

**VILLAGE OF CACHE CREEK, BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULAR MEETING HELD THE 23rd OF MARCH, 2020 VOLUME 35, PAGE 33**

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

Staff:

Chief Administrative Officer Martin Dalsin
Chief Financial Officer Cristina Martini

Press & Media:

Gareth Smart, Hub Online Network

Public

No Members of the public were present

1. **ORDER:**
Mayor Talarico called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

2. **DELEGATION:**

3. **MINUTES:**

A) March 9th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Pittman

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 9, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION:**

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

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A) **Economic Development**

- Councillor Peters and Councillor Coomber

B) **Budget & Administrative Services**

- Councillor Peters and Councillor Coomber

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C) Policy & Bylaw Review

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Peters

1) Utility Discount Extension

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe

THAT due to COVID-19 restrictions Council approves an extension of the deadline for the 10% discount on utility payments to May 31 for 2020 only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Seniors Discount Waiver

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Dafoe

THAT senior discounts be granted without signatures.

AND THAT forms are to be held and signed when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

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D) Public Works & Community Facilities

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Dafoe

1) Community Facilities

Mayor Talarico informed the public that the Cache Creek Park Playground, has been roped off, and the Community Hall and Fitness Centre are padlocked shut until the health warnings around COVID-19 are lifted.

E) Village Services & Liaison

- Councillor Dafoe and Councillor Coomber

1) Canadian Royal Purple Week

Mayor Talarico proclaimed the week of May 10-16, 2020 to be Canadian Royal Purple Week.

2) Historic Hat Creek Ranch

Councillor Coomber reported that she was on a phone meeting regarding the ranch. They have a few employees on staff already working toward getting the ranch ready to open for the season. The opening day is set for May 1st, but this will likely be delayed due to COVID-19.

F) Protective Services

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Coomber

1) Roundtable Meeting

Councillor Coomber reported that on March 17 she and Mayor Talarico met with approximately 14 people representing the Villages of Cache Creek and Ashcroft, The Ashcroft Indian Band, the Ambulance service, Interior Health, TNRD Area Directors and Emergency Management Staff, and the Ashcroft

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Pharmacy. They all discussed if they had the beginnings of a joint plan to deal with the COVID-19 outbreak to see what everyone is doing and ensuring we do not have any gaps in service in terms of water, or prescription medicine availability. It is difficult to stay on top of things with how quickly things are changing but a joint statement was issued and there will hopefully be future meetings. Mayor Talarico added that it was nice to get together with everyone who did attend and it was great to get an overview of how things are maintained, especially regarding how the Pharmacy plans to maintain their supply chain. He also found the dialogue with all the other communities and representatives that were there very helpful. He also hopes there will be future meetings.

2) Freshet Planning

Councillor Dafoe reported that she, Councillor Peters and Councillor Coomber attended an EMBC planning session regarding what is to be expected in the upcoming spring flood season. It was pointed out that it is important to be sure that the public do not lose sight of the risk of flooding in light of everything else going on.

Mayor Talarico stated the Fire Department has started filling sandbags.

CAO Dalsin reported that earlier in the day Fire Chief Moe reported that fire practices have been cancelled moving forward due to COVID-19. They will still respond to fire calls, but will not have regular practices.

There will be a stockpile of empty sand bags at the park along with a pile of sand for people to be able to fill their own bags but to maintain social distancing while filling.

G) Intergovernmental Relations

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Coomber

1) Member of Parliament Brad Vis

Mayor Talarico reported that Minister Vis has issued a letter to the Honorable Patti Hajdu covering the points that Council brought up with Mr. Vis on his visit regarding the Village's concerns around rural health care.

7. **INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE:**

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Potential for Electronic Meetings

Councillor Peters wondered about using an electronic video platform to be able to hold meetings electronically in order to avoid meeting in person moving forward. CAO Dalsin has concerns regarding the security issues of online meeting platforms, he would prefer using our conference phone. Councillor Coomber recommended that moving the meetings to the meeting room in the Community Hall would provide more space to allow for proper distancing. Councillor Peters stated that her concern is that we may be placed on full lock-down, at which point there must be a different option. Councillor Pittman stated that the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs advised that they are discouraging Municipalities from conducting Council Meetings and if they do to only limit the items to a few so that the public can attend. Councillor Coomber stated that she feels that it is important to maintain public service. Mayor

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Talarico stated that any online meeting systems are overloaded right now because they are being used so much. Councillor Coomber stated that there is a platform that Interior Health uses for video conferencing that may be useful.

9. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

10. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS:**

Gareth Smart asked that if future meetings will be held by electronic means is there a way the media will be allowed to be a part of the open meetings. CAO Dalsin responded that yes, we would find a way to include the media so that the public can still access the meetings.

11. **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;
 - (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;

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- (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 5:01 pm

Council returned to an open meeting at 7:14 pm

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

6. Business

B) Freshet Planning

C) COVID 19

Mayor Talarico and CAO Dalsin will be available for questions from the public from 11:00am to noon every weekday.

D) Cache Creek Swimming Pool Closure for 2020

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13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe
SECONDED by Councillor Peters
THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 7:16 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 23rd day of March, 2020 E. & O.E.E.

Corporate Officer