

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 10TH, 2021.

Zoom meeting details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 882 123 4110
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1. ORDER:

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

3. MINUTES:

- (a) Council meeting minutes from October 13th, 2021.

4. DELEGATIONS:

- (a) Sgt. Darren Kakuno second quarter policing report.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- (a) Village birthday and fireworks.

7. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS:

- (a) Minister Josie Osbourne re. CleanBC roadmap.
- (b) ADM Tara Faganello re. Bill 26.
- (c) Alice Breeze request for a 'No Idling' bylaw.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) VAST Resource Solutions recommendation for Sinclair Creek.
- (b) December Council meeting schedule.
- (c) Resolution to apply for an Infrastructure Planning Grant to assess water and wastewater servicing capacity within the Village. This information will inform the zoning bylaw review process regarding areas that might be suitable for increased density.

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8. NEW BUSINESS continued:

- (d) Resolution to apply to the Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Program for a second settling pond at the drinking water treatment plant.
- (e) Resolution to apply to the CBT Community Readiness Program for a storage unit or vehicle to house our interface wildfire fighting equipment.
- (f) Policy review for the Short Term Rental licensing initiative.
- (g) Business sign policy review (COVID 19 Pandemic Operational Policy #1).

9. SUNDRY MATTERS & QUESTIONS:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 13TH, 2021.

PRESENT: Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Councillors Logan, McCauley and Gray, Jill Logan, Dave Dixon, Christi Ferguson-Huston, Karen Sharp and Mark Read. Regrets: Councillor Shudra.

1. ORDER:

Mayor Reinhardt brought the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Mayor Reinhardt acknowledged First Nation's heritage for the lands upon which this meeting is being held.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Resolved, that we approve the agenda as presented.
(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

3. MINUTES:

Resolved, that we approve the Council meeting minutes from September 22nd, 2021, as circulated.
(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Logan provided an update on plans to replace the community garden irrigation system.

Mayor Reinhardt provided highlights from the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) board and committee meetings. Clara also provided an update on progress being made by the Columbia Valley Recreation Planning Committee. The priority for the committee is developing a plan for the Steamboat mountain management unit.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Resolved, that we accept the August cheque register in the amount of \$126,244.86.
(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

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6. SUNDRY MATTERS & QUESTIONS:

Mayor Reinhardt discussed the shortage of Building Inspector's in BC and the potential need to lobby the Provincial government to streamline training programs and regulations.

Councillor Logan raised the question of when fireworks would have to be ordered if we decide to proceed with the Village birthday celebration. The current requirement to check vaccination status was identified as the primary barrier to holding the event.

Fire Chief Dave Dixon provided an update on the increase in call volume related to the TransCanada closure and rerouting.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor Clara Reinhardt

Clerk Mark Read

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Security Classification/Designation

Non-sensitive

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Your File

Mayor and Council
Radium Hot Springs

Our File

2021-10-31

To the Mayor and Council,

**Mayor and Council Quarterly Report - Radium Hot Springs
Second Quarter - 2021/2022**

Introduction

This report is a summary of the activities of the Columbia Valley Detachment for the period of July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021. During the second quarter our Detachment handled 1252 files which was down from 1361 files during the same period last year.

Detachment Personnel Status

Our Detachment, when at full strength, consists of the following:

- 1 Sergeant (Detachment Commander)
- 2 Corporals (Supervisors)
- 8 Constables (Provincially funded)
- 3 Administrative Staff
- 1 Victim Services Worker

Our detachment currently has one vacant Constable position and one Constable on maternity leave. Staffing continues to work on finding a suitable member to fill our vacancy. At least two Constables have shown interest in transferring to our Detachment, however, staffing is still working on confirming their releasability from their current units.

We have recently received the go ahead to utilize a Reservist Constable to supplement our Detachment strength. R/Cst. Brad Freer will be assisting our Detachment with administrative duties, training and traffic enforcement.

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Detachment Priorities 2021/22

For 2021/22 our Detachment Priorities will be Road Safety, Substance Abuse, Youth, and Employee Wellness.

Road Safety - Columbia Valley General Duty members will again be encouraged to conduct pro-active traffic enforcement in the Columbia Valley. These officer-violator contacts will address road safety, drugs and property crime offences. Additionally, I will work collaboratively with Golden and Cranbrook Highway Patrol Unit Commanders in an effort to have more traffic resources in our area during periods when Trans-Canada traffic is diverted into the Columbia Valley.

Update - Columbia Valley RCMP, Cranbrook Highway Patrol, Golden Highway Patrol and Lake Louise Highway Patrol are making every effort to have at least one member on Highway 93 or Highway 95 each day during the Trans-Canada Highway closure. When Highway Patrol units are not available Columbia Valley officers are assisting with traffic enforcement.

Substance Abuse - A current list of all available support services in the Columbia Valley will be compiled, updated and made available to our members. Members will liaise with local support services to determine how we can work together to address addictions and mental health. Proactive contacts will be made with those suffering from addictions to try to connect them with supports and services.

Update - This past quarter, two additional proactive contacts were made with individuals suffering from addictions. In one case, the individual expressed an interest in learning more about his heritage. Members were able to participate in an outing with this individual and connect him with an elder who offered to mentor and support the individual.

Youth - Columbia Valley Detachment will continue to build on relationships with school administrators, staff and youth. Members will be encouraged to seek out opportunities to engage with youth in formal settings such as school programs and informal settings such as youth centers, organized sports and skate/bike parks. Flexibility will also be provided to members who wish to coach or mentor youth in sports/activities.

Update - Prior to the start of the new school year, Columbia Valley Detachment members along with School District 6 staff and College of the Rockies staff, conducted active threat scenario training at David Thompson Secondary school. The practical scenario training was invaluable for our RCMP members.

Employee Wellness - Employee Wellness - This past year has been a difficult time for everyone, including our officers and detachment staff. Employee wellness is a priority for me. I will be seeking out opportunities to provide wellness training to our Detachment members and staff. Areas of focus will be mental and physical health for our members and their families. Once restrictions are lifted I will also be prioritizing operational skills training.

Update - Our Detachment has recommenced training following a lengthy period during which all training was placed on hold due to COVID.

Some of the training that has occurred this past quarter included:

- Cpl. Gendron-Fafard attended the Media Relations course in Chilliwack.
- Cst. Henneberry successfully completed a three week Drug Recognition Expert course in the Lower Mainland. Cst. Henneberry is now one of only a few members in the Kootenays who is qualified to conduct drug impaired driving investigations.
- Cst. Rivers completed the search warrant course in Chilliwack.
- All members also completed their annual firearms qualifications.

Non-sensitive**Calls for Service**

The total number of calls for service throughout the Columbia Valley Detachment area for the second quarter (July-September) was 1252. During the same quarter in 2020 our calls for service were 1361 and in 2019 we received 1126 calls.

The specific calls for service for Radium Hot Springs were as follows:

July	2021 = 42	2020 = 41	2019 = 24	2018 = 36	2017 = 22
August	2021 = 25	2020 = 35	2019 = 45	2018 = 37	2017 = 39
September	2021 = 26	2020 = 20	2019 = 20	2018 = 26	2017 = 28
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Total	2021 = 93	2020 = 96	2019 = 89	2018 = 99	2017 = 89

Calls within Radium Hot Springs accounted for approximately 7% of our calls for service.

Kicking Horse Canyon Diversion

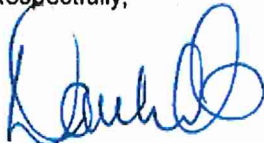
The full closure of the Trans-Canada Highway resumed on September 21st and will continue into December. This highway diversion has resulted in an increase in traffic related calls for our Detachment.

Traffic Complaints (September 21 - October 31) - 2021 = 66, 2020 = 31

Collisions (September 21 - October 31) - 2021 = 33, 2020 = 24

Of the 33 collisions that occurred this year, 15 occurred on Highway 93, 7 occurred on Highway 95, 5 occurred on Highway 93/95 and 6 occurred in other locations.

Respectfully,



Sgt. Darren Kakuno
Columbia Valley RCMP



October 29, 2021

Ref: 268537

Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia

Dear Mayors and Chairs:

I am pleased to announce that the Province of British Columbia recently launched the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030. Building on actions in our 2018 CleanBC plan, the Roadmap to 2030 is a stronger, more ambitious climate plan to reach our 2030 emissions reductions targets and build a strong, low-carbon economy.

The Roadmap to 2030 includes actions across eight pathways including: low-carbon energy; transportation; buildings; communities; industry; agriculture, aquaculture and fisheries; forest bioeconomy; and negative emissions technologies. Highlights of the Roadmap include:

- New requirements to make all new buildings net-zero emissions by 2030
- A nation leading adoption of zero-emission vehicles with 90 percent ZEVs by 2030 and 100 percent by 2035
- An accelerated shift towards active transportation and public transit
- A commitment to increase the price on carbon pollution to meet or exceed the federal benchmark, with supports for people and businesses
- Requirements for new industry projects to have enforceable plans to reach net-zero emissions by 2050
- Stronger regulations that will nearly eliminate industrial methane emissions by 2035
- Increased clean fuel and energy efficiency requirements
- A Clean Transportation Action Plan will support emission reductions by focusing on efficiency-first transportation options

Local governments across B.C. have consistently shown leadership and commitment to taking action on climate change. Continuing the partnership between local governments and the province is key to achieving our shared goals. The Roadmap to 2030 highlights the prominent role that communities have in reaching those goals and commits to establishing a new program in 2022 to support local government climate actions through flexible, predictable funding.

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The expanded climate actions in the Roadmap to 2030 will accelerate our transition to a net-zero future and ensure we meet B.C.'s legislated greenhouse gas target of 40 percent below 2007 levels by 2030. To learn more and to read the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030, please visit: www.cleanbc.gov.bc.ca and read the [news release](#).

I would also like to share with you the [2021 Climate Change Accountability Report](#). The report includes detailed information on CleanBC progress over the 2020-2021 period to reduce carbon pollution, prepare for climate impacts and create low-carbon economic opportunities for people across B.C. It also includes emissions data for the 2019 reporting year.

Sincerely,



Josie Osborne
Minister

pc: Chief Administrative Officers



October 26, 2021

Ref: 268550

Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia

Dear Mayors and Chairs:

I am writing to you to provide you with an overview of the proposed legislative amendments in [Bill 26](#), the *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2021* that was introduced by Minister Josie Osborne in the B.C. Legislature today.

Bill 26 proposes amendments to various pieces of provincial legislation including the *Community Charter* and the *Local Government Act* among other acts. The amendments will address a variety of topics including:

- new tools to help local governments support housing supply by streamlining their development approval processes,
- modernized public notice requirements,
- the requirement for councils and boards to consider codes of conduct, and
- community specific amendments including allowing the dissolution of the Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality.

Together, the amendments in this bill will have meaningful impact by providing authorities that support efficient and effective local government operations. These amendments address issues not contemplated by existing legislation, and they will enable local governments to respond to circumstances in their community and provide new tools to increase the efficiency and timelines of housing development.

The Province's news release and information bulletin for the legislation are available here:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/25595>

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/25596>

Progress of Bill 26 in the B.C. Legislature can be tracked [here](#).

Here are further details regarding the items in Bill 26. I will send a circular with further technical details on the amendments to local government Chief Administrative Officers shortly.

Development Approvals Process Review

To support the streamlining of local government development approvals process and increased housing supply, this bill proposes legislation to remove the default requirement for local governments to hold public hearings for zoning bylaws that are consistent with an official community plan and enable local governments to delegate minor development variance permits to local government staff.

The Province initiated the Development Approvals Process Review (DAPR) to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of development approvals as a way to support the affordability and timeliness of new housing supply getting to market. Stakeholders who participated in DAPR consultations identified process improvement in relation to public hearings and delegation of authority in certain matters from council to municipal staff as two initial areas of action that could have an impact on streamlining development approvals.

Modernizing Public Notice Requirements

We have heard from local governments that the existing notice requirements under local government legislation do not fully meet community needs and the realities of modern electronic communication, particularly in smaller and rural communities.

Bill 26 addresses these concerns by modernizing the options for providing statutory notice to citizens, similar to other provinces. The bill creates a new “local choice” option for local governments to determine and specify, by bylaw, the means of public notice that will have the broadest reach in their communities. This change recognizes that local governments are in the best position to determine how to notify and engage community members and provide greater flexibility for them to reach a wider audience.

Where the existing rules are working well for communities, there will be no requirement to change, and they may continue to use the newspapers for notice. However, the new rules provide additional choices and modernized options for communities that determine they have need for additional or alternative approaches.

Code of Conduct

The bill contains changes that aim to strengthen the responsible conduct of local elected officials. Codes of conduct set shared expectations for behaviour, and these amendments will add a new requirement for all municipal councils and regional district boards to publicly consider the development of a code of conduct for their council or board members.

Currently, there is no requirement for local governments to develop codes of conduct or engage in a conversation about having a code of conduct. The changes in this bill create a standardized process for elected officials to engage in regular and meaningful dialogue about how they will govern together while demonstrating their accountability to the public.

The proposed approach has been developed through a joint Ministry Working Group with UBCM and LGMA and responds to calls for more tools to strengthen local government responsible conduct and was

supported through an endorsed resolution of the membership of the Union of BC Municipalities at the September 2021 Convention.

These changes will not take effect until a regulation to bring them into force is passed – likely in Spring 2022. Additional guidance material will be provided to local governments when the changes are brought into force.

Dissolution of Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality

Amendments in this bill will enable the dissolution of the Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality (Jumbo). Jumbo was incorporated as a mountain resort municipality in 2013, with no residents, to facilitate the development of a ski resort in the Jumbo Valley.

Specialized provisions are required for the dissolution of Jumbo as the existing authorities are not sufficient to dissolve a municipality without residents or to accommodate changes to revert this area to the Regional District of East Kootenay. The amendments will also repeal the authority to incorporate a mountain resort municipality without residents, like Jumbo, in the future.

The provisions in this bill to enable the dissolution of the municipality at Jumbo are also integral to the agreement between the province and the Ktunaxa Nation to create an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area in the Jumbo Valley.

Islands Trust Act Amendments

Bill 26 includes amendments to the *Islands Trust Act* that address specific requests made by the Islands Trust. The amendments will support effective governance by ensuring the Islands Trust is able to meet its specialized mandate to “preserve and protect” the Trust Area.

The Islands Trust has demonstrated leadership in reconciliation efforts in its dealings with First Nations’ interests in Islands Trust governance and activities. The proposed changes in this bill amend the *Islands Trust Act* to include a specific reference to First Nations in the Trust’s objective statement in the Act to recognize and enshrine its ongoing relationship and reconciliation efforts with First Nations.

Amendments will also enable the Islands Trust to provide financial support to third parties for activities that provide education about or preserve the environment and unique amenities of the Trust Area. This ability to support community efforts to educate about the Islands Trust environment and unique amenities complement the existing ability to support heritage and history projects that already exists in the Act.

And finally, the proposed amendments will streamline development approvals processes in the Islands Trust by enabling local trust committees to adopt and amend Development Approval Information bylaws. This change is consistent with other authorities of Local Trust Areas in the Trust and will create efficiencies in approval processes.

Powell River Incorporation Act

Bill 26 adds new targeted amendments to the unique statute incorporating the City of Powell River – the *Powell River Incorporation Act* (PRIA) - as requested by the City of Powell River. The PRIA contains extensive limitations on municipal regulation of the mill in Powell River and the “Mill Site” area of the City. These provisions protected the operations of the pulp mill at the time of incorporation but reduced activity of the mill and transfer of mill lots to the City have made these restrictions a constraint on economic development of those lots – now owned by the City.

The proposed amendments will support the City’s economic development objectives by removing city owned parcels from the “Mill Site” area to allow for further development of those parcels. This proposal is supported by the current mill owner, Paper Excellence and the Tla’amin First Nation.

I trust you find this information helpful, and I also appreciate you communicating back this information from the province to your councils and boards, to your local government staff and to your communities.

Kind regards,



Tara Faganello
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM
Nancy Taylor, Executive Director, LGMA
Todd Pugh, Executive Director, Civic Info
Chief Administrative Officers of BC

Oct. 20/21

To Whom it May Concern:

Would you please consider passing a "No Idling" bylaw in Radium. Especially in these COVID times it's hard enough to breathe! If you're over 3 feet tall you don't get a direct hit of the emissions.

It's our children who reap the damages. Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I remain,

Sincerely

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October 13, 2021

VAST File: 20.0085.00

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Attn: Mark Read, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Radium Hot Springs

Re: Debris Jam Removal in Sinclair Creek

Dear Sir:

This letter provides a brief summary and recommendations to address the debris jam located on Sinclair Creek in the Village of Radium Hot Springs, British Columbia (BC) after initial site assessments and discussions with the regulators, other professionals, and Village of Radium Hot Springs staff.

Permit Applications and Environmental Management Plans

The removal of the debris jam will require both Provincial and Federal review and approval.

Provincially, flood damage restoration work is not considered an emergency and requires notification or approval, which is a Section 11 Change Approval permit under the *Water Sustainability Act* (WSA) for changes in and about a stream. The proposed removal of the debris jam is a project that will require a Section 11 Change Approval as the changes in and about a stream could have a large impact on the environment or third parties (e.g. "Large Debris Removal by machine" is listed under a type of work that requires approval and a plan). The removal of the debris jam at the project location involves potential changes to the stream channel and adjacent riparian area and could result in:

- changes in the flow regime and/or hydraulics, destabilizing the overall channel and bank;
- change in substrate, erosion, and sedimentation;
- changes to habitat structure and cover;
- change in contaminant concentrations; and,
- potential mortality of fish/eggs/ova from equipment.

Federal review and approval are required because the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Measures to Protect Fish and Fish Habitat under the *Fisheries Act* can not be fully implemented. For example, in order to comply with the fish and fish habitat protection provisions of the *Fisheries Act* the work would need to avoid:

- causing the death of fish; and,
- harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat in the work, undertaking or activity.

The debris jam comprises mainly natural woody debris and provides substantial fish habitat; therefore, removing the debris will result in the “harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat”.

There are also no Codes of Practice under DFO for removing debris jams. Codes of Practice are used when a project cannot completely implement the measures to protect fish and fish habitat such as procedures, practices or standards to avoid the death of fish or the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat. Existing Codes of Practice include beaver dam removal, culvert maintenance, end-of-pipe fish protection screens for small water intakes in freshwater, routine maintenance dredging, temporary cofferdams and diversion channels, and temporary stream crossings. None of the above listed Codes of Practice are applicable for the proposed debris removal.

Removing the debris jam will result in the loss of significant fish habitat and some form of habitat compensation will likely be necessary to gain approval by DFO. Past fish habitat restoration efforts conducted downstream include the creation of fish habitat structures, such as log deflectors and weirs. However, many of these structures are currently not functioning properly to serve as intended fish habitat (Figure 2) and cannot be used to fully offset the impacts of removing the debris jam.

Overall, removal of the debris jam will require DFO and Provincial approval, which will include (but not limited to):

- detailed assessments and plan to remove the debris; and,
- adequate approved fish habitat compensation involving engineered drawings.

This process could take several years to complete depending on DFO and Provincial approval timeframes and any other potential stakeholder evaluation and/or involvement.

Current Conditions

From the initial formation of the debris jam in 2020 to its current state, the debris jam has remained relatively unchanged and stable (Figure 3; Figure 4; Figure 5). Most of the debris are still in the original position after the 2021 freshet. As of August 2021, approximately two-thirds of the creek flow now occurs under the left (south) bank/debris jam. Bed load (sand, gravel, cobble) has been pilling up within the right bank woody debris, pushing flow away from the northern eroding bank face. Fish habitat in the form of cover and spawning gravels are intact, and fish were observed in the lower downstream run within the log jam. The debris is composed of mainly natural untreated woody debris (sticks, logs, etc.,) and therefore does not pose a chemical risk to fish or fish habitat.

Assessments conducted surrounding the debris jam have found a number of other existing issues that should likely be addressed with priority. For example, the eroding bank upstream of the debris jam is a far larger area compared to the eroding bank caused by the debris jam (Figure 8; Figure 9). Additional flooding evidence outside of the stream banks was also found from 2020 and 2021 freshets. Flooding outside of the bank has occurred upstream of the debris jam, which may impact the village water treatment facility and other infrastructure (Figure 1; Figure 10 Figure 11), though, a need to fully confirm and assess this flood risk would be required.

Recommendations

Due to the permitting requirements and the debris jams’ current stability while providing substantial fish habitat, we recommend leaving the debris jam at this time. Monitoring should be conducted at regular intervals to assess condition and stability.

If the need to remove large debris arises under an emergency situation, we recommend utilizing the *Emergency Program Act* under the direction of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (MoFLNRORD). Emergency flood work must be reported to a habitat officer within 72 hours of the change, and you must comply with measures supplied by the engineer and with the terms and conditions specified by the habitat officer.

Small pieces of garbage that exist within the creek and in the debris jam caused from flooding and will not destabilize the debris jam itself or the stream channel (i.e. will not significantly alter instream habitats), such as plastic bags, small pieces of treated/painted wood, hoses, etc. can and should be removed by hand under a WSA notification to MoFLNRORD (Figure 12). Standards and Best Practices for Stream Channel Maintenance should be followed when removing garbage (British Columbia Ministry of Water, Land, and Air Protection, 2004).

VAST trusts this letter satisfies your current requirements. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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I reviewed October 29 2021

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