

**VILLAGE OF CACHE CREEK, BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**REGULAR MEETING HELD THE 3rd OF JANUARY, 2023 VOLUME 38, PAGE 1**

Present: Mayor John Ranta  
Councillors Sue Peters, Carmen Ranta, Kelly Debert, and David Dubois

Staff:  
Chief Administrative Officer Damian Couture  
Chief Financial Officer Cristina Martini

Press & Media:  
The HUB Online Network  
Valley TV News

Public:  
Four members of the public were present

1. **ORDER:**  
Mayor Ranta called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **DELEGATION:**  
  
No Delegations were present at the meeting.

3. **MINUTES:**

A) December 5, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Peters  
SECONDED by Councillor Dubois  
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) December 20, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Peters  
SECONDED by Councillor Dubois  
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C) December 22, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Dubois  
SECONDED by Councillor Peters  
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 22<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted as presented.

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4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION:**

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

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**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A) Economic Development**
  - Councillor Dubois and Councillor Debert
- B) Budget & Administrative Services**
  - Mayor Ranta and Councillor Peters
- C) Bylaw & Policy Review**
  - Councillor Ranta and Councillor Peters

Declaring a personal interest in the following item, Councillor Peters left the room at 6:03pm.

1) Draft Policy C-9: Staff Pay for Fire Department Duties

MOVED by Councillor Ranta  
SECONDED by Councillor Dubois  
THAT Council approve and instate Policy C-9: Staff Pay for Fire Department Duties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Peters returned to the room at 6:04pm.

2) Policy C-10: Technology and Cybersecurity Policy

MOVED by Councillor Ranta  
SECONDED by Councillor Dubois  
THAT Administration will provide printed copies of Closed Meeting Agendas if requested and that the printed copies will be returned.

MOVED by Councillor Peters  
SECONDED by Councillor Debert  
TO AMEND THE MOTION THAT printed copies be returned to the CAO at the conclusion of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

THE MOTION AS AMENDED  
THAT Administration will provide printed copies of Closed Meeting Agendas if requested and that the printed copies be returned to the CAO at the conclusion of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Policy D-4 Snow and Ice Control Policy

MOVED by Councillor Ranta  
SECONDED by Councillor Peters  
THAT Council direct the Policy and Bylaw Committee to review Policy D-4 to reflect current practices, and to add removal of snow clearing on all municipal sidewalks using a system that ensures safety to pedestrians, particularly school children, as a priority.

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D) **Public Works**

- Councillor Debert and Councillor Dubois

E) **Health Care & Protective Services**

- Councillor Ranta and Councillor Debert

Councillor Ranta noted that there is a meeting scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>

F) **Emergency Management**

- Councillor Peters and Councillor Ranta

G) **Parks and Recreation**

- Councillor Ranta and Councillor Debert

Councillor Ranta noted that there is a meeting scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>

Councillor Dubois requested that staff post dates for Committee Meetings on the agenda as they are available.

H) **Landfill Advisory Committee**

- Mayor Ranta and Councillor Dubois

I) **TNRD and Intergovernmental Liaison**

- Mayor Ranta and Councillor Peters

Mayor Ranta noted that the next meeting is on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January.

J) **Cache Creek Community Fund**

- Councillor Dubois and Councillor Ranta

7. **STAFF REPORTS:**

A) **Canada Summer Jobs Program**

MOVED by Councillor Dubois

SECONDED by Councillor Peters

THAT Council direct staff to apply for two Canada Summer Job positions at a wage rate of \$17.61.

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Dubois

THAT the motion be amended to reflect a wage rate of \$17.31 which is the current union amount for the role.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION AS AMENDED

THAT Council direct staff to apply for two Canada Summer Jobs positions at a wage rate of \$17.31.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) **Payments Made by the Village Office**

Mayor Ranta thanked CFO Martini for providing the report.

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MOVED by Councillor Ranta  
SECONDED by Councillor Peters  
THAT Council receive and file the report from CFO Martini.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C) 2022 Website Statistics

MOVED by Councillor Peters  
SECONDED by Councillor Dubois  
THAT Council receive and file the report from CAO Couture.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE:**

A) Letters from TECK Highland Valley Copper, Gold Trail School District, and UBCM  
Re: Canada Community Building Fund

MOVED by Councillor Peters  
SECONDED by Councillor Dubois  
THAT Council receive and file the letters from TECK Highland Valley Copper, Gold Trail School District, and UBCM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Email from Chloe Gravelle

MOVED by Mayor Ranta  
SECONDED by Councillor Peters  
THAT Council allow the Avion trailer to remain on Pad #8 subject to it being located entirely within the confines of the trailer park and that it not be connected to utilities without previously being approved by Council.

