

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 19TH, 2017.

PRESENT: Councillors Verboom, Logan, and McCauley, Karen Sharp, Arne Dohlen, Dave Dixon, Kerri Wall, Andrea Winckers, Maggie Strosher, Nikki Frederickson, Randy Trapp, and Sgt. Bob Vatamaniuck.

Regrets: Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Councillor Mike Gray

1. ORDER:

Councillor Verboom brought the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Resolved, that we add to the agenda, under new business, the issue of the Telus outage.
(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried

3. MINUTES:

Resolved, that we approve the Council meeting minutes from June 28th, 2017.
(Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

4. DELEGATIONS:

Presentation: Kootenay Smoke Free Coalition promoting 'Smoke Free Communities'.

Andrea Winckers from the BC Cancer Agency provided statistics regarding the health impact of smoking i.e. 30% of all cancer deaths and 85% of all lung cancers. Kerri Wall, the Community Health Facilitator from Interior Health, spoke to the environmental impacts of smoking including wildfires, cigarette butt litter, and carcinogens leaching into soils. Maggie Strosher noted that smoking related health care costs approach \$2.3 billion dollars annually and that twenty two local governments in BC have adopted Outdoor Smoking bylaws including several within the East Kootenays.

Council were requested to consider adopting an Outdoor Smoking Bylaw as a health conscious public policy and natural fit for the community, one that would position Radium Hot Springs as a leader. The Coalition can provide sample bylaws, and advice on best practices. It was suggested that one approach is to start with strategic areas like playgrounds and expand the regulated areas over time. The presenters suggested that, from their experience, enforcement requirements for these bylaws are minimal as there is strong peer enforcement.

The presenters were questioned about impacts on tourism community. It was noted that Kimberley, and Nelson, have bylaws, with no reported negative impacts.

Council questioned whether there is funding towards signage. Maggie Strosher will follow-up with a response.

Councillor Logan also asked for examples of communities that have found enforcement demands to be minimal. The examples provided were Nakusp and Fruitvale.

Sgt. Bob Vatamaniuck provided the highlights of the quarterly policing report including the detachment priorities. Bob noted that a portion of the supplemental policing funding was used to have a member in full regalia in Radium on Canada Day, and that a portion will be used to increase policing presence during the Classic Car Show.

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5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The RDEK board meeting report was received.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council discussed the partnership with the North Growth Foundation for the installation of a solar array to power the level two electric vehicle charging station.

Resolved, that we accept the offer from the North Growth Foundation for \$11,000, and that we match those funds using monies from the Carbon Neutral Reserve Fund, so as to install a solar photovoltaic energy generation system on the new community hall, and further;
That Council direct Staff to undertake a communications plan to educate and raise awareness of alternative energy solutions highlighting this initiative.
(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

7. BYLAWS:

Resolved, that we provide the third and final reading and adoption to Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 434, 2017.
(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

Resolved, that we provide the third and final reading and adoption to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 435, 2017.
(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

Resolved, that we provide the first two readings to Fire Services Bylaw No. 430, 2017.
(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Resolved, that we accept the June cheque register in the amount of \$428,041.74.
(Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

The Comprehensive Signage Strategy RFP will be reviewed and discussed via email.

The Telus cellular phone service outage was discussed. Council requested staff to communicate with Telus regarding the outage and issues that arose with 911 calls not being transmitted.
(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Councillor Ron Verboom


CFO Karen Sharp