Present: Mayor Santo Talarico

Councillors Lisa Dafoe, Wendy Coomber, Sue Peters and Annette Pittman

Staff:

Chief Administrative Officer Damian Couture

Press & Media:

Jessica Clement: The HUB Online Network

1. **ORDER:**

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

2. **DELEGATION:**

3. MINUTES:

A) December 6, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 6, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) <u>December 20, 2021 Special Council Meeting</u>

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe SECONDED by Councillor Peters THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on December 20, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UANIMOUSLY

4. <u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION:</u>

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

A) Sidewalk Snow Clearing Policy

Councillor Peters asked if the new sidewalk policy can be printed or a summary of it printed and included with the Utility Bills as many members of the community are not online and are not aware of the changes. CAO Couture replied that it is already in the works.

B) Question for Councillor Pittman

Councillor Peters asked Councillor Pittman to clarify why she voted in favour of the first three readings of the Utility Rates Bylaw but voted opposed in the final adoption. Councillor Pittman replied that she had stated her reasoning in the statement she made during the December 20th, 2021 open meeting of council. Councillor Peters asked what had changed during the time between the first three readings on December 6th and the adoption on December 20th. Councillor Pittman

replied not understanding what was discussed at the workshop on December 2nd, 2021. Mayor Talarico asked if there was anything they can do to clarify. Councillor Pittman replied no, not at this time.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A) <u>Economic Development</u>

Councillor Peters and Councillor Coomber

B) <u>Budget & Administrative Services</u>

Councillor Peters and Councillor Coomber

Declaring an interest in the following item Councillor Peters and CAO Couture left the meeting at 6:03 pm.

1) <u>Ashcreek TV Society Request for Donation</u>

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe SECONED by Councillor Pittman THAT this item be deferred until the next meeting so that Council may obtain more information from staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Peters and CAO Couture returned to the meeting at 6:05 pm.

C) Policy & Bylaw Review

Mayor Talarico and Councillor Peters

1) Bylaw Officer Report to Council

MOVED by Councillor Peters SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe THAT Council receive and file the report from Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer Samuel Sidal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D) Public Works & Community Facilities

Mayor Talarico and Councillor Dafoe

1) Ashcroft Royal Purple Request for Use of Meeting Room

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe SECONDED by Councillor Pittman

THAT Council approve the Royal Purple be granted free use of the Community Hall Meeting room for the 2022 calendar year, and that they be advised that they will have to request free use each December for the following year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E) <u>Village Services & Liaison</u>

Councillor Dafoe and Councillor Coomber

F) Protective Services

Mayor Talarico and Councillor Coomber

1) Fire Department Update

Mayor Talarico wished to thank Josh Hanson for volunteering to become a member of the Cache Creek Fire Department and a thank you to his family for supporting him and the Community.

G) <u>Intergovernmental Relations</u>

Mayor Talarico and Councillor Coomber

1) Request for Signage

MOVED by Councillor Coomber SECONDED by Councillor Peters

THAT staff be directed to request "Engine Brake Prohibited" signage from the Ministry of Transportation to be placed on all Highways coming in to Cache Creek.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) SILGA Call for Nominations

MOVED by Councillor Coomber SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe THAT Council receive and file the SILGA Call for Nominations. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) SILGA Call for Resolutions

MOVED by Councillor Coomber SECONDED by Councillor Pittman THAT Council forward any resolutions they wish to be sent to SILGA to CAO Couture to be considered at a Council Meeting no later than the February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H) Landfill Advisory Committee

Mayor Talarico and Councillor Coomber

1) <u>Landfill Advisory Meeting</u>

Councillor Coomber reported that the next meeting will be held on January 20th.

I) <u>Emergency Management Committee</u>

- Councillor Dafoe and Councillor Peters
- 1) Meeting with the Ambulance Paramedics of BC

MOVED by Councillor Peters SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe THAT Council receive and file the report from Councillors Peters and Dafoe.

CARRIED UANANIMOUSLY

7. **STAFF REPORTS:**

8. INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe SECONDED by Councillor Peters THAT Council receive and file the report from the Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) <u>First Responders Hockey Game</u>

Councillor Peters reminded everyone that the First Responders Hockey Game is still scheduled to take place on January 22, 2022 at the Drylands Arena in Ashcroft, as long as COVID restrictions allow.

10. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

11. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS:**

Barbara Roden of the Journal asked if the motion to defer the request from the Ashcreek TV Society was to look for grants to help them. Mayor Talarico responded that yes, it was for staff to look at options.

Barbara Roden also asked Councillor Pittman to repeat her reasoning for changing her vote from in favour of the first three readings to voting against adoption of the 2022 Utility Rates bylaw and further asked if she approached anyone on staff or Council to discuss her reasons or concerns. Councillor Pittman replied that she submitted a written report. Jessica Clement asked if it is available publicly. CAO Couture replied that he would provide the audio recording of the December 20th meeting to the Journal and the HUB.

Mayor Talarico wished everyone a Happy New Year and best of health to everyone in our Community and we hope that 2022 will keep us free from fire, floods and other issues.

12. CLOSED SESSION:

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe SECONDED by Councillor Peters

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:
 - (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;

Council closed the meeting to the public at 6:20 pm.

13. ITEMS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Santo Talarico, Mayor	Damian Couture, Chief Administrative Officer
I hereby certify the foregoing to be a Council held the 4 th day of January, 20	true recording of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
	Corporate Officer