

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 10TH, 2019.

PRESENT: Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Councillors Logan, Shudra and McCauley, Ryan Watmough, Gregg Walker, Dwight Borden, Dave Dixon, and Mark Read.

Regrets: Councillor Mike Gray (Note: Mike joined the meeting at 9:15 p.m.).

1. ORDER:

Mayor Reinhardt brought the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Resolved, that we add the following to the agenda:

- Parks Canada fire management plan update;
- Financial Plan and Tax Rates bylaws;
- Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust letter, and;
- Trash Bash date.

(Moved by Councillor Shudra)

Carried.

3. MINUTES:

Resolved, that we accept the Council meeting minutes from March 27th, 2019, as circulated.

(Moved by Councillor Logan)

Carried.

4. DELEGATIONS:

Ryan Watmough, our regional economic development officer, provided an overview of the initiatives he is working on. These relate to the following primary goals: promoting collaborative regional approaches, diversifying the economy while creating quality local employment opportunities, promoting a regional image and brand, and improving regional infrastructure, amenities, and recreation features.

Gregg Walker provided an update on the Banff, Kootenay, and Yoho National Parks wildfire management plan. The primary objectives of the plan are public safety and the protection of infrastructure, combined with the improvement of ecosystem health. Gregg explained the protocols used for deciding how wildfires are actioned, as well as what areas are targeted for future prescribed burns. The need for effective communications protocols during wildfire events was discussed.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Reinhardt provided the RDEK board meeting report. Clara noted that Interior Health has become more willing to issue holding tank permits in situations where they can help protect the environment.

6. BYLAWS:

Resolved, that we provide the first three readings to Financial Plan Bylaw No. 451, 2019.

(Moved by Councillor Logan)

Carried.

Resolved, that we provide the first three readings to Tax Rates Bylaw No. 452, 2019.

(Moved by Councillor Logan)

Carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Resolved, that we approve Development Permit No. 153, 2019.

(Moved by Councillor McCauley)

Carried.

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7. NEW BUSINESS continued:

Council discussed the request for an interim four way signage option and agreed that an option would not be pursued.

Council members will review the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust to decide if anyone has an interest in becoming a board member.

Our annual 'Trash Bash' will be held Saturday, April 27th.

8. SUNDRY MATTERS:

Mayor Reinhardt noted that some community members are interested in organizing an annual "Radium Wood Carver" event.

9. NOTICE OF COMMITTEE, SPECIAL & CLOSED MEETINGS:

Resolved, that we go 'in camera' to discuss a matter relating to the disposition of land under Section 90 of the *Community Charter*.

(Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

10. SUNDRY MATTERS continued:

Council came out of the 'in camera' session at 9:50 p.m. to discuss permissive tax exemptions, emergency training for Councillors, and a tour of Village infrastructure

Councillor Gray provided a report on his attendance at the Council of Forest Industries convention. Mike was impressed with the access to Provincial Staff. Mike noted that the general long term outlook for the industry is favorable, despite negative short term impacts from factors like caribou protectionism and the high volume of burnt timber originating from beetle kill.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor Clara Reinhardt



Clerk Mark Read