

VILLAGE OF CACHE CREEK, BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULAR MEETING HELD THE 14th OF SEPTEMBER, 2020 VOLUME 35, PAGE 92

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

Staff:

Chief Administrative Officer Martin Dalsin
Chief Financial Officer Cristina Martini

Press & Media:

Gareth Smart, Hub Online Network
Barbara Roden, Ashcroft Cache Creek Journal

Public

Sandy MacKay of M'akola Development Services
Regina Sadilkova of the Thompson Nicola Regional District

1. **ORDER:**

Mayor Talarico called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. **DELEGATION:**

A) M'akola Development Services Thompson-Nicola Regional District Housing Needs Assessment

Sandy MacKay and Regina Sadilkova presented regarding the TNRD Housing Needs Assessment. Notes are on file at the Village Office.

3. **MINUTES:**

A) August 17th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Coomber

SECONDED by Councillor Peters

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 17, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) August 31st, 2020 Special Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Councillor Coomber

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on August 31, 2020 be adopted as presented.

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4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION:**

A) M'akola Development Services

MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Mayor Talarico
THAT staff be directed to send a letter thanking Sandy Mackay of M'akola Development Services and Regina Sadilkova of the TNRD for their presentation regarding the Housing Needs Assessment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

A) 2020 Annual Report for the Year 2019

MOVED by Councillor Coomber
SECONDED by Councillor Peters
THAT Council adopts the 2020 Annual Report for the Year 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A) **Economic Development**

- Councillor Peters and Councillor Coomber

B) **Budget & Administrative Services**

- Councillor Peters and Councillor Coomber

1) BC Interior Community Foundation

MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Councillor Coomber
THAT Council approve the signing of the Letter of Agreement.

CARRIED
Councillor Pittman OPPOSED

MOVED by Councillor Coomber
SECONDED by Councillor Peters
THAT Council approve applying for a Northern Development Initiative Trust grant for \$50,000.00 toward the Community Foundation.

CARRIED
Councillor Pittman OPPOSED

2) Clean/Renewable Energy Infrastructure Grants

MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Mayor Talarico
THAT Council direct staff to develop an RFP for a solar installation company to conduct a feasibility study related to solar power in the Village with the goal of reducing the Village's power costs.

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MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Councillor Pittman
THAT staff be directed to apply for a Clean BC Communities Fund grant and/or a Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure Program Grant to cover costs related to a clean/renewable energy infrastructure program.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 3) Tax Reminder Letter
Councillor Pittman submitted her tax reminder letter as requested by Council. It was determined that it was the same as the example letter which was sent to all business owners in Cache Creek with outstanding property taxes.

- 4) Asset Management Plan
MOVED by Councillor Coomber
SECONDED by Councillor Peters
THAT Council receive the report and direct staff to follow up on any of the recommendations listed in the report.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C) Policy & Bylaw Review

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Peters

- 1) Designated Spokesperson for Cannabis Legislation Project
MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Mayor Talarico
THAT Council appoint Councillor Coomber to act as spokesperson for the Cannabis Legislation Project.
DEFEATED

MOVED by Councillor Pittman
SECONDED by Councillor Peters
THAT Council appoint Mayor Talarico to act as spokesperson for the Cannabis Legislation Project.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2) Ministerial Order 192
MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Mayor Talarico
THAT Council meetings be kept closed to the public as:

(i) Cache Creek Village Council Chambers are not large enough to allow for proper distancing and moving meetings to the Community Hall would be cost prohibitive.

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(ii) Meetings will continue to be recorded and broadcast by the HUB Online Network. Case by case requests by members of the public to attend will be considered.

CARRIED
Councillor Pittman OPPOSED

3) Procedure Bylaw 818, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Peters
SECONDED by Councillor Coomber
THAT Staff be directed to make changes to draft Procedure Bylaw 818, 2020, for first reading at the September 28, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

D) Public Works & Community Facilities

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Dafoe

1) East Trans Canada Highway Bridge

MOVED by Mayor Talarico
SECONDED by Councillor Peters
THAT staff be directed to pursue an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding construction of the East Trans Canada Highway Bridge on their right of way, and further, to forward confirmation of said agreement to Stantec.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E) Village Services & Liaison

- Councillor Dafoe and Councillor Coomber

F) Protective Services

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Coomber

1) Request for Donation

MOVED by Councillor Coomber
SECONDED by Mayor Talarico
THAT Council approve a donation of \$1000.00 toward the Halloween fireworks show, as has been done every year since at least 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Fire Department Member Recognition

Mayor Talarico wished to recognize the service of Cache Creek Fire Department members Dale Fitzgerald and Ed Gidinsky for their years of service. Both have moved out of town and so have had to resign from the Fire Department.

