



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

Minutes of a **Regular Meeting** of Council held on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Huck Galbraith
Councillor Tundra Baird
Councillor Roxanne Davyduke
Councillor David Ramey
Councillor Brian Schreiner
Councillor Shawn Shishido

Absent: Councillor Sarah Yerhoff

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer – Tate Bengtson
Chief Financial Officer – Jennifer Bellamy
Planner – Kurt Inglis
Clerk-Secretary – Andraya Holmes

Other: Press and Public

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
“THAT the February 6, 2023 Council Meeting agenda be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2023

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Schreiner
“THAT the January 16, 2023 Council Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

Public Hearing Report January 16, 2023

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
“THAT the January 16, 2023 Public Hearing Report be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Superintendent Shawna Baher and Staff Sergeant Steve Mancini, Vernon North Okanagan Detachment, RCMP

Superintendent Shawna Baher gave an overview of the Vernon North Okanagan Detachment 4th Quarter Report for 2022.

Councillor Schreiner asked if there is an officer dedicated to Splatsin.

Supt. Baher responded that there is an officer who works in the Enderby office as a liaison to Splatsin, but that calls in the area are responded to by general membership.

Councillor Ramey asked if the large number of mental health calls in the Enderby area are from a smaller group who require assistance on a repeat basis.

Supt. Baher responded that there are people in the area that have required assistance on multiple occasions, but that there are also many calls from people requiring mental health assistance for the first time. Noted that she did not have the statistics on hand but that she could get those numbers and pass them along to Council.

Councillor Shishido asked about the recent decriminalization of some hard drugs, and how that is affecting policing.

Supt. Baher responded that she understands the reasoning behind decriminalization to aid in reducing the stigma, but that it will not, on its own, solve the problems with drugs in the area. Noted that this initiative does not address this issue of toxic drug supply.

Supt. Baher explained that the decriminalization does cause some issues for policing, but that she does not believe the amount of drug use will increase because of decriminalization.

Councillor Shishido asked why the stigma around using these drugs should be reduced.

Supt. Baher explained that the rationale is that with less stigma, people will be more likely to seek out support for addiction.

Enderby & District Museum Society, Sandra Farynuk, President and Jackie Pearase, Museum Administrator

Ms. Farynuk gave an overview of some of the items that are in possession of the Enderby and District Museum Society, including every original newspaper that has been produced in Enderby, over 8000 scanned photographs, and a property index that shows past owners of properties in Enderby.

Ms. Farynuk and Ms. Pearase gave an overview of some of the Museum Society's accomplishments over the last year, including a large amount of research for families in the area, some very successful fundraising, and social media posts that have received lots of attention and community engagement.

Ms. Pearase highlighted that the Museum has purchased a new server, and that work is ongoing on restoration of Enderby's first firetruck.

Ms. Farynuk reported that many hours of volunteer work that were put in by 16 volunteers at the Museum in the last year. A special thanks was given to Geri Danforth, 98 years young, who volunteered for 350 hours last year.

There is currently a display at the Museum featuring past technology, specifically phones and radios.

There will be a dinner and dance at the Drill Hall in September to celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the Enderby and District Museum Society.

There is a presentation at the Museum at 1:00 pm on February 18th about the Windy Rock Ski Hill.

Ms. Farynuk and Ms. Pearase thanked the Council for the annual operating grant that is given to the Enderby and District Museum Society.

Councillor Schreiner asked about the maintenance of the Muzebo.

Mr. Pearase responded that the Muzebo is blown out monthly to clear dust and debris, and that the addition of the fire truck once the restoration is complete will uplift the space.

Councillor Ramey asked if there is a back up for the Museum database.

Ms. Pearase responded that they museum will have its own server with the addition of the new computer.

The Shuswap Trail Alliance, Jen Bellhouse, Executive Director

Jen Bellhouse, Executive Director, gave an overview of the functions and goals of the Shuswap Trail alliance, and highlighted some past and future projects, including the Cliff Avenue Trail that is planned for Enderby.

