

**VILLAGE OF CACHE CREEK, BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**REGULAR MEETING HELD THE 5<sup>th</sup> OF DECEMBER, 2022 VOLUME 37, PAGE 144**

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

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

Press & Media:  
Jessica Clement: The HUB Online Network  
Valley TV News

Public:  
Several members of the public were present

1. **ORDER:**  
Mayor Ranta called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. **DELEGATION:**

A) Mark and Dianne Boutilier  
Mark and Dianne Boutilier presented regarding their request to host drag races at the Cache Creek Airport to coincide with Graffiti Days in June of 2023. The hope to double the number of spectators from the 2022 event. They hope to have more food trucks available as well. Mayor Ranta clarified that Council does not make decisions based on delegation presentations in the meeting they are presented, so Council will consider the request at their next regular meeting. Dianne Boutilier stated that they will also likely be submitting a request to use the airport for one day for another event: the BC Drag-It Challenge.

3. **MINUTES:**

A) November 21, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Peters  
SECONDED by Councillor Ranta  
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 21, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION:**

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

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A) **Economic Development**  
• Councillor Dubois and Councillor Debert

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**B) Budget & Administrative Services**

- Mayor Ranta and Councillor Peters

1) Christmas Lunch Office Closure

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Debert

THAT Council approve the closure of the office on December 14, 2022 from 10:45am to 1:00pm for the annual Christmas lunch.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) TNRD Orientation Reimbursement

MOVED by Councillor Ranta

SECONDED by Councillor Debert

THAT usual expenses be reimbursed for all Council members who attended the TNRD Orientation event on November 4, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaring a personal interest in the following item, Councillor Peters left the room at 6:31pm.

3) Staff Christmas Bonuses

MOVED by Councillor Ranta

SECONDED by Councillor Debert

THAT Council approve all Village of Cache Creek staff be given \$100.00 gift cards as a Christmas Bonus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Peters returned to the room at 6:32pm.

4) 2023 Council Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Ranta

THAT Council accept the 2023 Council Meeting Schedule as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5) Family Literacy Week

Mayor Ranta proclaimed the week of January 22, 2023 as Family Literacy Week.

MOVED by Councillor Ranta

SECONDED by Councillor Debert

THAT Council approve the free use and waiving of security deposit for use of the Cache Creek Community Hall on January 24 or January 25, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**C) Bylaw & Policy Review**

- Councillor Ranta and Councillor Peters

1) Bylaw & Policy Review Committee Meeting Report

MOVED by Councillor Ranta

SECONDED by Councillor Peters

THAT Council receive and file the report from Councillor Peters regarding the Bylaw & Policy Review Committee Meeting held on November 28, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaring a personal interest in the following item, Councillor Peters left the room at 6:39 pm.

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

Council discussed the draft Policy C-9 regarding staff pay for fire department duties. Councillor Ranta wished to add a statement that Council places value on the volunteers of the fire department. She further stated that in regards to training she would suggest the Mayor will approve any training sessions in advance a maximum of one course per year per employee covered by this policy. Mayor Ranta also requested more clarification to the training session section and agreed with Councillor Ranta's suggestion to have checks and balances in place when it comes to training. CAO Couture clarified that the intent is a maximum of 3 days per employee per calendar year for training during the work week.

MOVED by Councillor Ranta

SECONDED by Councillor Debert

THAT Council directs CAO Couture to make the suggested adjustments to the draft policy and bring it back to the next regular meeting of Council for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Peters returned to the room at 6:47 pm.

**D) Public Works**

- Councillor Debert and Councillor Dubois

**E) Health Care & Protective Services**

- Councillor Ranta and Councillor Debert

**F) Emergency Management**

- Councillor Peters and Councillor Ranta

1) Emergency Operations Centre Session

Councillor Peters reported that the EOC members and Village staff had a training session with the Thompson Nicola Regional District and Emergency Management BC and worked on some logistics and planning for efficiently running an EOC.

