

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 22ND, 2020.

PRESENT via teleconference: Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Councillors Gray, Shudra, McCauley and Logan, Arne Dohlen, Karen Sharp, Dave Dixon, and Mark Read.

1. ORDER: Mayor Reinhardt brought the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Resolved, that we add the following to the agenda:

- Round about centerpiece planning;
- Local golf course openings, and;
- Tax sales.

(Moved by Councillor Logan)

Carried.

3. MINUTES:

Resolved, that we approve the Council meeting minutes from March 11th, 2020, as circulated.

(Moved by Councillor Logan)

Carried.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Logan noted that the Community Garden Committee members are working on covid appropriate procedures and policies to allow the gardens to continue to operate safely.

Councillor Gray advised that all possible library services were continuing through 'virtual operations', including activities like online story time.

Mayor Reinhardt advised that local golf courses were planning to open, but that the owners seemed informed and committed to operating under the Provincial guidelines and orders. Clara relayed that the local campground owners have also committed to achieving compliant operations.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Council decided to move forward with the round-about centerpiece project. A virtual meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday to discuss further.

6. BYLAWS:

Council discussed the 2020 operating budget, including options for mitigating financial impacts to our ratepayers and business owners. Concerns were expressed that, if we follow the path of reducing current year revenues, taxes may need to be raised during the future recovery phase, which could present similar financial difficulties for property owners.

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6. BYLAWS continued:

Council also discussed the business tax penalty relief provisions provided by the Provincial government. It was decided that our alternative tax collection scheme, for all property classes, should align with the Provincial business class provisions.

Resolved, that we amend our proposed 2020 budget to a zero percent taxation revenue increase. (Moved by Councillor McCauley) Motion failed (Councillors McCauley and Gray in favour, Councillors Shudra, Logan and Mayor Reinhardt opposed).

Resolved, that we provide three readings, reconsideration and adoption to Alternative Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw No. 455, 2020. (Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

Resolved, that we provide three readings, reconsideration and adoption to Financial Plan Bylaw No. 456, 2020. (Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

Resolved, that we provide three readings, reconsideration and adoption to Tax Rates Bylaw No. 457, 2020. (Moved by Councillor Shudra) Carried.

7. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS:

Council received the RCMP Fourth Quarter policing report.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Resolved, that we extend the term of current business licenses to December 31st, 2020. (Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

Resolved, that we extend the utility due date for the January to April period to August 31st and for the May to August period to October 15th, 2020. (Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

Resolved, that we accept the March cheque register in the amount of \$292,271.72. (Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

Council discussed options for altering the property tax sale process. It was decided to continue with the status quo.

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9. SUNDRY MATTERS & QUESTIONS:

Fire Chief Dave Dixon provided a department activity report and update on current fire restrictions.

Arne Dohlen provided a capital works update.


10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor Clara Reinhardt



Clerk Mark Read