

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 23RD, 2019.

PRESENT: Mayor Reinhardt, Councillors Logan, Shudra and McCauley, Dennis Allen, Dave Dixon and Mark Read. **Regrets:** Councillor Gray.

1. ORDER:

Mayor Reinhardt brought the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Resolved, that we add the Columbia Valley transit review to the agenda.
(Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

3. MINUTES:

Resolved, that we approve the Council meeting minutes from January 9th, 2019, as amended.
(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Logan noted that a logistics meeting of the Garden Committee was held. The group is planning to improve the irrigation system for the garden, and to raise the planting beds to a second level.

Councillor Shudra attended the Radium Chamber of Commerce luncheon. An overview of Visitor Information Services was provided by Kent Kebe at the meeting.

Mayor Reinhardt provided an update on the cougar situation. Clara also noted that recycling was discussed at the RDEK, primarily in regards to the lack of a market for certain recycled products. The Board tabled discussion on the matter, pending recommendations coming out of the solid waste management review process.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Council reviewed the Provincial policy regarding the translocation of wild turkeys.

6. BYLAWS:

Resolved, that we provide third reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 450, 2018.
(Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

Council members provided their views on the proposed bylaw. Councillor Logan advised that he appreciated the concerns raised at the public hearing. Todd noted that the proposed dwelling units could become part of a rental market, regardless of zoning. Todd expressed the opinion that the increase in density, as permitted by a zoning change, would be minor, and would result in a marginal increase in local vehicular traffic. Todd also noted that the developer has a proven track record in the community, and that the proposed dwelling type would likely be marketable. Councillor Shudra advised that he shared Councillor Logan's opinions on the matter. Dale also noted that he felt the zoning change would result in better use of the land, provide for potential new residents, and increase the tax base for the community. Councillor McCauley opined that additional traffic on the two dead end streets should be minimal. Tyler noted that he was not concerned with issues like noise and kids, as a result of the proposed development.

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6. BYLAWS continued...

Mayor Reinhardt observed that many of the concerns expressed at the public hearing were based on assumptions and misinformation. For example, the proposed development was portrayed as not being “residential” in nature, when in fact it is. Further to this, Clara observed that the viewpoint expressed, that the development would become all rental units, was conjecture. Clara noted that the target price point for the proposed dwellings, as well as the new infrastructure enhancements like street lighting, might increase assessment values in the area. Clara also noted that the concerns expressed, that vehicles would be accessing the Bighorn Meadows properties via Revelstoke and Jackson Avenues, was immaterial.

Resolved, that we reconsider and adopt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 450, 2018.
(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Whereas, the Board of the Regional District of East Kootenay proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 2904 to amend the Public Library Grants-In-Aid Service;
Now therefore, be it resolved that Council waives the assent of the electors of the Village of Radium Hot Springs and consents to the adoption of proposed Bylaw No. 2904.
(Moved by Councillor Shudra) Carried.

Councillor Shudra advised that the Radium Rotary Club have resolved to champion the ‘Splash Park’ project contemplated by our Park Master Plan, and to commit \$20,000 in funding. In addition, the Club will seek additional funding opportunities and grants.

Resolved, that we apply to WildSafe BC for 2019 funding, so as to employ a WildSafe Coordinator, in conjunction with the Regional District of East Kootenay.
(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

Council discussed the Columbia Valley transit review noting the wear and tear on the buses happening because the contractor is based out of Golden. It was agreed that the transit system should facilitate transportation for employees while also supporting students for their after school transportation needs.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor Clara Reinhardt



Clerk Mark Read