

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

1:00 PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH, 2022

Zoom info:

Meeting ID: 882 123 4110

Passcode: Radium

PRESENT:

1. ORDER:

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- a) Pioneer Ave public art (George Dumitrescu) - discussion
- b) Report to Council – Bylaw Officer Kent Kebe - Potential relocation of wild turkeys
- c) CAO Priority Projects List - discussion
- d) Council remuneration - discussion
- e) Sign bylaw - discussion
- f) Schedule for future COTW meetings – discussion
- g) Reserve fund discussion

4. ADJOURNMENT:

From: Adrian Bergles <cao@radiumhotsprings.ca>
Sent: June 13, 2022 3:47 PM
To: Jill.Logan@radiumhotsprings.ca
Subject: FW: Pioneer Ave Public Art

Please Print and add to COTW agenda. Thanks!

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From: Radium Escape - George <george@radiumescape.com>
Sent: April 27, 2022 7:56 PM
To: cao@radiumhotsprings.ca
Cc: brian widahl <brianwidahl@live.com>; iulia@radiumescape.com
Subject: Re: Pioneer Ave Public Art

Good evening Adrian,

Me and Julia are happy to meet you, and we look forward to working with you on this!

To give you a little back ground, our idea started when we saw Brian and Sarah's public art piece which they installed in down town Banff (pictures attached). We really liked the look, and luck had it that around the same time Bruce from Public Works messaged us to let us know that the corner of our lot between Stanley St. and Pioneer Ave is very important to the Village and he asked if we need any help in achieving this. Of course putting up public art on that corner was far beyond what Bruce was offering, but we felt that this was something that was worth exploring, both as a way to attract tourist eyeballs to our building (from folks stopping over to take pictures) and as a way to give back to the community by adding something nice that will hopefully be enjoyed by all residents. The pieces we would like to install would be free standing 3D wood sculptures, carved by chainsaw and fully painted and sealed for long term outdoor display. We do not have a final design, but they would be in the style presented by the artist, and in colour patterns and finishings similar to their bear pieces which they have already installed for other clients. We would be happy to set the sculptures up close to the sidewalk and to arrange a little gravel path or some way for pedestrians to approach them to take pictures in a controlled and safe way without going all over our landscaping, if the Village desires this. We would also be glad to run an electrical conduit to whatever pieces are approved and to light them up at night if the Village likes this idea (we would pay for the electricity), but this is not a must have for us.

Brian and Sarah Widahl have created public art pieces for multiple municipalities in Alberta (Banff, Cochrane, Sundre, Bragg Creek, etc) and for the Enchanted Forest in BC, so after meeting with them we felt it was a perfect match, because on top of doing beautiful work they already possessed the expertise of navigating the specific needs and requirements of publicly displayed art on public property. Their company name is Widhal Woodcraft and their website is <https://www.widahlwoodcraft.ca/>. We made it clear that we don't expect any financial support, however the Mayor mentioned at the council meeting when I presented this idea some possible sources of some government funds possibly being available. I was so surprised that she was offered that option that I honestly don't even remember who she mentioned since her comment was so unexpected... One story that Brian and Sarah shared with us was about their experience in Sundre, where initially the town could only afford a scaled down version of their proposal, but the citizens got together and pitched in and ultimately the full scale project was able to be built, with the whole experience generating a lot of community pride for their achievement. That got me thinking that since the sheep highway accidents

