



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

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

Present: Acting Mayor Ramey
Councillor Tundra Baird
Councillor Roxanne Davyduke
Councillor Brian Schreiner
Councillor Shawn Shishido
Councillor Sarah Yerhoff

Absent: Mayor Huck Galbraith

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

Other: Press and Public

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwepemc.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Shishido
“THAT the February 21, 2023 Council Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Elaine Sharp, Diane Bylsma, and Elaine Sperling

Ms. Sharp explained that she is part of a climate action group that would like to urge Council to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Noted that a statement put out by the Union of BC Municipalities claiming that 50% of greenhouse gas emissions in the province can be influenced by municipalities.

Ms. Sharp asked that Council consider adding greenhouse gas reduction to the City's strategic plan. Noted that there are municipalities in BC that have banned the use of natural gas in new buildings, and there are many municipalities that have received grant money for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Ms. Sharp gave some ideas for possible changes:

- Upgrading buildings to reduce air leakage.
- Replacing gas powered vehicles with electric when it is time to replace them.
- Replacing gas powered tools such as weed-eaters and chainsaws with electric versions
- Curbside organics collection.

Ms. Sharp asked that Council add greenhouse gas emissions to the criteria that is considered when purchasing new equipment.

Acting Mayor Ramey thanked Ms. Sharp for her presentation and noted that while Council is often focused on a bigger picture, it is important to get specific ideas on the table.

Councillor Schreiner asked which municipalities have banned natural gas in new buildings.

Ms. Sharp replied that this was done in Victoria and that houses are now using heat pumps.

Councillor Baird noted that she has a heat pump in her home but that it does not work beyond -5°C.

Ms. Bylsma responded that there are new models that work at colder temperatures.

Acting Mayor Ramey stated that Council will consider this presentation in their decisions going forward.

Ms. Sharp added that she recently became aware that there was an on-demand hot water system installed at the arena and that it would be nice to have more community awareness surrounding projects that the City is working on to reduce emissions.

Councillor Baird asked the Chief Administrative Officer to speak to the biomass boiler systems in Enderby.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that there are two biomass boilers in town that provide zero emission heat. One is located at the Public Works Yard on McGowan Street. The other is larger, and owned by Fink Machine. The City has provided rights-of-way to connect this to approximately 15 properties in the area.

Ms. Sharp added that the Climate Action Group would welcome a liaison from Council.

FACT Committee, Dawn Wierzbicki and Linda Boyd

Ms. Wierzbicki and Ms. Boyd explained that they are part of the FACT Committee that meets monthly with a vision for a community with a sustainable and healthy food system. Some of the group's projects include:

- Harvest Hut
- Community Garden
- Enderby Good Food Box

Ms. Wierzbicki and Ms. Boyd proposed that some of the garden beds and planters throughout the City be used to plant fruits, veggies, and herbs, instead of ornamental flowers. Projects like this, called edible landscaping, have been implemented in many communities throughout Canada and the world.

Explained that edible landscaping creates an interactive and social experience for residents and visitors alike. Growing edible plants also shows residents what is possible to grow in the area and encourages them to grow food at home. Also noted that edible landscaping does not take any more work than growing flowers, and extra produce could be donated at the end of the season.

Some of the areas identified by the FACT committee as good locations for edible landscaping were:

- Garden beds in the breezeway
- Adding hanging baskets on Cliff Avenue
- Barnes Park

Councillor Schreiner asked how the plants are maintained in Sicamous.

Ms. Wierzbicki responded that the plants are taken care of partially by the City, and partially by a group of volunteers.

Councillor Baird explained that there is a new gardens and grounds contractor this season and the change might be a good opportunity to move in this direction.

Councillor Davyduke agreed that the new contractor creates a good opportunity for this change. Also noted that it is interesting to hear how different communities have implemented this change with different levels of involvement from the municipalities, as well as volunteers.

Councillor Baird asked the Planner if the BC Hydro tree grants the City has received in the past could be used for fruit trees.

Planner responded that there is criteria for the type of trees that can be planted with these grants but that he believes there are likely fruit trees that would be eligible.

Acting Mayor Ramey noted that there are factors to consider including vermin, wildlife, and liability.

Councillor Schreiner asked if there has been concern in other municipalities with vandalism.

Ms. Wierzbicki responded that she isn't aware of any cases of vandalism, but that like with any program, there will be some trial and error.

Ms. Boyd added that in other places where edible landscaping is located, people tend to be shy to pick the produce, and that sometimes signs are added to encourage them. Hoarding and vandalism seems to be minimal.

Councillor Schreiner thanked all those in attendance from the Garden Club and explained that he had hoped to connect them with an Armstrong representative from Communities in Bloom regarding beautification of the community. Councillor Schreiner invited Kathy Fabische to the podium.

Ms. Fabische explained that she had been on a trip across Canada and was impressed with the decorating of many communities. Explained that it appeared that the smaller the community, the more involved its residents were in planting and decorating. Noted that the highway corridor would be an excellent place to focus on to attract more travellers to stop in the City and visit local businesses.

BYLAWS

The Corporation of the City of Enderby Parks, Recreation and Culture Fees Imposition Bylaw No. 1693, 2020 Amendment Bylaw 1762, 2023

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
“THAT Council adopts the bylaw cited as The Corporation of the City of Enderby Parks, Recreation and Culture Fees Imposition Bylaw No. 1693, 2020 Amendment Bylaw 1762, 2023”
 CARRIED

Enderby & District Cemetery Regulation Bylaw No. 1702, 2020 Amendment Bylaw No. 1733, 2023

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff
“THAT Council adopts the bylaw cited as Enderby & District Cemetery Regulation Bylaw No. 1702, 2020 Amendment Bylaw No. 1733, 2023”
 CARRIED

REPORTS

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Shishido

Attended the SILGA Elected Officials Seminar. Noted that it was great to network with Area F Director Hopkins and looked forward to working with her on the Enderby and District Services Commission.

Spoke with a resident who lives nearby to Riverside Park. They reported that this area currently functions well as a dog park. They also noted that noise from the dogs is minimal.

Acting Mayor Ramey responded that while the park may function as an unofficial dog park, it isn't a solution for many dog owners who aren't confident that their dog will stay within a set area without fencing.

Councillor Shishido added that it was nice to meet elected officials from other local governments at the SILGA seminar, as well as a good team building exercise for Enderby Council.

Councillor Davyduke

Attended the SILGA Elected Officials Seminar and noted that it was great and covered a wide range of topics.

The Community Futures Enterprize Challenge this year has the most engagement from the Enderby and Armstrong areas that it has ever had. Names of businesses involved are still confidential but Councillor Davyduke will update Council when this information is available.

Gave kudos to Danielle Guetter of Community Futures and Vallerie Byrne, Events Coordinator for their collaborative work on gauging interest from businesses for a Business After 5 event and figuring out what that event might look like.

There is a job fair being organized by WorkBC for March 30th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Baby Talk, a series of free drop-in parenting classes put on by Interior Health at the Enderby Health Centre have had a good turn out. The next presentation is focused on gardening basics.

Councillor Yerhoff

Councillor Yerhoff attended the SILGA Elected Officials seminar and noted that it was excellent to connect with Councils from neighbouring municipalities.

Attending a Readiness in Transition webinar that focuses on large transitions in municipalities such as businesses leaving. The webinar has been great so far.

Councillor Schreiner

Attended an RDNO budget meeting and reported that the City of Enderby tax base increased by 2.3% this year, and that the net requisition increase to an average home in the City of Enderby will be 2.1%.

Also noted that much of the funds requested is for Fortune Parks.

Councillor Baird

Attended the SILGA Seminar and noted that a presentation on asset management by Christina Benty was very informative.

Noted that while Councillor Baird was in Kelowna, she visited a Blenz Coffee Shop that was featuring jam from Belle Meadow Farm in Grindrod.

Easter planning is underway and there are many events and local sponsors.

There is a grads vs staff hockey game fundraiser for the A.L. Fortune grads this Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Acting Mayor Ramey

Attended the SILGA Elected Officials seminar. Noted that it was great to see what was accomplished through partnerships between local governments and indigenous governments. Explained that it is important that Splatkin knows that when they are ready, there is opportunity for partnership that could improve both communities.