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G) Intergovernmental Relations

- Mayor Talarico and Councillor Coomber

1) Meeting with Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Councillor Coomber reported that she, along with Councillor Peters and CAO Dalsin had a Ministerial Meeting the Morning of September 14th, with Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. Discussions included the need for a bridge to replace the culvert under Highway 97 and the need to give the Cache Creek more room to flow without affecting our roads. Her response was that the government will monitor the situation.

The second concern brought up was the potential to make the north end bridge four lanes wide. Minister Trevena stated they did not have plans to do anything to the bridge but they may be able to help in a relocation of the sewer line that crosses the Bonaparte River.

2) Town of Comox Request for Letter of Support

MOVED by Councillor Coomber

SECONDED by Councillor Peters

THAT Council receive and file the letter from the Town of Comox.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Ashcroft Terminal Working Group

Mayor Talarico reported that the outcome of the working group is two recommendations to be presented to the PSA Group: that they pursue enhanced walking trails or a public access boat launch. The Slough Society will continue to pursue continued access to the Slough outside of the Working Group.

7. **INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE:**

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) School Zone Signs

Councillor Pittman asked for an update regarding school zone signs for Quartz Road and Stage Road. CAO Dalsin reported that he spoke to Public Works and the signs have been ordered but have not arrived yet.

B) Shared Bylaw Enforcement

Mayor Talarico reported that the Village of Ashcroft is hoping to engage with the Village of Cache Creek and The Village of Clinton with a shared responsibility and shared cost Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

9. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Barbara Roden asked if Councillor Pittman had produced her tax reminder letter. Mayor Talarico responded that a letter that was different was not submitted, the letter that was submitted was the same as that sent to all tax payers with outstanding balances on their accounts.

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In regards to the Cannabis Legislation project, Barbara Roden asked what the status of the Wander Inn is. Mayor Talarico responded that it is ongoing.

Barbara Roden further asked why it is so difficult to find the status of a business in the middle of town. Do they have a business license? Mayor Talarico responded that they do not have a business license. CAO Dalsin further responded that the Village cannot prove there is a business operating in the building. Mayor Talarico responded that it is a topic we hope to be able to deal with through developing cannabis and hemp legislation for the community. Barbara Roden further asked if the RCMP are able to go in and ask to see a copy of any of their licenses. Mayor Talarico responded that there is ongoing work happening to deal with the Wander Inn.

Barbara Roden asked if it will be advertised that members of the public may request to attend Council meetings and these applications will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Mayor Talarico responded yes that is the intention.

Gareth Smart asked that, in regards to the Community Foundation, what would happen if the interest rate dips below 3%. Councillor Peters responded that they are required to pay 3% interest and must continue to do so even if the rate is reduced. Gareth Smart further asked if the money could be removed at a later date if Council so chose. Councillor Peters responded that the money is an endowment to the foundation and so cannot be taken back out.

Gareth Smart asked if the Mayor has the authority to remove Councillor Pittman from the acting mayor rotation. Mayor Talarico responded that yes, he has that authority, and further that Councillor Peters would take over as deputy mayor in the place of Councillor Pittman for the term of December 2020 to November of 2021.

10. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS:**

11. **CLOSED SESSION:**

MOVED by Councillor Peters

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:
- (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 8:40 pm

Council returned to an open meeting at 9:10 pm

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

A) **Structural Flood Mitigation Program**

MOVED by Councillor Dafoe

SECONDED by Councillor Coomber

THAT Council returns the previously granted funds for a replacement culvert at Quartz Road and apply for a project to be determined by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Councillor Peters

SECONDED by Mayor Talarico

THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 9:11 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 14th day of September, 2020 E. & O.E.E.

Corporate Officer