

VILLAGE OF CACHE CREEK, BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULAR MEETING HELD THE 6th OF DECEMBER, 2021 VOLUME 36, PAGE 157

Present: Mayor Santo Talarico
Councillors Lisa Dafoe, Wendy Coomber, Sue Peters and Annette Pittman

Staff:

Chief Administrative Officer Damian Couture
Chief Financial Officer Cristina Martini

Press & Media:

Jessica Clement and Jan Schmitz: The HUB Online Network

1. **ORDER:**

Mayor Talarico called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **DELEGATION:**

A) Healthcare Wellness Coalition

Donna Monford and Jacquie McMahon of the Healthcare Wellness Coalition for Ashcroft and Area presented to Council regarding the advocacy work the coalition does to try to bring better healthcare access to the area.

B) The Ashcroft Hub Society

Vicky Trill of the Ashcroft Hub Society presented regarding the activities of the Hub Society over the past year. Mayor Talarico expressed his thanks the Hub for being able to live stream the Village of Cache Creek Council Meetings. Vicky Trill requested a meeting with all of Council. CAO Couture will arrange a meeting.

C) True Consulting

Dave Underwood and Ariana Paulson presented the Flood Mitigation Plan that TRUE Consulting has developed for the Village of Cache Creek. Copies of the plan are available at the Village Office.

Mayor Talarico stated that this presentation outlined 15 million dollars for flood mitigation work to water and sewer infrastructure. That amount is only to mitigate problem areas, but that there is also the issue of many kilometres of 50 year old water and sewer mains underground that is not being addressed in that 15 million. This is something that Council must keep in mind when deliberating utility and property tax amounts.

3. **MINUTES:**

A) November 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe

SECONDED by Councillor Coomber

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 15, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION:**

A) Healthcare Wellness Coalition

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe

SECONDED by Councillor Pittman

THAT a letter of support be provided to the Healthcare Wellness Coalition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A) **Economic Development**

- Councillor Peters and Councillor Coomber

1) Economic Development Roundtable

Councillor Peters reported that there had been a roundtable meeting with key stakeholders in the area put on by Lions Gate Consulting, who are working on behalf of the Village for the creation of an Economic Development Action Plan. She feels this meeting went well.

B) **Budget & Administrative Services**

- Councillor Peters and Councillor Coomber

C) **Policy & Bylaw Review**

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Peters

1) Village of Cache Creek Bylaw No. 2-005, 2022 "Village of Cache Creek 2022 Utility Rates Bylaw"

CFO Martini made a presentation regarding the Utility Rates for 2022. Copies of the presentation are available at the Village Office.

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe

THAT the "Village of Cache Creek 2022 Utility Rates Bylaw No. 2-005, 2022" be given first reading as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe

THAT the "Village of Cache Creek 2022 Utility Rates Bylaw No. 2-005, 2022" be given second reading as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe

THAT the "Village of Cache Creek 2022 Utility Rates Bylaw No. 2-005, 2022" be given second reading as presented.

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- 2) Policy No. D-4: Sidewalk Snow Clearing Policy and Policy No. D-8: Streets, Roads and Driveways Snow Clearing

MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe
THAT Council repeal Policy No. D-4: Sidewalk Snow Clearing and Policy No. D-8: Streets, Roads and Driveways Snow Clearing.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 3) Draft Policy No. D-4: Snow and Ice Control Policy

MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe
THAT Council approve Draft Policy No. D-4: Snow and Ice Control Policy.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D) Public Works & Community Facilities

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Dafoe

- 1) Christmas Lunch Office Closure

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe
SECONDED by Councillor Coomber
THAT Council approve the closure of the office on December 16, 2021 from 10:45am to 1:00pm for the annual Christmas Lunch.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E) Village Services & Liaison

- Councillor Dafoe and Councillor Coomber

- 1) Gold Country Communities Society Request

MOVED by Councillor Coomber
SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe
THAT staff provide a letter of support for the Gold Country Communities Society for their application for the 150 Time Immemorial Grant Program through Heritage BC.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2) Thompson View Manor Society

MOVED by Councillor Coomber
SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe
THAT a letter of support be provided to the Thompson View Manor Society regarding the need for seniors housing in the area.
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- 3) Gold Country Let Your Lights Shine 30th Anniversary Celebration
Councillor Dafoe reported that Gold Country is heading an initiative to have people put up lights to help lift people's spirits. There is also a survey available that Gold Country would like residents to complete to help them in future planning. The survey is available on the Explore Gold Country website at <https://www.exploregoldcountry.com/>.

F) Protective Services

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Coomber

1) Fire Department Report

Mayor Talarico thanked Kathy Debert for volunteering to become a member of the Fire Department. He also wished to thank Najla Wiens for heading up the Fire Fit training for members who are working to compete in the Fire Fit events to be held in 2022. Mayor Talarico also thanked the Fire Department for selling coupon books at Safety Mart as a fundraiser. \$2000.00 of the money they collected will be donated to the Lytton Fire Department; the remaining amount will go into the Department equipment fund.

G) Intergovernmental Relations

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Coomber

1) Fundraising for Merritt and Spences Bridge Flood Relief

MOVED by Mayor Talarico

SECONDED by Councillor Coomber

THAT the Village match all donations made to Merritt and Spences Bridge flood relief up to \$1,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H) Landfill Advisory Committee

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Coomber

I) Emergency Management Committee

- Councillor Dafoe and Councillor Peters

1) Paramedics Association Meeting

Councillor Peters reported that Councillor Dafoe and herself have not yet had their meeting with the Paramedics Association Meeting as one of the people they were set to meet with has had a family emergency.

2) First Responders Charity Hockey Game

Councillor Peters reported that the Ashcroft Fire Department and Ashcroft RCMP will be playing a charity hockey game on January 22, 2022 at the Ashcroft Arena, with all funds raised to be donated to the Lytton Volunteer Fire Department. Nick Lebedoff of the Ashcroft Lions has donated \$100.00 and challenged all current and former first responders to also donate.

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7. **STAFF REPORTS:**

1) Chief Administrative Officer Report to Council

 MOVED by Councillor Peters
 SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe
 THAT Council receive and file the report from CAO Couture regarding the
 Local Government Law Seminar.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Chief Administrative Officer Report to Council

 MOVED by Councillor Dafoe
 SECONDED by Councillor Peters
 THAT Council receive and file the report from CAO Couture regarding the
 Approving Officer Training Course.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE:**

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

10. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

11. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS:**

12. **CLOSED SESSION:**

 MOVED by Councillor Dafoe
 SECONDED by Mayor Talarico
 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:

90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (d) the security of the property of the municipality;
- (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;

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- (f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;
- (2) A part of a council meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:
 - (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;

Council closed the meeting to the public at 7:39 pm.

13. **ITEMS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

C) Landfill Request

MOVED by Councillor Coomber
SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe
THAT Council approve the request from the Province regarding the disposal of farm animals impacted by the flooding events in the Fraser Valley.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe
THAT this item be released to the open meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E) Club Cannabis Provincial License Application

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe
SECONDED by Councillor Coomber
THAT Council approve the license in principle subject to the findings of the required public consultation.
CARRIED
Mayor Talarico OPPOSED

MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe
THAT this item be released to open meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe
SECONDED by Mayor Talarico
THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Santo Talarico, Mayor

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 6th day of December, 2021 E. & O.E.E.

Corporate Officer