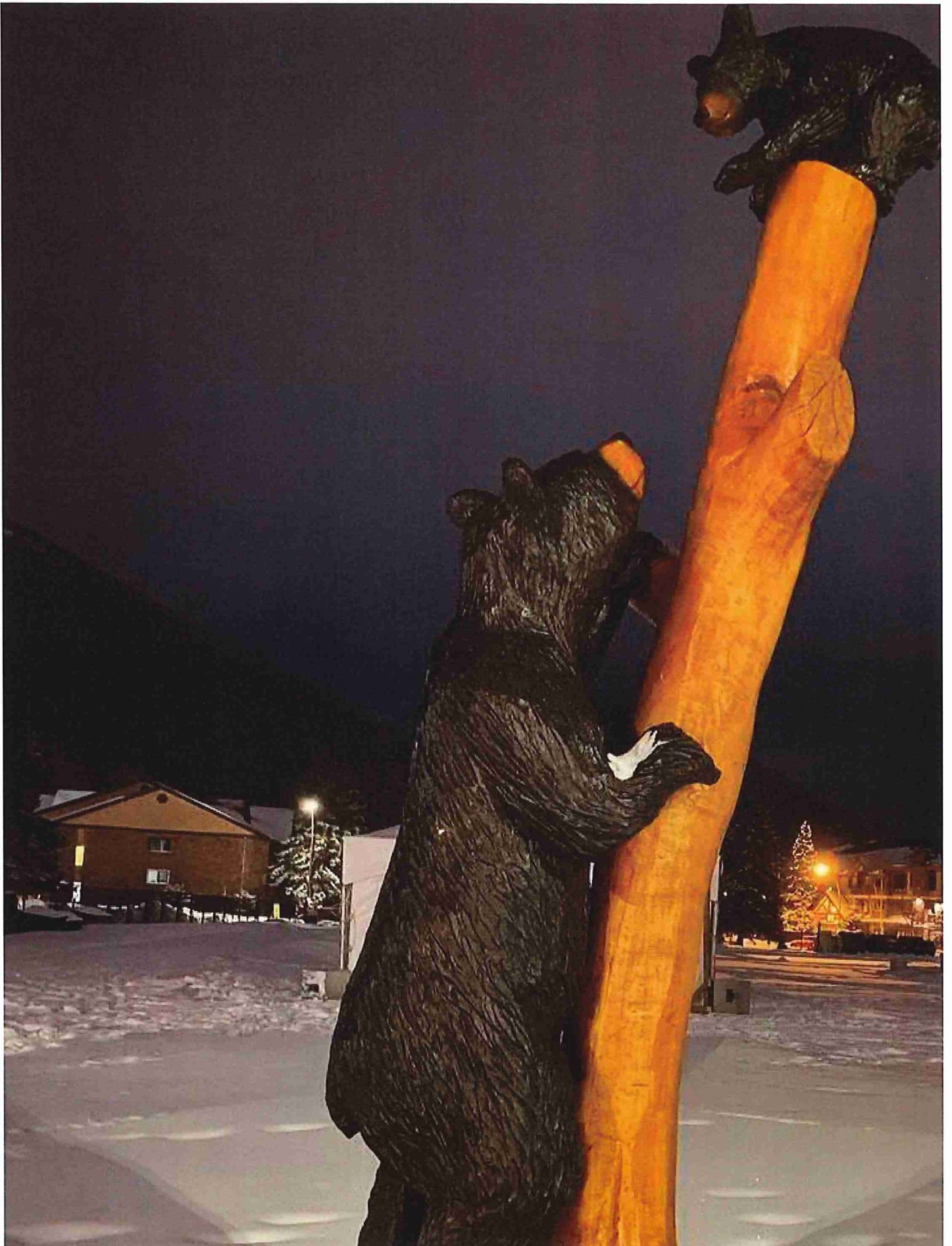
issue is so front and centre right now, maybe there may be similar interest from Radium residents and businesses to possibly do something similar to what Sundre did, and maybe there may be public support for a larger set of public sculptures. I know that this is a wild idea, but it would be the most beautiful option, to have some of the pieces on our lot and some around the community hall or around the athletic park, complementing each other and creating a powerful tourist draw to the area... It won't be Rolf's woodcarving house, that can never be replaced, but especially for his memory and for the love that community had for him, why not at least try??

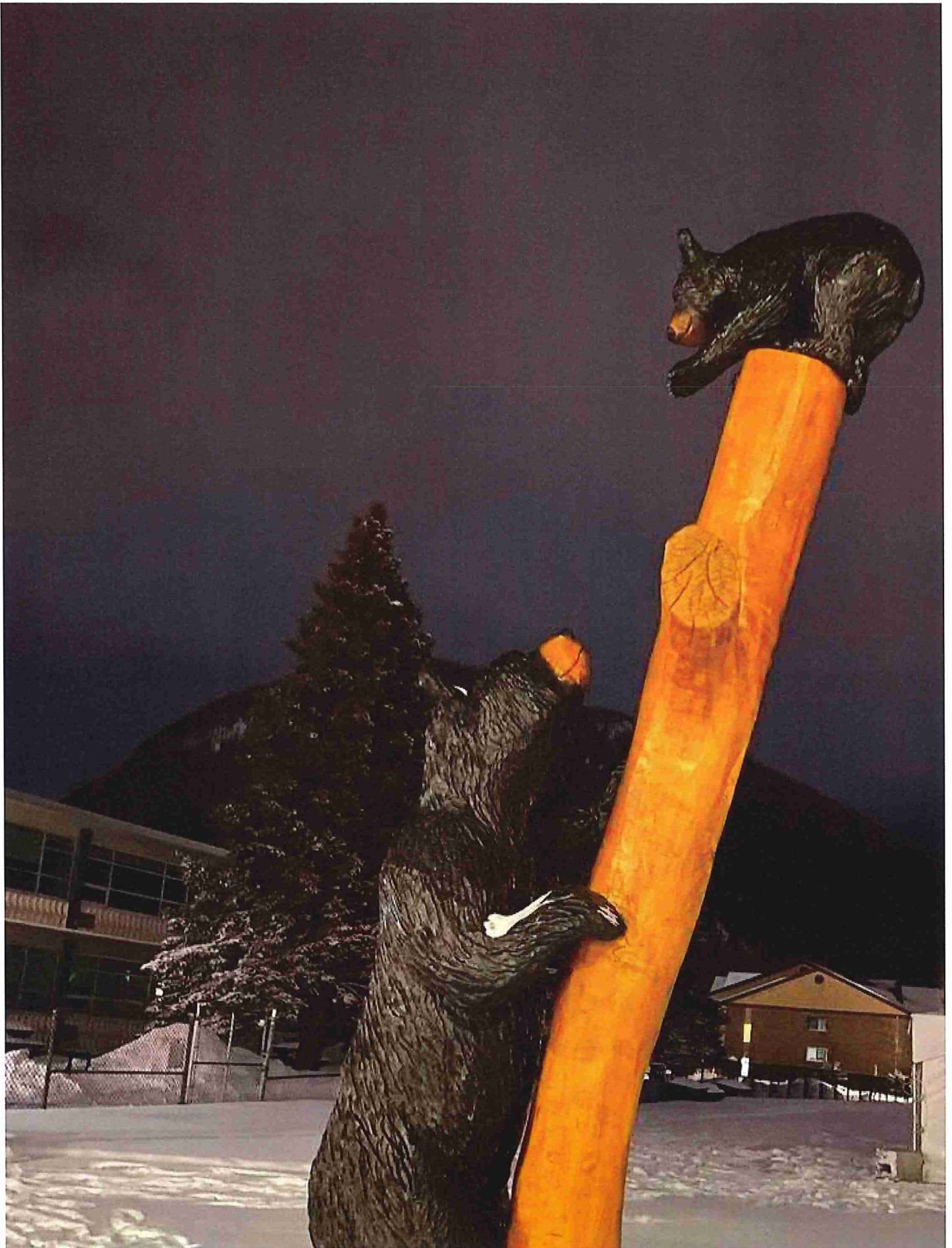
Again, all we are truly after is to be able to put one or more public art on the setbacks of our lot, and we are not asking for any financial support (though we wouldn't say no to it either haha). We were hoping to spend around \$10,000 on this , and maybe go up to \$20,000 for something that really captures the interest and attention of tourists and the community. If there is any little hope and interest from the village council and staff to explore the possibility of creating a wider public art setting, in which the pieces on our lot and the pieces at the community hall complement each other, then yes we would absolutely also volunteer our time and would do everything that we can to make this idea come to reality.

