

VILLAGE OF CACHE CREEK, BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULAR MEETING HELD THE 1st OF MARCH, 2021 VOLUME 36, PAGE 33

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

Staff:
Chief Financial Officer Cristina Martini

Press & Media:
Gareth Smart: The HUB Online Network
Jessica Clement: The HUB Online Network

1. **ORDER:**

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

2. **DELEGATION:**

A) Cathy Peters

Cathy Peters presented over Zoom regarding human sex trafficking in B.C. and methods to help protect communities. Copies of the information she provided are available on the Village's website and Facebook pages.

4. **MINUTES:**

A) February 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe

SECONDED by Councillor Peters

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 16, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION:**

A) Cathy Peters

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe

SECONDED by Councillor Coomber

THAT a thank you letter be sent to Cathy Peters for her hard work and her presentation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Coomber

SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe

THAT a letter of support be sent to the Premiere and Solicitor General stating that Human Sex Trafficking is a priority in BC and to request funding for Provincial Law Enforcement training and a second letter to create a Human Sex Trafficking Task Force.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A) **Economic Development**

- Councillor Peters and Councillor Coomber

B) **Budget & Administrative Services**

- Councillor Peters and Councillor Coomber

1) **Rural Dividend Grant**

MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe
THAT Council request an extension so that the Economic Development
Action Plan grant monies may be used.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

-AND-

MOVED by Councillor Coomber
SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe
THAT Council maintain the scope of the project as outlined in the original
application for an Economic Development Action Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) **Cache Creek Community Fund**

MOVED by Councillor Pittman
SECONDED by Councillor Coomber
THAT this item be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) **Non-Structural Flood Mitigation Grant**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4) **Voyent Alert! Information**

MOVED by Mayor Talarico
SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe
THAT Council authorize the purchase of the Voyent Alert! pay as you go
program prior to freshet.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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C) Policy & Bylaw Review

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Peters

- 1) Village of Cache Creek Bylaw No. 5-001, Business Licensing Amendment, 2021, a Bylaw to amend the "Village of Cache Creek Bylaw No. 495, 1993 – a Bylaw Governing Licenses and Regulations for Carrying on Business Within the Village of Cache Creek.

MOVED by Councillor Coomber

SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe

THAT Council gives second reading to Village of Cache Creek Bylaw No. 5-001, Business Licensing Amendment, 2021, a Bylaw to amend the "Village of Cache Creek Bylaw No. 495, 1993 – a Bylaw Governing Licenses and Regulations for Carrying on Business Within the Village of Cache Creek".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe

THAT Council gives final consideration and adopts Village of Cache Creek Bylaw No. 5-001, Business Licensing Amendment, 2021, a Bylaw to amend the "Village of Cache Creek Bylaw No. 495, 1993 – a Bylaw Governing Licenses and Regulations for Carrying on Business Within the Village of Cache Creek".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2) Request from Williams Lake First Nation

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe

THAT this item be tabled until representatives of the School Board can be consulted regarding potential changes to the buffer zone.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 3) Village of Cache Creek Bylaw No. 6-001, Zoning Amendment, 2021, a Bylaw to amend the "Village of Cache Creek Zoning Bylaw No 423, 1990".

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe

THAT this item be tabled pending resolution of item C) 2).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 4) Joint Bylaw Enforcement Officer Working Group

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe

THAT Council receive and file the report from Councillor Peters.

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- 5) Draft Internet Security Policy
Council provided input for the internet security policy. CFO Martini will update the policy.

D) Public Works & Community Facilities

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Dafoe

1) Worksafe BC Outstanding Items

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe

SECONDED Councillor Peters

THAT Council receive and file the Worksafe BC Inspection Reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Cache Creek Pool

MOVED by Councillor Coomber

SECONDED by Councillor Pittman

THAT staff be instructed to gather the information required for a Public Meeting on the future of the pool, and that Mayor and Council present that information and answer questions at a public meeting on or before the next Council Meeting on March 15.

DEFEATED

Councillors Pittman and Coomber IN FAVOUR

Mayor Talarico and Councillors Dafoe and Peters OPPOSED

E) Village Services & Liaison

- Councillor Dafoe and Councillor Coomber

F) Protective Services

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Coomber

1) Fire Department Training

Mayor Talarico reported that 10 members of the Fire Department completed the practical component of their first phase of Exterior Operations Training on the weekend of February 20, 21, and that they would be doing the written testing on Tuesday, March 1st.

G) Intergovernmental Relations

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Coomber

1) Thompson Nicola Regional District Invasive Plant Program

MOVED by Councillor Coomber

SECONDED by Councillor Pittman

THAT this item be tabled until a list of what plants are considered "invasive" can be obtained from the Invasive Plant Program.

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H) Landfill Advisory Committee

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Coomber

1) Post Closure

Mayor Talarico stated that he and CFO Martini had a Zoom meeting with Russ Black of Belcorp. The Village will now receive monthly post-closure care fund reporting instead of quarterly.

2) Statement of Royalties

MOVED by Councillor Coomber

SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe

THAT Council receive and file the information provided by CFO Martini regarding landfill revenues.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Post-Closure Care Fund

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe

SECONDED by Councillor Coomber

THAT Council receive and file the information from CFO Martini regarding the Post Closure Cost Statement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I) Emergency Management Select Committee

- Councillor Coomber and Councillor Peters

1) Creation of Standing Committee

Mayor Talarico appointed Councillors Dafoe and Peters to the Emergency Management Standing Committee.