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**G) Parks and Recreation**

- Councillor Ranta and Councillor Debert

1) Parks and Recreation Committee Report

MOVED by Councillor Ranta

SECONDED by Councillor Debert

THAT Council direct staff to hire a consultant to determine the requirements to bring the pool to a level that it can open with a budget of a maximum of \$10,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Debert

SECONDED by Councillor Peters

THAT Council receive and file the report from Councillor Ranta regarding the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 28, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**H) Landfill Advisory Committee**

- Mayor Ranta and Councillor Dubois

1) Landfill Inspection

Mayor Ranta reported there is a Landfill Inspection coming up on December 8.

**I) TNRD and Intergovernmental Liaison**

- Mayor Ranta and Councillor Peters

1) meetings coming up

Mayor Ranta reported that there is a TNRD hospital board meeting and regular board meeting coming up on December 15 and a committee of the whole meeting on December 16.

Councillor Peters reported that she virtually attended the TNRD regular board meeting held on November 24. Key items discussed were zoning variances, Carla Fox was officially appointed Chief Financial Officer, renovations to the TNRD building and the Mission Flats office contracts, as well as Telus fibre optics project.

**J) Cache Creek Community Fund**

- Councillor Dubois and Councillor Ranta

1) Report

Councillor Ranta reported that she has a meeting upcoming with Wendy Coomber, who was instrumental in the creation of the Cache Creek Community Fund. Councillor Ranta asked if there is a budget line within the Village budget for donations outside of the Community Fund? CFO Martini responded no, there is not. She further asked if we were to donate outside of the Community Fund where would that money come from? CAO Couture replied it would be coming from the legacy fund.

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**7. STAFF REPORTS:**

A) Accessibility Committee

CAO Couture provided a report regarding the need to create an Accessibility Committee within the Village. Councillor Ranta suggested it be added to an existing committee and the members of Council on whichever chosen committee will be the two to work with staff towards creating an accessibility committee. Mayor Ranta suggested it be added to the portfolio of the Health Care & Protective Services Committee.

B) Street Lighting

MOVED by Councillor Ranta

SECONDED by Councillor Debert

THAT Council direct staff to replace up to 90 required lights with LED equivalent fixtures with a budget of up to \$54,000.00 utilizing LGCAP and Gas Tax Funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8. INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE:**

A) Letter of Congratulations from MLA Tegart

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Ranta

THAT the letter of Congratulations from MLA Tegart be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

A) Meeting to Discuss Utility Rates

CAO Couture requested Council to set a date for a meeting to tour the Wastewater Treatment Plant and discuss 2023 Utility Rates.

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Debert

THAT Council have a meeting at 4:30pm on December 12 to discuss 2023 utility rates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

A member of the public stated that the LED streetlights are much brighter than the old lights and they work very well.

**11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS:**

Valley TV News asked what makes up Utilities in terms of the discussion of Utility Rates. Mayor Ranta responded they are Water, Sewer and Garbage. She further asked if these discussions are to determine the rates that will be charged to the public. Mayor Ranta responded yes, that is what the meeting is for.

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The Journal asked if the Parks & Recreation Committee had discussed a ceiling for the cost of repairs to get the pool operational and if so what is that ceiling? Mayor Ranta responded that he is not aware of any ceiling. Once the report is prepared then the costs will be looked at and a decision will be made when the report is received.

The Journal further asked if the cost is deemed too high to get the pool operational will the committee revisit the idea of a water or splash park. Mayor Ranta responded that it was not discussed at this point but it could be discussed at a later time. His understanding is that the users of a splash park are generally aged 4-10 which does not serve the needs of the entire community in the way a pool would. He stated that he is optimistic that the pool will open.

12. **CLOSED SESSION:**

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Debert

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;

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;

(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 7:23 pm.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Debert

THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm.

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 E. & O.E.E.

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Corporate Officer