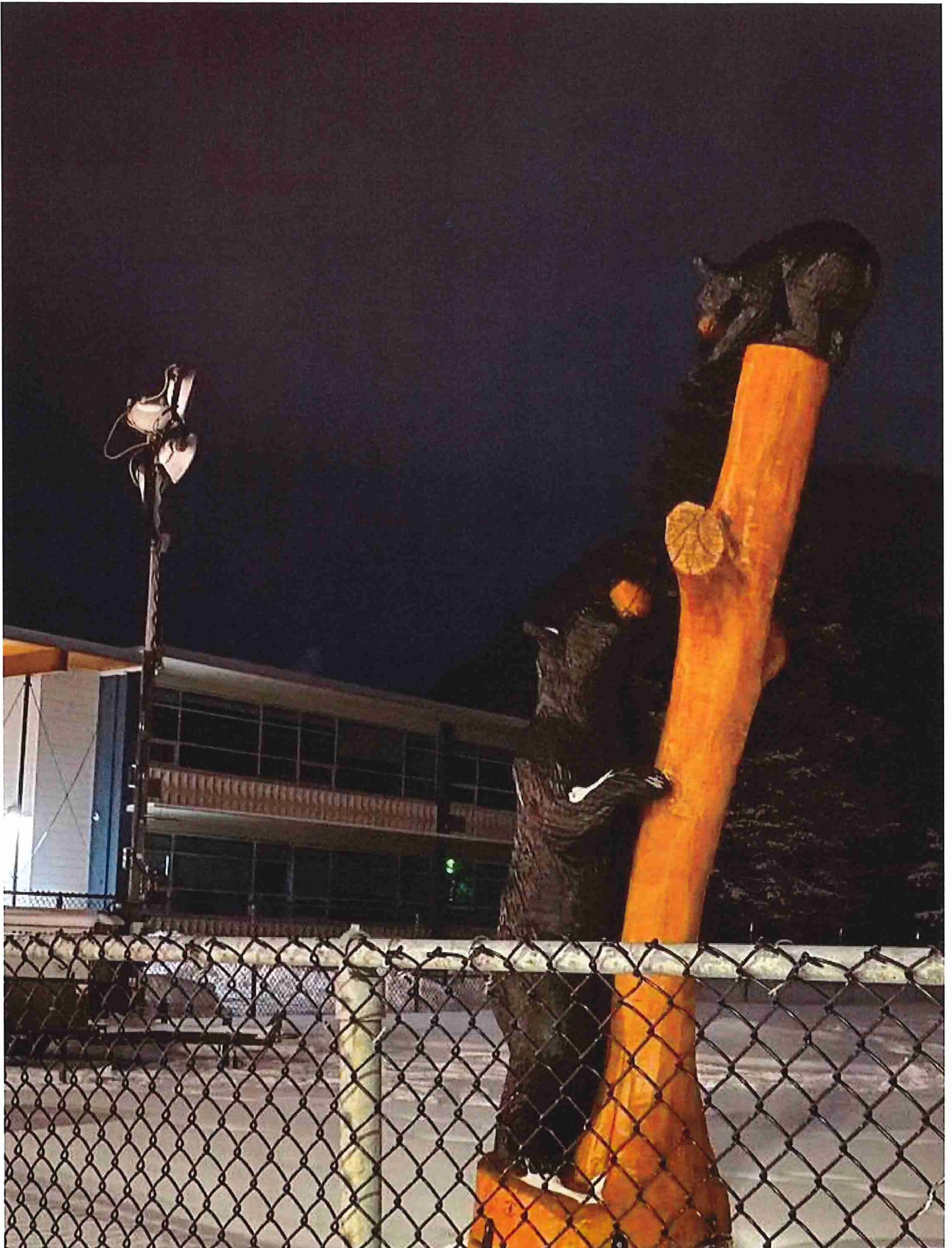
The biggest issue that Arne identified as needing to be clarified when we first brought this up, is sight lines for cars around the corner of Stanley and Pioneer. That is why we are proposing one of the log pieces there, and as close to the house as possible. The mayor also suggested at the time as an alternative, a piece that is very thin at the bottom, and then arches up getting progressively wider once above sight lines. I have checked with Brian already, and he has confirmed that this would be possible, if we add a steel beam for support and a small concrete base.