MOVED by Councillor Ranta  
SECONDED by Councillor Peters  
TO AMEND THE MOTION THAT the trailer only be used as an office.

MOVED by Councillor Dubois  
SECONDED by Councillor Debert  
TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT OF THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THAT Ms. Gravelle must bring this issue back to Council within 6 months' time for Council to confirm what the status is, her long-term plan, a map of the current layout of the park, and what are the current regulations for density of Manufactured Home Parks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT AS AMENDED

TO AMEND THE MOTION THAT the trailer only be used as an office and that Ms. Gravelle must bring this issue back to Council within 6 months' time for Council to confirm what the status is, her long-term plan, a map of the current layout of the park, and what are the current regulations for density of Manufactured Home Parks.

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MOTION AS AMENDED

THAT Council allow the Avion trailer to remain on Pad #8 subject to it being located entirely within the confines of the trailer park and that it not be connected to utilities without previously being approved by Council so long as the trailer only be used as an office and that Ms. Gravelle must bring this issue back to council within 6 months' time for Council to confirm what the status is, her long-term plan, a map of the current layout of the park, and what are the current regulations for density of Manufactured Home Parks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

10. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

A member of the public asked, "The no truck sign at Quartz Road, is that sign big enough?" CAO Couture clarified that the sign is in the area near the firehall. Mayor Ranta stated that he did not recall that sign, so it must be small.

A member of the public stated, "Nobody stops at that intersection. There is something on the books with the police, an item called a rolling stop. That's a \$100 fine. When I walk to and from the Post Office, I haven't seen a vehicle stop there. Now I have heard comments from the people with scooters, they are afraid to use that crossing because the vehicles try and run them down.

Mayor Ranta stated that he has noticed there are quite a few vehicles that speed through that intersection, mostly people from out of town. It is a problematic situation with the amount going through that stop sign. He stated that most residents stop there. He stated that the Village has been in touch with the RCMP but we do not know what the solution is. The member of the public stated that other communities have installed cameras. Councillor Peters stated that RCMP have been actively enforcing in the area, especially during the school hours.

A member of the public stated, "Moving down the road towards the Machine Shop, they are not following the rules when it comes to equipment on the road and loading and unloading trucks. Workmen's compensation requires you to put a barricade up whenever you are loading or unloading a vehicle. The only people I have ever seen do that are BC Hydro. One of the people before Christmas was clearing snow with a forklift. That forklift is not licenced for the highway. They put a plow on the front and cleared the snow."

Mayor Ranta stated that would be a matter for the RCMP to enforce.

The member asked, "What do you do about the sidewalk when they are loading and unloading trucks?"

Mayor Ranta stated that he was unfamiliar with the problem.

The member of the public stated that it was a safety issue. If you are loading or unloading a truck you are supposed to isolate the sidewalk from activity because someone could come through, get run over by the forklift, especially if they are on a scooter.

CAO Couture stated that he has not seen this particular issue himself but knows that the road is quite busy with truck traffic. He stated that if a Worksafe issue is being observed it should be reported to Worksafe BC as they have the authority to enforce. If Village staff notice non-compliance with safe work regulations they report the situation, but they have

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not observed any. CAO Couture also recommended speaking to the business owner directly.

A member of the public stated, "There was previous court case and they are to keep the doors closed, especially when they are gouging, as this can cause eye injuries from the light. They are supposed to have screens up, and they don't."

A member of the public asked if the space was Commercial or Industrial. Mayor Ranta and CAO Couture confirmed the property is zoned commercial. The member of the public stated that they complete heavy industrial work. CAO Couture stated that the business has been in place since before it was zoned commercial, possibly before zoning was considered in the Village at all. Councillor Debert stated that if he (the member of the public) is seeing an issue, he should speak to the business owner, and if there is not an appropriate resolution, then bring the issue to Worksafe BC.

A member of the public stated that the Machine Shop keeps blocking of his driveway with trucks.

CAO Couture stated that the first step would be to inform the property owner, then if they do not see a resolution to inform the Village.

**11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS:**

Valley TV News asked, "It sounds as though this person has brought forward issues for those with disabilities. Where are we with the disability, easy accessibility committee?" Mayor Ranta stated that the topic has been assigned to Healthcare and Protective Services Committee and that they would be looking into the topic.

Valley TV News asked, "Would something like this be able to be brought forth to that committee for them to speak on behalf of the residents who are worried for their safety?" Mayor Ranta stated that would be up to the committee.