Councillor Baird asked how the events hosted by the Shuswap Trail Alliance over the past weekend went.

Ms. Bellhouse reported that the Shuswap Trails Party was a huge success and that approximately 15,000 to 20,000 dollars were raised. The silent auction is ongoing until the 18th of February.

Chief Administrative Officer asked Ms. Bellhouse to explain the difference between funding for the Shuswap Trail Alliance and the funding being requested for the Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable.

Ms. Bellhouse explained that the Shuswap Trail Alliance is focused on non-motorized trail usage, and that the Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable is an opportunity to get together non-motorized and motorized user groups, as well as municipal leadership, Indigenous leadership, and other stakeholders in a neutral setting to discuss trail priorities and strategy. The funding for the Roundtable is used to pay the facilitator.

Ms. Pearase of Rivertalk asked about progress on the Rail Trail in the Enderby area.

Ms. Bellhouse responded that construction of sections of the trail between Sicamous and Mara, as well as an Enderby test section have been put out to tender, with the intention of starting construction this spring.

CONTINUING BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEES AND DELEGATIONS

Notice of Motion (Councillor Yerhoff): Inclusion of a Land Acknowledgement at the Commencement of Council Meetings

Council discussed land acknowledgements and the intention and meaning behind them. Council expressed a desire to have a Community to Community meeting between Enderby Council and Splatsin Kukpi7 and Tkwamipla7. Because there is an uncertain timeline on when that meeting might occur, Mayor Galbraith and Kukpi7 Thomas had a conversation about the land acknowledgement. Kukpi7 Thomas confirmed that it is a meaningful action and appreciated the opportunity to discuss the matter with Mayor Galbraith.

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
“THAT Council directs the Corporate Officer to include a land acknowledgement at the commencement of Council Meetings.”

CARRIED

BYLAWS

Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 1581, 2015 Amendment Bylaw No. 1760, 2023 and Municipal Ticketing Information (MTI) System Bylaw No. 1518, 2013 Amendment Bylaw No. 1761, 2023

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
“THAT Council adopts City of Enderby Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 1581, 2015 Amendment Bylaw No. 1760, 2023;

AND THAT Council adopts City of Enderby Municipal Ticketing Information (MTI) System Bylaw No. 1518, 2013 Amendment Bylaw No. 1761, 2023.”

CARRIED

REPORTS

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Baird

Will be attending a meeting of the Enderby and District Services Commission tomorrow.

Has met with the event coordinator to discuss easter events. The events coordinator is currently in the process of securing sponsors for the egg hunt.

Councillor Baird has attended some Vernon Winter Carnival events and has discussed with the event coordinator how some similar events could be incorporated in Enderby.

Councillor Ramey

Attended an Arts Council meeting. The Courtyard Gallery is attracting some excellent artists and there have been over 4000 visitors to the Arts Centre this year. The Arts Council is looking for board members.

Councillor Ramey will be attending an Okanagan Regional Library Board orientation in Kelowna and will report back to Council.

Councillor Schreiner

Attended a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs that went well.

Attended a Hospital Board meeting. Adjusting of the budget is ongoing and Councillor Schreiner will report back when there is more information.

Attended a Rail Trail meeting. Reported that the test section through Enderby is proceeding.

Attended the RCMP Town Hall Meeting with Councillor Yerhoff. Noted that there was a Citizens on Patrol program in Enderby that was discontinued at the onset of the Pandemic. There is another program called Block Watch that could get the community involved. Will do more research on this and report back.

Councillor Davyduke

The deadline to register for the Enterprize Challenge with Community Futures is Wednesday, February 8th at noon. There will be a live presentation on May 18th for the businesses involved.

Has been having conversations with WorkBC regarding mental health challenges that are a barrier to some to re-entering the workforce.

Councillor Davyduke will also be meeting with Danielle Guetter from Community Futures who is in City Hall on a weekly basis, to discuss how things are going in Enderby.

Councillor Shishido

Councillor Shishido noted that it appears that the RCMP will have no authority to address issues with some hard drugs because of the decriminalization.