Visited the Art Gallery and Arts Council building and noted that there is some excellent art. Encouraged Council to visit the gallery.

Chief Administrative Officer

Construction has begun on Peacher Crescent. The contractor is starting with sanitary works, which are quite deep, so the excavation is sizable. The contractor has milled the asphalt on the cul-de-sac and a bit of the bottom of the road to try and retain some surface integrity for as long as possible.

Online booking for the Riverside RV Park for the season had opened and the website has been updated to reflect that.

Chief Administrative Officer has a meeting later this week with the Technical Operating Team and design engineer for the rail-trail road crossings. One thing to note is that it appears that they are shifting away from locating the parking area on Evergreen Street and moving back to the original notion of putting it on Railway Street across from Belvedere Park.

Remaining works associated with the McGowan subdivision are expected to begin in the next few weeks. Chief Administrative Officer is waiting on an access plan from the developer's general contractor.

Had a kick-off meeting with the Chief Financial Officer and the gardens and grounds contractor on Friday. For the first year, they are focusing on learning the ropes and ensuring a seamless transition, and then will build out from there. They are intending to plant on the same schedule as the previous contractor, starting just after the May long weekend.

The ice season at the arena is in its final weeks. It has been a busy season overall. The last booking is Sunday, March 12.

There is a temperature differential on one of the curling rink's sheets of ice due to the repair made to it last season, which is causing some maintenance issues. Chief Administrative Officer will be following up with the refrigeration mechanic this month when he is on-site for the end-of-season procedures to discuss options.

The Easter poster is circulating on social media. This is an exciting first-time event for the City that has garnered a ton of business support. It will make for a very memorable occasion for residents and visitors alike.

Council Inquiries

Councillor Baird reported that when speaking with a Councillor from Princeton, they stated that they have approximately 3000 residents, and 15 office staff members. Asked the Chief Administrative Officer if he could confirm this.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that he will find an organizational chart for Princeton and send it out to Mayor and Council.

Councillor Baird asked the best way to start a pilot project planting fruits and vegetables in City garden beds.

Chief Administrative Officer suggested it would be a good idea to identify a spot to test instead of a complete changeover. Suggested the breezeway. Will add this to continuing business for the next Council meeting.

Councillor Shishido gave kudos to staff for completing a major road work project in Enderby each year.

NEW BUSINESS

Date for Annual Our Enderby Clean-Up Challenge

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
“THAT Council endorses Saturday April 22, 2023 as the date for the Annual Our Enderby Clean-Up Challenge.”

CARRIED

Policy Direction on the Enforcement of Permanent Shipping Containers

Acting Mayor Ramey asked how many of these shipping containers are in the City, and how many do not meet aesthetic requirements.

Planner responded that there are dozens of shipping containers in the City and that most do not meet the aesthetic requirements. None are screened, and only a few are finished to match the exterior of surrounding buildings.

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Schreiner
“THAT Council directs Staff to continue with the shipping container compliance program on the basis of, i) prioritizing the enforcement of health and safety requirements, and ii) deferring enforcement of aesthetic requirements for 2023 in favour of education and voluntary compliance.”

CARRIED

Enderby & District Heritage Commission – Installation of Heritage Sign Stands and Funding Request

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
“THAT Council supports the Enderby & District Heritage Commission’s request to install heritage sign stands for the following sites:

- i. Bank of Montreal – Heritage sign stand to be located in the planter boxes along the northern property boundary; and*
- ii. Creamery Pillars – Heritage sign stand to be located in the boulevard area adjacent to 1109/1105 Belvedere Street;*

AND THAT Council authorizes the release of funds from the Heritage Project Fund for the installation of heritage sign stands at the aforementioned sites;

AND FURTHER THAT Council advises the Enderby & District Heritage Commission that if there are additional heritage projects that it wishes to pursue, which exceed the funds available within the Heritage Project Fund, the Heritage Commission may present those heritage projects and a funding request to Council for consideration.”

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff
“THAT the regular meeting of March 6, 2023 adjourn at 5:59 p.m.”

CARRIED

ACTING MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER