

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

**PRESENT:** Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Councillors Verboom, McCauley, Gray and Logan, Michael Murphy, Karen Sharp, Dauna Ditson, Nicole Higgin, 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 the naming of the new community hall to the agenda.  
(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

**3. MINUTES:**

Resolved, that we approve the Council meeting minutes from January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as amended.  
(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

**4. DELEGATIONS:**

Michael Murphy, the municipal auditor from BDO, provided an overview of the draft 2017 Financial Statements, including a comparative analysis of the asset to cash ratio of similarly sized and local municipalities.

Resolved, that we approve the draft 2017 financial statements.  
(Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no questions regarding Mayor Reinhardt's Local Government Leadership Academy report.

Mayor Reinhardt provided the Regional District board meeting report. Clara noted the 14.7% requisition increase for the Columbia Valley Recreation Service Area. On a separate matter, the RDEK will submit a resolution to the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments 2018 Annual General Meeting calling on the Province to amend the *Wildlife Act* to prohibit intentional feeding of problem wildlife. Finally, Clara reviewed the composition of the Valley Visitor Services Advisory Committee and noted that we will be invited to have a non-voting representative on the committee.

**6. BYLAWS:**

Council discussed the inclusion of feral cats in the Animal safety Bylaw with Nicole Higgin. Council decided to keep the reference in the bylaw, so as to provide the municipality with the tools to deal with a feral cat problem, should one arise.

Resolved, that we provide third reading to Animal Safety Bylaw No. 440, 2018.  
(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS:**

Council reviewed the 2017 Forster's Creek Hydrometric report summary and noted that we now have five years of data to serve as a baseline for future analysis.

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**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolved, that we submit a CBT Wildfire Mitigation Grant application to hire a summer student to undertake door-to door FireSmart assessments, and to provide property owners with information about the steps they can take to reduce wildfire hazards on their properties.

(Moved by Councillor Verboom) Carried.

Council discussed the impending legalization of recreational cannabis. It was agreed that the Village should have appropriate controls in place, prior to legalization, so that we can control the retail regime in an appropriate manner. It was further agreed that we would engage in a community consultation process to help inform decisions on how the retail regime might be regulated.

Resolved, that we accept the January cheque register in the amount of \$389,896.79.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

Resolved, that we provide \$1,600 grant in aide funding for the 2018 Columbia Valley Familiarity Tour.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

Council will meet as a Committee of the Whole Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the name of the new community hall.

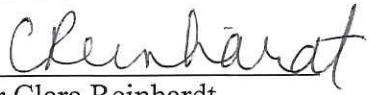
**9. SUNDRY MATTERS & QUESTIONS:**

Councillor McCauley noted the challenges being experienced with snow removal this winter. CAO Mark Read advised that Public works Superintendent Bruce Zwiers will be attending the next Council meeting to discuss snow removal service levels.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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Mayor Clara Reinhardt

  
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Clerk Mark Read