

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 15TH, 2018.

PRESENT: Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Councillors Verboom, Gray and Logan, Karen Sharp, Dauna Ditson, Dave Dixon, Jonathan Birkett, and Mark Read.

Regrets: Councillor McCauley

1. ORDER:

Mayor Reinhardt brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Resolved, that we add the Community Economic Development Forum to the agenda.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

3. MINUTES:

Resolved, that we approve the Council meeting minutes from July 18th, 2018, as circulated.

(Moved by Councillor Verboom) Carried.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Reinhardt provided the RDEK Board meeting highlights. Clara advised that she actually voted in favour of the Lake Windermere moorage solution (incorrectly reported in the CV Pioneer), and that the proposed agreement will need to be endorsed by the owners to move forward. Clara provided a West Side Legacy Trail update and noted that the RDEK has endorsed the extension of the Dry Gulch Fire Protection area to include properties on the west side of the Columbia River.

Mayor Reinhardt advised of her meeting with Ministry of Transportation staff. The proposed 2019 paving schedule includes Briscoe to the Radium corner and the Mile Hill. Improvements to the curb bump outs, at the Highway 93/95 pedestrian crossings are planned, hopefully to take place this fall. Emcon is the new highway contractor responsible from Radium north; this is expected to improve service levels when closures affect the flow of traffic through Radium.

5. DELEGATIONS:

Jonathan Birkett provided an overview of his business plan for a cannabis retail store to be located in Radium Hot Springs. Mayor Reinhardt thanked Jonathan for his presentation and noted that Council is not in a position to provide conditional support, for such a venture, at this time.

6. BYLAWS:

Resolved, that we support 'option one' as detailed in the staff report regarding the proposed discontinuation of the one third tax free allowance for Council remuneration.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

Resolved, that we give the first three readings to Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 447, 2018.

(Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

7. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS:

Council supported the Radium Chamber of Commerce request to install the 'Paint it Wild' art pieces in public locations. Staff will work with the Chamber to identify the appropriate locations.

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7. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS continued:

Council confirmed that we will not be engaging the services of Arctic Fire Safety Services Ltd., at this time.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Resolved, that we extend the fire protection agreement with the RDEK to provide services to the properties west of Columbia River.

(Moved by Councillor Verboom) Carried.

Resolved, that we agree to participate in the community recommendation process, for the Provincial review and approval of recreational cannabis retail stores, within the boundaries of the Village of Radium Hot Springs.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

Chief Financial Officer Karen Sharp provided further details to accompany her financial report.

Resolved, that we accept the July cheque register in the amount of \$676,816.06.

(Moved by Councillor Verboom) Carried.

9. SUNDRY MATTERS & QUESTIONS:

Councillor Logan provided a Fire Department training update noting that the department has undertaken a number of training sessions on wildfire firefighting and equipment usage.

Councillor Verboom raised the issue of unsightly premises. Staff will compile a list of potential properties to focus on and will work with Council to determine a priority list.

Councillor Gray discussed the concerns that he had raised with the CV Pioneer administration, in regards to their news coverage of local wildfires, and the potential impacts to tourism and visitation that these news articles may have had.

10. NOTICE OF COMMITTEE, SPECIAL & CLOSED MEETINGS:

Resolved, that we go 'in camera' to discuss employee relations under Section 90 of the *Community Charter*.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The open portion of the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Clara Reinhardt
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Mark Read
Clerk Mark Read