Valley TV News asked, "I was incredibly curious about the RV. I understand that there is an Avion Trailer on Pad 8 and understand that personal property is a priority, but a people are residing in RVs to combat homelessness. Is making it only office space, not a residence, adding another person to the homeless list?"

Mayor Ranta stated that he believes that it is not presently occupied.

A member of the public stated that they have an article regarding trailers in mobile home parks. They went on to say, "The Avion has been pulled forward off of the city property and onto my property, and I have got storage until the end of March, it is not hooked up to anything. Number 8 used to have a double wide on it. It was on the Village property by 12 feet. That was taken out by the flood. We removed it and that was it. So it is an existing pad, eventhough, I understand what you are saying but it is still pad 8, with all the hookups. That is where it stands right now, it is off the Village property. I have also got a survey. If anyone wants to come over and take a look at the measurements I am more than happy to do that. I would like to do that. Now as far as an office is concerned, I am going to apply to hook it up so that when I come to Cache Creek I can at least stay there overnight. So that's where that stands right now, I will be putting in an application to have it hooked up to the services. There was an electrical service and everything there. Now as far as the pad space goes, on one side is the Village, up to Old Cariboo Road. On one side is the legal 20

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feet from the trailer to the Avion. The other side there is nothing. So it is kind of, I would say, legal as far as that is concerned. I guess that is all I have got to say.”

Mayor Ranta stated that the motion that was passed does not permit the connection of services. If that is something you want to do it must be applied for.

ValleyTV News asked, “Mentioned earlier, the deficiency of young people who do not qualify for summer student positions. I was just wondering what those deficiencies were?” CAO Couture stated that there was a lack of applicants available during that time of year within the area as a whole, not a deficiency in the applicants that applied specifically.

ValleyTV News asked, “In consideration of building relationships between the Indigenous Communities and the Villages near each other because they are nearby, have you considered job postings at a local band office or first nation?”

CAO Couture stated that we have not in the past, but could consider in the future. He thanked Valley TV News for the suggestion.

ValleyTV News asked, “It sounds like RVs being a permanent resident is a decade old issue, how come this has never been discussed before?”

Mayor Ranta stated that it may have been discussed before and there are certainly some RVs that are presently being occupied, whether legally or illegally, but that hasn’t been pursued by staff or Council.

ValleyTV News asked, “Where is there affordable housing in Cache Creek?”

Mayor Ranta stated wherever you can find it. Likely the most affordable is the Mobile Home Parks or basement suites.

A member of the public stated that they own a park here and in Chilliwack, and travel trailers and RVs generally do not mix well. People take more pride in their home.

ValleyTV News asked, “Has it ever been brought forth for eco initiatives to bring a cooler environment? There is scientific evidence of a rising temperature in British Columbia which has caused a lot of forest fires. Being in an elderly dominant, and long distance for kids to go to the bus stop, what is being done to keep our sidewalks cool?”

Mayor Ranta stated absolutely nothing.

ValleyTV News asked if anything will ever be done?

Mayor Ranta responded that he is not aware of any initiative that is suggesting that we cool our sidewalks.

ValleyTV News stated, “There are studies from the David Suzuki Foundation to make a climate within, for example, a village cooler. So that heat domes that cause a lot of death for seniors are preventable.”

Councillor Dubois stated that the Village is always looking to do more greening to mitigate the effects of asphalt, but this has been on an informal basis.

Councillor Peters stated that we are also limited by financial capabilities. What we can do is plant trees and make sure that our buildings are as economical as possible. She provided a recent example of the initiative to replace all street lights with LEDs.

ValleyTV News asked if a committee has ever been discussed or if there has been any research on grants.

Mayor Ranta stated that he did not believe that the topic had been discussed in the past.

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12. **CLOSED SESSION:**

MOVED by Councillor Peters  
SECONDED by Councillor Dubois  
THAT Council move to a CLOSED Session pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* to consider items relating to one or more of the following:

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

Council closed the meeting to the public at 7:14 pm.

13. **ITEMS RELEASED FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

- A) Draft Planning Agreement  
Council to discuss a Planning Agreement with the TNRD.

MOVED by Councillor Peters  
SECONDED by Councillor Ranta  
THAT Council release the TNRD Planning Agreement to the public after redacting the hourly rates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Councillor Peters  
SECONDED by Councillor Debert  
THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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P.A. John Ranta, Mayor

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Damian Couture,  
Chief Administrative Officer

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true recording of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of January 2023 E.&O.E.

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Corporate Officer