

# VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Councillors Gray, McCauley, Shudra and Logan, RCMP Sgt. Darren Kakuno, Mr. Rob Morrison, M.P., Stefanie Stephens, Camille Aubin, Karen Sharp, Dave Dixon and Mark Read.

No attendees via virtual zoom meeting option.

### **1. ORDER:**

Mayor Reinhardt brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

- Delegate Mr. Rob Morrison, M.P. Parliament Hill update;
- RCMP Sgt. Darren Kakuno policing report;
- CFO Sharp finance report;
- September cheque register;
- Tourism Dependent Communities Grant, and;
- Funding available to evaluate Bighorn Sheep highway crossings.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

### **3. MINUTES:**

Resolved, that we approve the Council meeting minutes from September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, as circulated.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

### **4. DELEGATIONS:**

Mr. Rob Morrison, M.P. provided an update from Parliament Hill noting his party's concerns regarding government covid-19 protocols, and the need for a plan to repay the Federal debt. Mr. Morrison also responded to questions and comments, including Mayor Reinhardt's suggestion that the National Parks hot springs fee structure warrants review.

RCMP Sgt. Darren Kakuno provided an overview of his second quarter policing report and responded to questions.

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

Councillor Gray provided an update on the Wood Carver Park proposal noting that an initial meeting was held to discuss design considerations and Village interest in assuming responsibility for the Park. Clara will advise the organizing committee that the Village supports the concept of the park, and sees how it would be a valuable tourism asset, while having concerns regarding operational costs.

Mayor Reinhardt noted recent meetings with the Columbia Valley Recreation Access Management Planning committee, the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partnership, and Imagine Kootenay. Clara advised that these organizations are moving forward with their initiatives.

### **6. BYLAWS:**

Resolved, that we provide the first three readings to Tax Exemption (Church Properties) Bylaw No. 461, 2020.

(Moved by Councillor Shudra) Carried. (Councillor Gray opposed).

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**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolved, that we advise the RDEK that the proposed miscellaneous amendments bylaw does not affect our interests.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

Resolved, that we apply to the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP) for funding for the Park Drive West Upgrades Project, and that we agree to provide overall project and grant administration, including the funding of ineligible project components.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

Resolved, that we apply for funding under the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment program for the 2021 Radium FireSmart Education and Assessment Program, and that we confirm that we will provide overall grant management.

(Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

Resolved, that we cancel the regular Council meetings scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> and December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

Resolved, that we adopt the VRHS Centre Covid-19 Rental Policy, as presented.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

CFO Sharp provided an overview of her Finance Department Update.

Resolved, that we accept the September cheque register, as presented.

(Moved by Councillor Shudra) Carried.

Resolved, that we apply for Spray Park project funding under the Tourism Dependent Communities grant.

(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

Resolved, that we provide a letter of support to Ministry Biologist Irene Teske for funding to evaluate Bighorn Sheep crossing structures on the Mile Hill.

(Moved by Councillor Logan) Carried.

**8. SUNDRY MATTERS & QUESTIONS:**

Council expressed their concerns regarding pedestrian safety at the crosswalks on Highway 93/95. Mayor Reinhardt will prepare a letter for the Ministry detailing our concerns.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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Mayor Clara Reinhardt

  
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Clerk Mark Read