I hope this gives you a broad overview of what we're trying to achieve, and thank you for fighting through the long length of this message :) We come to Radium from Calgary every week, some times twice a week, so we are always around if you'd like to speak about this a little more in person. We're just as happy with zoom and e-mail too if that is easier for you, and Brian and Sarah have expressed willingness to speak directly with the village staff and council if needed, especially to address any concerns about public safety around the art pieces and any other questions that any of you would have.

Thank you for your time, we look forward to your thoughts and suggestions,
George Dumitrescu







On Apr 27, 2022, at 4:16 PM, cao@radiumhotsprings.ca wrote:

Hi George -- My name is Adrian Bergles and I am the new Chief Administrative Officer in the Village as of April 1.

Are these 2-dimensional signs? Or are they more three-dimensional sculptures?

Thank you,
Adrian

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-----Original Message-----

From: Radium Escape - George <george@radiumescape.com>

Sent: April 26, 2022 2:07 PM

To: clara.reinhardt <clara.reinhardt@radiumhotsprings.ca>; cao@radiumhotsprings.ca; brian widahl <brianwidahl@live.com>; iulia@radiumescape.com

Subject: Pioneer Ave Public Art

Good afternoon Mayor Reinhardt,

I wanted to follow up with you and with the Village staff, to present you some of the initial designs that Brian and Sarah Widahl have proposed for our lot. I have also attached an overhead view of our lot, overlayed with the public art pieces exactly how we would like them in an ideal world. In short, 2 pieces would be installed on the south side and between the driveways, close to the sidewalk so that they can be enjoyed by passers by. The long log piece would be as close as possible to our bay window, to not block sight lines. The last piece would be along Stanley St. at the back corner of the building, and would also be close to the sidewalk. Alternatively, we would like to at the very least have one of the log designs proposed installed along the Stanley Street setback.

We would be happy to present these options directly to council at tomorrow's Council Meeting if there is time for us, or at one of the next meetings, as it would help us to have a rough idea if we are moving in the right direction or if we are asking for something that will never fly.

Respectfully,
George Dumitrescu

Meeting Type and Date: COW Meeting – June 14, 2022
From: Adrian Bergles, Chief Administrative Officer
Prepared By: Kent G Kebe
Subject: WILD TURKEY – relocation project, Alberta

Recommendation: Council support the initiative

Request for Decision ☐ **Department Report** ☐ **Information Report** ☒

Implications of Recommendation:

Asset Management: Y/N
Financial: Y/N
OCP: Y/N
Policy: Y/N - YES
Strategic Plan: Y/N

SUMMARY INFORMATION

A village turkey committee was set up several years ago that met in council chambers, they discussed with the province, concerned citizens, outdoor clubs, what to do with local turkeys that were identified by a resident (Group) complaint.

The thought at that time was to live trap the turkeys when populations in town warranted and move them out of the village to crown land beyond our boundaries.

The province shut that thought down immediately with the concern that these relocated turkeys would in essence become someone else's problem.

Then a cull discussion took place and what that might look like, information was gathered, and this idea was abandoned after all the health regulations that needed to be in place for the birds to become human food.

Turkey committee never met again after the couple meetings that had taken place, not sure if the village administration or council ever had more discussions on this after the last wild turkey committee meeting?

