

## VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 8TH, 2017.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Ron Verboom, Councillors Logan and Gray, Jed Cochrane, Leslie Matheson, Dave Dixon, Nikki Fredrikson, Don Simpson, Michael Murphy and Mark Read.

#### **1. ORDER:**

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

#### **2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

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

- Council meeting minutes from February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017;
- Hospice meeting update, and;
- Columbia Valley annual general meeting.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

#### **3. MINUTES:**

Resolved, that we approve the Council meeting minutes from February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, as circulated.

(Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

#### **4. DELEGATIONS:**

Jed Cochrane, from Parks Canada, provided an overview about the Parks ecosystem management program, including the proposed prescribed fire schedule, whitebark and limber pine research and planting, and invasive plant management.

Don Simpson, from BDO, our municipal auditors, provided a high level analysis of the 2016 audited financial statements. Don noted that the large increase in the municipality's cash position is largely the result of increased contributions to capital reserves. Don advised that the Village is in a "good position" from the perspective of net financial assets. While reviewing the consolidated statement of operations, Don advised that the excess of actual revenues as compared with budget is indicative of staff's conservative approach to budgeting, while the shortfall in actual expenditures as compared with budget reflects responsible financial management.

Don introduced his colleague, Michael Murphy, as the new 'partner in charge' of our folio.

#### **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councillor Gray attended the Hospice Society's strategic planning session. Mike noted that the Society is evaluating the option of developing a hospice facility or continuing to provide outreach services to rural areas.

Mike also attended the Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting. Mike advised that the Premier is coming to Invermere March 10<sup>th</sup> to make a budget announcement.

#### **6. BYLAWS:**

Resolved, that we provide the first three readings to Temporary Borrowing for Community Hall Bylaw No. 429, 2017.

(Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

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**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolved, that we receive the draft 2016 Financial Statements.  
(Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

Council received Sergeant Vatamaniuck's letter regarding RCMP policing priorities.

Resolved, that we accept the February cheque register in the amount of \$208,051.73.  
(Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

Resolved, that we table the agenda item regarding the pending sale of CanWest to Superior Propane to the next meeting.  
(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

Resolved, that we direct staff to write a letter to the Ministry of the Environment supporting targeted hours of operation for the Radium Invasive Mussel Inspection Station, so as to better intercept watercraft entering the area.  
(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

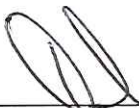
**8. SUNDRY MATTERS & QUESTIONS:**

Fire Chief Dave Dixon advised that two members of the department attended a naloxone training session and that he will be ordering injection kits.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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Deputy Mayor Ron Verboom

  
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Clerk Mark Read