2) Letter from MLA Jackie Tegart Regarding Flooding

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Pittman

THAT a thank you letter be sent to MLA Tegart for her efforts in helping bring the flooding issues in the Village to the attention of relevant Provincial Ministers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Call with the River Forecast Centre

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe

THAT Council receive and file the report from Councillor Peters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE:**

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

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10. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

A member of the public asked is it not a conflict of interest when Councillor Sue Peters votes in favour with the Mayor and defeats a motion because she is the mother of Santo's girlfriend and her vote would be swayed by Santo's agenda? Councillor Peters responded that anyone who knows her knows that she is a very strong willed individual and opinionated and if you'll check the records you'll find that she has not always voted with Mayor Talarico, they have in fact had some pretty healthy discussions and she is quite insulted by the implication, but wishes to reassure people that no, she does not vote with Mayor Talarico because he is with her daughter.

A member of the public asked why information regarding the pool was not available to purchasers of homes near the pool? Mayor Talarico responded that if the purchasers had used a realtor the realtor should have informed them.

A member of the public asked if Santo was the one hired in previous years to fix things at the pool. Mayor Talarico responded that yes, he was a contractor for the Village before he was Mayor, but since being elected has not done any work or even consulted on the pool. He further responded that in the past yes, he did fix some of the issues with the pool.

A member of the public asked when the 2021 budget will be done? Mayor Talarico responded that Council will be discussing the dates of budget meetings later in this meeting.

A member of the public asked why wasn't the grant applied for in 2019? Mayor Talarico responded that in 2019 we received an extra \$100,000.00 allotment from the UBCM Gas Tax Fund in that single year. That money was used to keep the pool operational that year. CFO Martini added that the Gas Tax Fund money cannot be used for operational items, it has to be used for tangible capital assets, so the Gas Tax Fund monies were put into capital projects and money previously earmarked for capital projects was able to be used for the operation of the pool.

A member of the public asked if \$50,000.00 was found and given away to charitable donations? Mayor Talarico responded that the money was put into the NDIT Community Fund which was then matched by funds from NDIT to be used for community grants.

A member of the public asked that if the Village is not able to open the pool this year, what are they planning to provide for recreational activities for the people of Cache Creek? Mayor Talarico responded that that is a topic for Council to discuss at a budget level and once budgets are determined Council can work outward from there to decide what can be done, potentially using the COVID-19 Restart funds.

A member of the public stated that the Life Guards are mostly students. The member of the public asked if they should incur the costs to keep their qualifications current in hope of the pool opening this year? Mayor Talarico responded that if they choose to requalify that will be an asset to them, but Council cannot make that decision for them.

A member of the public stated that there was no information online about the closure, where could they have found that information online before buying their home? Council responded that question had already been answered.

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A member of the public asked if the items repaired by Mayor Talarico prior to his being elected are broken now? Mayor Talarico responded that he cannot answer that question as he is no longer involved in the day-to-day operation of the pool.

A member of the public asked why the Village did not use the \$100,000.00 from the Gas Tax Fund to fix the pool? Mayor Talarico responded that it was used to keep the pool operational in 2019.

A member of the public asked if the \$50,000.00 that was put into the NDIT Community Fund could have been put into the pool. Mayor Talarico responded that yes, it could have.

A member of the public asked what the date is that the budget is due? Councillor Peters responded that it must be filed with the Provincial Government by the 15th of May.

A member of the public asked what Council is planning to do about the meth issue in town as it is something the Mayor can help with by telling the RCMP to focus on the drug issue in town. Mayor Talarico responded that that is an issue for the RCMP, the member of the public should ask the RCMP that question.

A member of the public asked if, at this time, there is any hope for the pool opening this year? Councillor Peters responded "asked and answered".

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS:

Barbara Roden of the Journal asked is there a chance of a public meeting regarding the pool happening prior to the adoption of the budget on May 15? Mayor Talarico responded that he feels that question was cleared up earlier.

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:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity;
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (d) the security of the property of the municipality;

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- (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;
 - (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;
 - (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
 - (h) an administrative tribunal hearing or potential administrative tribunal hearing affecting the municipality, other than a hearing to be conducted by the council or a delegate of council;
 - (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
 - (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
 - (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;
 - (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report];
 - (m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting;
 - (n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);
 - (o) the consideration of whether the authority under section 91 [other persons attending closed meetings] should be exercised in relation to a council meeting.
- 91 (2) If all or part of a meeting is closed to the public, the council may allow a person other than municipal officers and employees to attend,
- (a) in the case of a meeting that must be closed under section 90 (2), if the council considers this necessary and the person
 - (i) already has knowledge of the confidential information

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council closed the meeting to the public at 7:12 pm

Council returned to an open meeting at 8:07 pm

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13. **ITEMS RELEASED FROM THE CLOSED MEETING:**

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe
THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Santo Talarico, Mayor

Martin Dalsin, Chief Administrative Officer

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true recording of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held the 1st day of March, 2021 E. & O.E.E.

Corporate Officer