This new relocation project is and will be an Alberta project, with guidance from the BC wildlife managers if it garners any traction. (See information literature in this package)

We may see some push back from local area hunters and wildlife clubs with their thoughts of loosing a number of possible huntable turkeys going forward, we may be able to deflect these thoughts by indicating that majority if not all of radium turkeys do not cross the Columbia River to the west and the disbursement of wintering radium turkeys stay on private property or crown land that does not allow hunting on the east side of the Columbia river.

The avian bird flu rules introduced in BC may also cause the project to come to a halt, if the flu still persists next fall/winter, unfortunately by trapping and relocating the current turkeys is only a short-term solution and we really need to keep the pressure on the resident turkey feeders to stop this practice and continue to clean away some of their natural food sources within the village on village property to show residence that we are serious about dealing with the current habituated turkeys. (Radium Wild Turkey numbers are approximately somewhere between 50 to 70)

We had great plans for the Wildsafe coordinator in 2022 to help spread the word on the predicted outcomes of feeding wildlife (Turkeys) and to create an inventor/location map of areas that had natural food sources for the wildlife (Turkeys) in the village, working with public works to create an annual work plan to eliminate some of these food bush sources located throughout the village, on village property.

OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL

- 1) Support this initiative lead by the Alberta Government**
- 2) Not support this initiative currently and gather further information**
- 3) Not support this initiative**

Respectfully submitted:

Kent G Kebe
Bylaw and Animal Control Officer



Translocation of problem wild turkeys from southeastern British Columbia into Alberta

Alberta Conservation Association, May 2022

Background

Wild turkeys were first introduced into Alberta in 1962 when 21 turkeys from South Dakota were translocated to the Cypress Hills (GoA 2022). Translocations later occurred in areas through southwestern Alberta including Beaver Mines, Crowsnest Pass, Lee Lake, Porcupine Hills, Todd Creek, and Turner Valley. While some populations persist in these areas today, numbers have recently decreased, particularly within the Porcupine Hills. Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) estimates that the population is near 1,000 wild turkeys in southwestern Alberta.

Purpose

The purpose of this initiative is to augment wild turkey populations in Alberta through the translocation of individuals captured in southern British Columbia (B.C.) where concerns with human/wildlife conflict have occurred. The number of birds to be captured and the suitability of capture sites will be advised by local area wildlife biologist(s) in B.C. ACA proposes to 1) assist with the management of conflict/problem birds in B.C. by conducting the captures and covering the costs associated with translocating turkeys to Alberta, and 2) establish and/or enhance wild turkey populations in areas with suitable habitat in Alberta.

Overview

ACA proposes to capture wild turkeys in locations identified by B.C. wildlife biologists during the winter (December–March). Through early discussions, the biologists have suggested a number of small communities as potential capture areas, including Kimberley, Invermere, Radium, and Edgewater as well as areas farther to the west in the Nelson and Castlegar region. Capture efforts are intended to focus on surplus and potentially problematic turkeys. We welcome the possibility of capturing and translocating wild turkeys annually for up to 10 years. This will ideally reduce human/wildlife conflict with problem turkeys within B.C. while also enhancing the population within Alberta. We propose to initiate captures in the winter of 2022/23 with 100–200 birds.

Trap Design and Capture Technique

We intend to use a walk-in box trap design. The trap design has been successfully used for over 10 years by the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf; Joe Foster, pers. comm., Idaho, USA, 2022). The trap measures 8' x 16' and is constructed of 4' x 8' galvanized mesh (4" x 4") fence panels that are easy to transport and handle. The trap is pre-baited with clean (weed-free) corn, barley, and/or wheat to draw

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turkeys into the trap, commonly 1–4 days prior to a capture event. This acclimatizes birds to the bait and trap structure as they enter and depart from both ends. The trap will be set in proximity to known feeding/roosting site(s) and will be monitored daily in person and with cellular trail cameras.

