



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

Minutes of a **Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting** of Council held via video conference on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall

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

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer – Tate Bengtson
Clerk-Secretary – Andraya Holmes

The Press and Public

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Knust
“That the December 20, 2021 Committee of the Whole agenda be approved as circulated.”
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2021

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Knust
“That the December 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole minutes be adopted as circulated.”
CARRIED

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Councillor Schreiner

Attended a Rail Trail gathering with Councillor Baird where a portion of the trail was walked. Most communities along the Rail Trail were represented and a presentation was made to thank Phil McIntyre-Paul for his service.

Reported that RDNO has passed a motion accepting the BC Transit Futures Plan. The Plan proposes to consolidate and relocate the two bus stops in downtown Enderby to Mill Avenue west of Highway 97A.

RDNO will be reaching out in the new year to see if member municipalities would like to be involved in a development corporation for regional housing.

Area F Director Delisle added that some changes may need to be made to the proposed development corporation to pinpoint areas where housing help is needed while not duplicating existing services. Director Delisle reported that the transit system in Vernon is underused, only being used by 13 people per hour.

Councillor Case

Attended the Legion Meat Draw along with Councillor Baird and Councillor Knust. The event was smaller than previous years but still a success.

Councillor Davyduke

Expressed that she has received more positive feedback about Mr. and Mrs. Claus and the lights on the tree downtown.

Registration for Community Futures Enterprise Challenge ends mid-January and is open to new businesses and existing businesses provided they have been in operation for less than one year.

Councillor Knust

Expressed that the tree downtown looks amazing. Requested lights on City Hall be kept on later in the morning. The Chief Administrative Officer will adjust them to turn off at 8am.

Attended a Community Partnership Committee meeting with Area F Director where they discussed drug-related deaths in Enderby, Splatins, and Area F. Councillor Knust discussed that a breakdown of the numbers further into those three areas would be helpful. The Enderby local health area is ranked 8th per capita in British Columbia for drug-related deaths between January and August of 2021. Also discussed that there is a misconception that these deaths are occurring in the unhoused population; 64.1% of drug-related deaths are occurring in private residences.

Discussed the possibility of doing naloxone training in the community. Interior Health will distribute naloxone kits.

Also discussed at the Committee meeting was the possibility of developing a smart recovery program including a support group for families. Councillor Knust stated she would be a part of the team to do this training and that it is important to come up with a plan of action to address this issue.

The Area F Director noted that this is a complex issue and that 48% of addicted people report their addiction started from pharmaceuticals prescribed by their doctors.

Mayor McCune expressed this is a worldwide concern and discussed how Portugal has addressed this issue by decriminalizing and redirecting funds from policing to social services. The use of naloxone is important in saving lives, but it is not a long term solution. Discussed the need for a plan of action that includes a combination of policing and social work to create long term solutions. Inquired why only larger city Mayors seem to be involved in discussions surrounding this issue as it affects smaller cities as well.

Councillor Knust discussed the Wellness Centre being developed in Sicamous and added there are conversations ongoing about a possible treatment centre in Silver Creek.

The Area F Director responded that support for families of those affected by drug addiction is very important.

Mayor McCune

Suggested a discussion be had in the new year regarding adding a Discretionary Fund to the budget of \$2,500 for Mayor and \$2,500 for Council. A resolution will be brought forward on the regular meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Knust, seconded by Councillor Case
“That the Committee of the Whole rises and reports to council.”

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER