

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2018.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Councillors Verboom, McCauley, Gray and Logan, Dave Dixon, Bruce Zwiers, Dauna Ditson and Mark Read.

**1. ORDER:**

Mayor Reinhardt brought the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

**2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Resolved, that we add the following items to the agenda:

- Plastic straw ban;
- Speculation tax impacts, and;
- Resort Municipality Initiative update.

(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

**3. MINUTES:**

Resolved, that we approve the Council meeting minutes from February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as circulated.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mayor Reinhardt provided a report from the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partnership (CWSP) meeting noting the “*Synthesis of Local and Regional Conservation & Management Goals & Objectives for the Columbia Wetlands*” document prepared by Living Lakes Canada. The report recommends steps that can be taken to assist interagency coordination, so as to better protect the wetlands. CWSP will explore priority threats to the wetlands and explore mitigation options. The need for better public education regarding healthy wetlands was also discussed.

Clara noted that the steering committee members, for the ?a’kisq’nuk recreation facility, are seeking input regarding potential programming opportunities.

Councillor Logan noted that the community garden committee is gearing up for another season.

**5. BYLAWS:**

Resolved, that we reconsider and adopt Animal Safety Bylaw No. 440, 2018.

(Moved by Councillor Verboom) Carried.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolved, that we approve the 2018 Financial Statements.

(Moved by Councillor McCauley) carried.

Council discussed winter maintenance service levels. It was generally agreed that the current level of service is appropriate, but that we should continue to find improved processes and efficiencies, wherever possible. It was acknowledged that snow removal may become a requirement when a certain amount of snow accumulates and that it may be wise to establish a contingency fund. It was also noted that snow removal and storage should be a consideration during the development approval process.

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**7. SUNDRY MATTERS & QUESTIONS:**

Council briefly discussed plastic straw and plastic bag bans. Councillor Gray will help educate the restaurateur community with respect to environmentally friendly alternatives to plastic straws.

Mayor Reinhardt and Councillors McCauley and Gray will attend the 2018 Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments conference.

Resolved, that we direct staff to write a letter to the Premier and Minister of Finance expressing our concerns about the new property speculation tax.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

Mayor Reinhardt noted that we are in discussions with Shaw regarding financial support for the Adventure Radium program.

Fire Chief Dave Dixon noted the large attendance at the funeral held for Joan MacKinnon and Captain Clayton Murrell.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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Mayor Clara Reinhardt

  
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Clerk Mark Read