

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 28TH, 2017.

PRESENT: Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Councillors Verboom, Logan, Gray and McCauley, Bill Swan, Randy Trapp, Diana Brooks, Dave Dixon, Arne Dohlen and Mark Read.

1. ORDER:

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

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Resolved, that we add Bill Swan to the agenda to discuss the solar panel options for the new Community Hall.

(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried

3. MINUTES:

Resolved, that we approve the Council meeting minutes from June 14th, 2017, as amended.

(Moved by Councillor Verboom) Carried.

4. DELEGATIONS:

Megan Lohman, with the Community Energy Association, provided a program update. The current work plan is focusing on the following three areas:

- Promotion of energy efficient new home construction under the BC Energy Step Code utilizing municipal initiatives and contractor training;
- Two pilot projects for organics collection and composting in the Elk and Columbia Valleys, and;
- Funding and construction of an electric vehicle charging network to facilitate electric vehicle transportation in the East and West Kootenay.

Bill Swan provided an overview of the solar panel funding partnership available for the level three electric vehicle charging station. Council posed questions regarding maintenance, life cycle, and financial returns for the solar panel array. Council will consider the information received and make a decision at a later date.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Reinhardt provided a Columbia Valley Tourism Marketing Committee update noting that the hiring of an Economic Development Officer is pending. Clara noted that the committee will be looking for office space for the individual.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Council discussed the issue of late night music events. It was agreed that staff would undertake a rewrite of the noise bylaw so as to incorporate rules that will help regulate such events and avoid unwarranted public disturbances.

Whereas there is a shortage of long term rental accommodation in British Columbia, and;
Whereas there are elements of the Residential Tenancy Act, including limits on allowable rent increases and controls on tenancy agreements, that are a disincentive to the development of new long term rental accommodation housing stock, and;
Whereas existing homeowners are reluctant to enter the long term rental accommodation market due to the widespread protections afforded tenants under the Residential Tenancy Act;
Therefore, be it resolved that we request the Minister Responsible for Housing to undertake a review of the Residential Tenancy Act to identify potential changes to help alleviate the issue.
(Moved by Councillor Verboom) Carried.

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7. BYLAWS:

Resolved, that we provide the first two readings to Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 434, 2017 and establish the public hearing for July 19th at 7:00 p.m.
(Moved by Councillor Verboom) Carried.

Resolved, that we provide the first two readings to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 435, 2017.
(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Resolved, that we approve the 2017 Annual Report.
(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

Council confirmed their support for the development of additional multi-use, motorized and mountain bike trails in areas near the Village. Council provided the CAO with the discretion to provide administrative support to processes that will lead to legal trail development.

Resolved, that we accept the May cheque register in the amount of \$459,876.63.
(Moved by Councillor Verboom) Carried.

9. NOTICE OF COMMITTEE, SPECIAL & CLOSED MEETINGS:

Resolved, that we go 'in camera' to discuss law enforcement and potential litigation affecting the municipality under Section 90 of the *Community Charter*.
(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The open portion of the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Clara Reinhardt
Mayor Clara Reinhardt

Mark Read
Clerk Mark Read