Chief Administrative Officer explained that the RCMP are still able to prosecute for trafficking and sales of hard drugs, but not possession for personal use.

Councillor Shishido spoke with Raquel Knust, who was a participant in the last public hearing via Zoom. Ms. Knust reported that during the public hearing it would have been nice to use the camera on the opposite side of council chambers so that she could see the applicant while he was speaking.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that it is possible to switch the camera during public hearings, and then switch back for the remainder of the meeting. Staff will take steps to implement this.

Councillor Ramey

Councillor Ramey asked if it would be appropriate to ask a representative of the Arts Council to attend a Council meeting to speak.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that yes, representatives from the Arts Council could attend a Council meeting as a delegation, and have done so historically prior to budget time.

Councillor Ramey also noted that the Arts Council will be hosting their first coffee house on February 17th.

Mayor Galbraith

Had a conversation with Kukpi7 Thomas regarding the proposed land acknowledgement.

Also spoke with a representative of the Legion who reported that the Legion roof is in need of repairs.

Councillor Baird responded that representatives from the Legion will report to Council.

Mayor Galbraith also reported that he attended the meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and wrote a letter in follow up, thanking Minister Kang for the visit and commenting on healthcare workers who are not working because of government mandates.

Chief Administrative Officer

Requested that Council meet for a few hours before the next Council meeting for a budget input session that will give staff direction on Council priorities to aid in the creation of this year's budget. Chief Administrative Officer will circulate some background material to Council prior to the meeting.

There will be a pre-construction meeting for Peacher Crescent road works on February 13th, with work starting on February 27th subject to weather.

Working on standard operating procedure for bypassing reservoir #1 with the Systems Operator.

Working on finishing a grant for water treatment plant expansion

There is an Enderby and District Services Commission budget meeting tomorrow.

The concession operator contract for 2023 will be put out this week or early next.

Chief Administrative Officer plans to complete a preliminary review of road crossing designs for the Rail Trail this week.

Congratulations to the Planner, who has obtained a Local FireSmart Representative certification. This will allow the City to provide FireSmart home assessments in-house.

Council Inquiries

Councillor Ramey asked about the timeline for the new pool.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that construction of the pool will likely go out to tender this summer or fall. There is a re-budgeting process under way for the project in order to assess the costs in 2023 dollars, to help inform the next steps.

Mayor Galbraith asked if all of the City is connected to storm sewer.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that there are portions of the City not connected to storm. Explained that there are a few options for extending storm sewer to unserved portions of the City, but these options would occur at the same time that some very high cost road projects are completed.

Vernon North Okanagan Detachment: 4th Quarter (October to December) 2022

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Baird
“THAT the Vernon North Okanagan Detachment: 4th Quarter (October to December) 2022 be received and filed”

CARRIED

Audit Planning Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Shishido
“THAT the Audit Planning Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2022 from BDO Canada LLP be received and filed.”

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable – 2023-26 Grant Funding

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Baird
“THAT Council provides the Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable with an annual operating grant of \$500 for 2023 through to 2026”

CARRIED

Disclosure of Contracts – Council

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
“THAT Council receives and files this memorandum.”

CARRIED

Letter of Support for ParticipACTION

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
“THAT Council provides a letter of support for ParticipACTION.”

CARRIED

Letter of Support for Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Davyduke

“THAT Council provides a letter of support to encourage Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to continue the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot as a permanent program in existing and other regions of British Columbia.”

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Jackie Pearase, Rivertalk asked Council to follow up with the RCMP regarding the Town Hall Meeting and why it was scheduled mid-day on a weekday. Also noted that there was short notice given for the meeting.

CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
“THAT, pursuant to Section 92 of the Community Charter, the regular meeting convene In-Camera to deal with matters deemed closed to the public in accordance with Section 90 (1) (a) and (b) of the Community Charter.”

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Ramey
“THAT the regular meeting of February 6, 2023 adjourn at 7:00 p.m.”

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER