

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12TH, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Councillors Logan (via Zoom), Gray, Shudra and McCauley, Kent Kebe, Dave Dixon, Trevor Carr, George Dumitrescu, Steve Hubrecht (via Zoom), Arne Dohlen, Karen Sharp and Jill Logan.

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Resolved that we add the following additions to the Agenda under Item 8:

e) Update from Fire Chief Carr (verbal)
(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

3. MINUTES:

Resolved, that we approve the Council meeting minutes from December 15th, 2021, with the following revision to Item.10. Notice of Committee, Special & Closed Meetings

Regarding the resolution, remove the words 'pending litigation' and replace with 'labour relations'.
(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

4. DELEGATIONS:

George Dumitrescu (Radium Escape) brought forward a suggestion to install a piece of public art on the corner of his lot on Stanley Street. Council was supportive, in principle, but would like to see a concept. CAO Dohlen expressed concern about the large building going on a small lot, and the importance of not impeding visibility for pedestrians.

George also brought forward his desire to see Radium embrace a 'festival' of lights during the winter. Council supports an event such as this but suggested that he put forth his ideas to Tourism Radium, and that this type of event would require a 'champion'.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no reports.

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6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None

7. BYLAWS

Resolved, that we provide the first three readings to Short Term Rental Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 470, 2022.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

8. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS:

- a) Council received a written update of operational items from Bruce Zwiers, Public Works Superintendent. Councillor Gray inquired about snow removal and asked about any challenges arising from the large snowfall. Mayor Reinhardt advised she has received comments that the north end of the highway does not seem to be maintained as well as the south end. Mayor Reinhardt asked staff to follow up with the highway maintenance company. Councillor Shudra inquired about the frozen water lines in the amenity's washroom. Staff advised this has been fixed.

- b) Fire Chief Carr provided a statistical update on calls for 2021 as follows:
 - We attended to 139 calls in 2021. 61 of those were First Responder calls and 24 were in the Park.
 - In comparison, 2020 was 65 calls with 19 being FR and 2019, 108 calls
 - As of today we have 17 members in the department
 - In December 10 members received their certificate of completion for exterior operations
 - The remaining 7 members are commencing exterior training with myself this winter with expectation to have completed by December if not earlier of 2022
 - Kudos to all involved in the very successful fireworks display on New Year's Eve
 - We have enough fireworks to put on a small fireworks display on Family Day weekend this year.

Mayor Reinhardt inquired whether the fire department should revisit its policy on responding to calls into Kootenay National Park, or at least investigate receiving a PEP number for these calls to reclaim some expenses. Firefighter Dixon advised it was a complicated process and Mayor Reinhardt suggested this should be brought forward to the appropriate ministries. Councillors Gray and Shudra thanked the department for the great New Year's Eve fireworks display. Fire Chief Carr advised that approximately 19 fireworks never fired, and suggested they be set off on Family Day. Councillor Gray asked if the chief was happy with the number of members on the department, and Chief Carr

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replied a recruitment drive would be a good idea. Councillor Logan thanked Councillor Gray and the Horsethief Pub for bringing food and hot beverages to the scene of the Christmas Eve fire

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolved, that we cancel the September 14th, 2022, council meeting due to a conflict with UBCM.
(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.
- b) Council directed staff to provide options for a draft vaccination policy that would encompass the Village office, library and fire department.
- c) Mayor Reinhardt and CAO Dohlen provided an update on the application for funding to replace the north entrance sign.
- d) Resolved, that we accept the October cheque register in the amount of \$438,466.29 and the November cheque register in the amount of \$353,025.53.
(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.
- e) Resolved that Council directs staff to buy one Dissolved Air Flootation Filter at a cost of \$32,000, as early as January 2022, and that these funds come from Water Reserves.
(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.
- f) CBT Community Initiatives and Affected Areas program – April 4th is the tentative date for community meeting.

10. SUNDRY MATTERS & QUESTIONS:

Councillor Shudra asked staff how the rink operations were going and commented that the sleigh rides after Christmas were very popular.

Councillor Gray advised he had participated in a housing needs interview as well as the Interior Health Mayors and Chairs meeting.

Mayor Reinhardt participated in an interview with CBC Calgary regarding the newly installed phone stations in Kootenay National Park. Mayor Reinhardt also commented that the local paper might want to follow up on the significant structural fire that took place on Christmas Eve at the Radium Resort, the collaboration of many agencies, and the displacement of 4 families.

CFO Karen Sharp commented on the recent, numerous, rejected deliveries to GD addresses by Canada Post, and expressed concern for those not receiving their invoices. Mayor Reinhardt will follow up with Canada Post representatives.

CVP reporter Hubrecht asked for clarification of the proposed vaccination policy.

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11. NOTICE OF COMMITTEE, SPECIAL & CLOSED MEETINGS:

Resolved that we go 'in camera' to discuss labour relations under Section 90 of the *Community Charter*.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

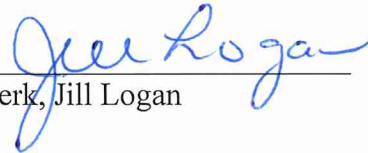
12. ADJOURNMENT:

The open portion of the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor Clara Reinhardt



Clerk, Jill Logan