Mike St. Amour

**Seconded By:** Councillor Barb Hart

**ALL IN FAVOUR – MOTION CARRIED**

b. Capital Budget - Review and Approval

**Approved capital budget with the discussed changes:**

The SAO explained that the March 12, 2020 revisions to the Capital Plan left a deficit in the overall budget. Council needed to either remove or bump projects to balance the budget.

**Resolution 2020-142**

Motion to accept the capital budget with the discussed changes; the SAO is to bump the following projects to the 5<sup>th</sup> year:

- \* Fire Hall Extension
- \* Playground Upgrade & Equipment
- \* Borrow Pit Upgrades
- \* Community Hall Upgrade
- \* Skateboard Park
- \* Outdoor Skating Rink



**Moved By:** Councillor Barb Hart

**Seconded By:** Councillor Sandra McMaster

**ALL IN FAVOUR – MOTION CARRIED**

**Joe entered the meeting at 6:50 pm**

Initials: Mayor

 SAO 

c. **Community Emergency Plan Updates**

**Resolution 2020-143**

Motion to accept, as presented, the Emergency Plan Updates that include Pandemic Procedures, Essential Workers and updated contact information.

**Moved By:** Councillor Mike St. Amour

**Seconded By:** Councillor Barb Hart

**ALL IN FAVOUR – MOTION CARRIED**

**11. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW - NIL**

**12. BYLAWS & POLICIES - NIL**

**13. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

a. **Covid-19 Updates/Discussion**

- Road Closure Update
- Residents in quarantine – Groceries will be supplied via Wellness Funding
- Limitation on Gatherings
- SAO should prepare an updates to residents, regarding Hay River businesses, eg: banks and store hours/rules
  - The SAO would appreciate help to keep up business information, so if new information can be brought forward it would be helpful, as things constantly evolve
  - Hay River Classifies has good updated information to access
  - Thank you to the SAO, but Council needs to send something to residents, as well
  - Hamlet needs to target the people who don't have Facebook
- Council would like to meet next week, April 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss Covid 19 again
- Hamlet should call all seniors to see what can be done to help them and if they have needs that are priorities; there may be help from a Social Assistance Program
- Research should be done to see how long the virus stays on surfaces and circulate information
- Fire Fighters and Councillors are willing to bring supplies to people to help keep people in their homes
- Spokesperson – need a spokesperson for the press, Mayor Brandon Kimble will not speak to them

**Resolution 2020-144**

Motion to appoint the Deputy Mayor to Act as the spokesperson and the acting mayor in his absence.

**Moved By:** Councillor Barb Hart

**Seconded By:** Councillor Joe Lalonde

**ALL IN FAVOUR – MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution 2020-145**

Motion to hold a special meeting March 30, 2020 to discuss Covid-19 updates

**Moved By:** Councillor Barb Hart

**Seconded By:** Councillor Joe Lalonde

**ALL IN FAVOUR – MOTION CARRIED**

Initials: Mayor

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14. CORRESPONDENCE OUTGOING - NIL

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION - NIL

16. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Upcoming Meetings, Workshops and Training
  - i. Regular Meeting – April 14, 2020 (Council Chambers 7:00 pm)  
*Regular Hamlet Business*
  - ii. Special Meeting – April 21, 2020 (Council Chambers 7:00 pm)  
*New Hamlet Office/Heritage and Visitor Information Building Discussions*

**Resolution 2020-146**

Motion to postpone the April 21, 2020 Council meeting to a later date (date to be announced)

**Moved By:** Councillor Barb Hart

**Seconded By:** Councillor Joe Lalonde

**ALL IN FAVOUR – MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution 2020-147**

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm

**Moved By:** Councillor Sandra McMaster

**Seconded By:** Councillor Mike St. Amour

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Craig McMaster,  
Mayor



Tammy Neal,  
Senior Administrative Officer



Initials: Mayor CM SAO M