

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

Minutes of a **Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting** of Council held on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall

Present: Mayor Greg McCune
Councillor Tundra Baird
Councillor Brad Case
Councillor Roxanne Davyduke
Councillor Raquel Knust
Councillor Brian Schreiner
Councillor Shawn Shishido

Chief Administrative Officer – Tate Bengtson
Recording Secretary – Bettyann Kennedy
The Press and Public

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Case, seconded by Councillor Shishido that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2018

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Shishido that the minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting of June 4, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

DELEGATION

Interior Health Association

Re: Harm Reduction Update

Jessica Bridgeman, Regional Harm Reduction Coordinator introduced her colleagues Megan Desimone, Karin Goodison, and Danielle Cameron.

Needle Distribution:

- Decreases the risk of disease
- Connects people to those who can help.
- The provincial program works with the Centre for Disease Control.
- Inappropriate disposal of “sharps” is a common concern.
- Toolkits and posters with instructions for safe disposal are available from IHA.
- IHA distributes and collects needles at the Enderby Health Centre.

Drug Overdose Crisis – Emergency was announced in 2016. Statistics were provided showing the dramatic increase in overdoses that started in 2016 and is continuing.

Strategy:

- Treatment and recovery
- Drug checking – detection of fentanyl
- Supervised consumption sites
- Acute overdose case follow-up
- Anti-stigma campaign

Treatment Options for Enderby:

- Services are available in Salmon Arm – outreach program
- Splatsin Health Centre have counselors
- Outreach workers for youth
- Overdose response – 48 hour follow-up to connect with individuals
- Naloxone kits are available to anyone who wants them.

Statistics show that 80% of drug overdoses occur in young men. They often have a history with the corrections system. Many overdoses are occurring in private residences.

In response to questions from Council:

- Has the increased distribution of harm reduction kits resulted in inappropriately disposed needles? No. We need to provide various locations for syringes to be properly disposed. All Health Centres will accept needles.
- Is there any chance of opioid therapy being offered in Enderby due to the transit issue of getting to Salmon Arm? IHA needs to work with local physicians to encourage them to take on these clients. Nurse practitioners are also able to administer treatment.
- What else, besides disposal boxes can we as a community do? Creative ideas could include getting participants to work on clean-up with a small monetary reward, similar to bottle deposits. Providing money for return of needles could be a concern as it may result in people obtaining a kit for the wrong purpose.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Case that the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER