

# VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

**PRESENT:** Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Councillors Logan, Shudra, Gray and McCauley, Kent Kebe, Dave Dixon, Trevor Carr, Sgt. Darren Kakuno, Cpl Jeff Witzke, Arne Dohlen and Jill Logan, via Zoom - Steve Hubrecht, Karen Sharp, Jack Stuempel, Tina Hlushak, Arthur McLean, Katie Ward, Mike Lorimer, Kathryn Lawrence, and Joel Brenner

**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:

- a) Item 6 – Bylaw Officer Kent Kebe - sheep update
  - b) Item 9e) – Reduction of speed limit on Forsters Landing Road
- (Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

### **3. MINUTES:**

Resolved, that we approve the Council meeting minutes from January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with a revision to Council attendance to show that Councillor Gray arrived late.

(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried.

### **4. DELEGATIONS:**

a) Sgt. Darren Kakuno introduced new member Cpl. Jeff Witzke. Sgt. Kakuno then provided the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report, outlining detachment priorities, mental health awareness and the challenges faced with the highway diversion. Councillor Gray commented on substance abuse priorities and the detachment's mental health training. Councillor Shudra inquired whether the detachment has had any issues with freedom convoys and Sgt. Kakuno answered nothing of issue. Mayor Reinhardt reported on her meeting with Canfor and the suggestion of lowering the speed limit on Forsters to 40km (currently 50 km/hr). Sgt. Kakuno advised that enforcement could be an issue due to limited resources.

b) Mike Lorimer provided council with an update on the Kicking Horse Canyon Phase 4 project and advised that staff were happy with the progress being made. The next major closure will occur April 19-May 20<sup>th</sup>, missing the Easter and May long weekends. Councillor Shudra inquired about the drilling process. Councillor Logan inquired whether they track stats of the incidents in Kootenay National Park. Councillor Grey commented on the unofficial rest stop on Hwy 95 just north of the roundabout and the lack of chain up area or signage advising drivers they are entering

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a high mountain road. Mike Lorimer advised that they work closely with the BC Truckers Association regarding education and best driving practices. Mayor Reinhardt asked what the impact of the closure has been on the local school districts and the bussing schedules. Mike Lorimer and Arthur McLean replied that they work closely with the school districts and meet regularly to discuss any issues with bus operations.

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

None

#### **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Bylaw Officer Kent Kebe provided an update on the sheep mortality incidents on the Radium hill, with the latest death occurring on Tuesday evening. As of February 9<sup>th</sup>, Kent will not be attending any incidents involving sheep being struck on the highway. If motorists are involved in an incident, they should be calling the RAPP Line at 1-877-952-7277 or the highway contractor, Mainroads (roundabout and south), at 1-800-665-4929 or Emcon (roundabout and north), at 1-866-353-3136. Katie Ward, District Highways manager thanked Kent for his efforts, and advised that hill monitoring would start soon. Katie also spoke about speed reduction not being an option and that driver behaviour needs to change. Katie also commented that there could be a change to de-icing products, but that would not occur until sometime next year. The long term goal is fencing and an overpass. Councillor Gray thanked Kent for his efforts. Councillor Shudra commented that he drove by the scene of the latest sheep death and that it was very unsettling. He asked what the numbers were, and Kent replied that as of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 14 have been hit and killed since November, and many others have been struck but wandered off. Kent also warned that April could be a high mortality month due to greening up of the grasses on the hills. Councillor Logan thanked Kent as well and asked if reports would still be forthcoming about vehicle strikes. Kent replied yes.

#### **7. BYLAWS**

None

#### **8. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS:**

None

#### **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Zoning Bylaw Open House will take place at the RHS Centre on February 15-17, 2022 from 1-4pm. Council will be in attendance.

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b) Tina Hlushak, RDEK Corporate Officer, provided an overview of the Columbia Valley Transit Service expansion project and requested consideration from council to support Consent Approach 1 as follows:

Be it resolved that the Village of Radium Hot Springs Council supports Consent Approach 1, providing consent on behalf of the electors as participating area approval for the Columbia Valley Transit service expansion proposal.

(Moved by Councillor Gray) Carried.

c) Resolution for Universal No-Cost Coverage of Prescription Contraception tabled to a future meeting.

d) Resolved that we accept the December cheque register as presented in the Agenda.

(Moved by Councillor McCauley) Carried

e) Mayor Reinhardt reported on a recent meeting, initiated by Canfor, to discuss the sheep collisions and Canfor's desire to be involved in a solution to this issue. Canfor brought forward the suggestion of reducing the speed on Forsters to 40 km/hr. Bylaw Officer Kent Kebe reported that there are animal impacts on this road. Fire Chief Carr advised that many trucks do not stop at the stop sign adjacent to the Prestige and retarder brake noise is an issue. Interim CAO Arne Dohlen warned that increased retarder brake noise could occur, but also advised that the speed limit on all municipal roads is 40 km/hr except Forsters, so this change would make it consistent across the Village. Councillor Gray asked about enforcement and working with Canfor to monitor the speed. Mayor Reinhardt advised that Canfor is willing to provide an additional speed board, and that residents can forward speeding complaints to Canfor and should include a description of the truck, identified by its front company plate. Mayor Reinhard directed staff to connect with Canfor and obtain more background information before drafting a bylaw.

### **10. SUNDRY MATTERS & QUESTIONS:**

Councillor Gray commented on the housing needs survey and the rental shortage and whether an STR cap should be discussed further. Mayor Reinhardt asked staff for an update on STR applications and commented that non-compliance may need to be addressed with ticketing and fines. Mayor Reinhardt also commented on the newly released census data reporting that Radium had grown from a population of 776 to 1339 – a 72% increase over five years.

### **11. NOTICE OF COMMITTEE, SPECIAL & CLOSED MEETINGS:**

None.

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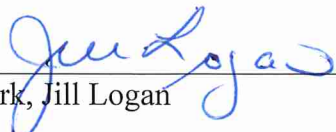
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**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9.34 p.m.

HEREBY CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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Mayor Clara Reinhardt

  
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Clerk, Jill Logan