We have trialed this trap setup in southwestern Alberta in winter 2022 resulting in the translocation of 22 wild turkeys. This trap proved to be simple, efficient, and relatively discreet that would be well-suited to use in an urban setting.



Images of southwestern Alberta 2022 capture and releases.

Traps will be set (ends now closed with a funnel opening only) approximately one hour before sunrise, when turkeys are known to depart roosts and make their way to feeding sites. Turkeys enter the trap through a funnel that limits their ability to exit by the same route. Once a target number have entered the trap, the funnel will be manually blocked. Two team members will then enter the trap and capture and process one turkey at a time. One team member will use a long-handled poultry hook to sweep the feet and pull the turkey in, then will restrain, and hold the bird with both arms. The second member will attach an identification leg band and confirm the bird's sex. While being restrained, the bird will be swabbed by a veterinarian or trained staff to be tested for avian influenza, mycoplasma, and salmonella.

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While still in the trap, turkeys will be placed into purpose-built turkey transport boxes, and then removed from the trap and placed into an enclosed trailer or canopied truck.

Turkeys will be transported to a predetermined holding facility until results from disease screening tests are obtained (approximately 3 days). Once cleared of potential disease, the birds will be recaptured in a similar fashion and returned to boxes for transport. At the discretion of the B.C. wildlife veterinarian, any individuals testing positive for avian influenza, mycoplasma, or salmonella will be euthanized and incinerated.

Once trapping is complete, the structure will be disassembled, and residual feed will be removed from the sites.

Safe transfer and handling of turkeys will be prioritized to minimize potential injury and/or mortality. In the event a turkey is seriously injured during the capture, handling, or transport process, the bird will be euthanized (e.g., bolt gun, cervical dislocation, or blunt trauma). All captured birds will be transported to Alberta in an enclosed trailer or canopied truck and released the same day. Releases will occur during daylight hours enabling the turkeys to regroup and select suitable roosting sites.

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Priority Project	Description	Lead Department	Partners	2022 Milestone	Target Completion Date
Human Resources (staffing) Review	Analyze department and organizational needs/gaps, succession, and staff wages	CAO	Departmental Managers, Council	Staff wages reviewed, Organizational needs identified and met in: Reception, Emergency Coordinator, Planning, Building Inspection, facilities maintenance. PW Operators and Corporate Officer Position filled already	Dec. 31, 2022
Election 2022	Lead a successful 2022 municipal election	Chief Electoral Officer and Deputy Electoral Officer	Poll Clerks, municipal staff	A successful municipal election in fall, 2022	October 15, 2022
Policy Review	Implement needed staffing, Council, and organizational policies	CAO, Corporate Officer, Finance Officer.	Council, Staff	Presentation for Council's consideration of several new policies, including: Overtime and Banked time Policy, Sick Leave and Leave of Absence, Staff and Council bicycle and e-bicycle financing policy; procurement policy; Financial reserves policy; Council code of ethics policy; cost of living wage increase policy. Already	October 15, 2022

				completed: Vacation policy; staff code of conduct policy; staff customer service standard policy	
Priority Project	Description	Lead Department	Partners	2022 Milestone	Target Completion Date
New Zoning Bylaw	New Zoning bylaw for Village of Radium Hot Springs	CAO	Consultant Arne Dohlen, Urban Systems	New Zoning Bylaw presented to Council for consideration	August 31, 2022
Taxation Revitalization Incentive Bylaw	Taxation Revitalization Incentive Bylaw to encourage brownfield redevelopment in the Village	CAO	Legal – as needed	Taxation Revitalization Incentive Bylaw presented to Council for consideration	September 30, 2022
Village Welcome Monument Signage and Wayfinding Signage	New Welcome Monument for North Radium Boundary, new wayfinding kiosk and signs for Village	CAO	MOTI, Surveyor, Sign Designer, Sign Construction Company	Design set and contract for monument and wayfinding kiosk awarded. Wayfinding signage installed and monument and wayfinding kiosk installed if possible.	Dec. 31, 2022