



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

Minutes of a **Regular Meeting** of Council held on Monday, February 5, 2024 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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Ramey, seconded by Councillor Baird
“THAT the February 5, 2024 Council Meeting agenda be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2024

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Ramey
“THAT the January 15, 2024 Council Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #98, Lindsay Gowin, President and Rene Verwey, 1st Vice President

Rene Verwey explained that the Legion building is in need of a new roof and that the electrical throughout the building must be redone. The cost to replace the roof will be approximately

\$68,000 and the cost of the electrical work will be approximately \$30,000. The Legion brings in money through different funding streams including meat draws and the poppy fund, but those funds must be contributed back to the community or to veterans in need.

Explained that the Legion gives back a large amount to the community every year and is requesting funds to help with the repair of their building.

Councillor Schreiner asked if the Legion has any of their own funds to go toward these projects.

Mr. Verwey responded that the Legion has applied for a New Horizons for Seniors grant of \$25,000 to assist with the repairs but that this has not yet been approved. Also explained that the Legion has several thousand dollars in GIC's that is intended to be used for these projects, but that they do not have enough to complete the works.

Councillor Schreiner asked if it would be possible to borrow for these projects.

Mr. Verwey responded that it may be possible, but that the Legion would like to avoid borrowing if possible.

Councillor Ramey asked if other Legions may help each other in situations like this.

Mr. Verwey responded that this is unlikely to happen, and that many other Legions are also in need of funds.

Councillor Baird asked the Chief Administrative Officer if there are other grants or funding streams that he can think of that may be able to assist the Legion.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that the New Horizons for Seniors grant is the one that comes to mind, and that further research would need to be done to see if there are others available.

Mr. Verwey noted that there may be an opportunity for the Legion to contribute to City projects, for example, the new pool in exchange for funding.

Councillor Schreiner asked if the Legion could submit their financial statements for review.

Councillor Shishido asked if the Legion has approached local businesses for help as well.

Mr. Verwey responded that the Legion has reached out to local businesses.

Councillor Davyduke noted that there may be an opportunity to call for donations from the community and borrow only the amount of the shortfall necessary for the repairs.

Councillor Ramey asked about the timeline for these repairs to be completed.

Mr. Verwey responded that they would like to start in the spring.

Mayor Galbraith thanked Mr. Verwey for his presentation.

Chief Administrative Officer asked Council for direction on what they would like staff to bring to the next Council Meeting in relation to this delegation.

Council requested that Staff investigate funds that the City may have that could be used for this purpose. Also discussed the tax exemption that is given to the Legion.

Chief Financial Officer explained that the City is unable to give a tax exemption to the bar portion of the legion but that they do receive a permissive tax exemption for the hall portion of the building.

REPORTS

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Davyduke

Attended an interagency meeting last week. Noted that there will be a job fair put on by WorkBC in May to which the students of A.L. Fortune have been invited. The location of the job fair is yet to be determined.

February 6th at noon is the deadline to enter the Enterprize challenge for any businesses that started in 2023 or will be starting in 2024.

Councillor Shishido

Reported that the Museum has raised the wages of the Museum Administrator for 2024.

Reported that he has been elected Chair of the Enderby & District Services Commission for 2024 and that the first meeting of the year went well.

Councillor Schreiner

Attended a Hospital Board meeting and reported that there are no major tax implications for Enderby this year. Noted that as Vernon has now lost their final walk-in clinic, there is a new project for an Acute Care Center in Vernon with a goal to have less patients needing to go to the emergency room. Also explained that there is funding for a new psychiatric facility in Vernon.

Attended a reconciliation meeting with Mayor Galbraith last week that was hosted by local schools.

Will be attending an upcoming meeting on ridesharing. Also noted that Sorrento received a grant to acquire some electric vehicles and that the Enderby Community Resource Centre is looking to acquire a vehicle.

Councillor Ramey

Reported that he has been communicating with the public regarding the dog park survey and is working to get as much community feedback as possible. Was interviewed by CBC about the survey.

Reported that Peachland went from having no doctors to having six in the last year, and that he has spoken with the people who were instrumental in making that happen and that they would be happy to share information with Enderby.

Councillor Baird

Reported that the Enderby & District Services Commission meeting this morning went well.

Attended a Christmas meeting last week to debrief from the 2023 Christmas events and begin planning for next year. The 2024 Christmas event will take place on December 6th and 7th.

Attended the Splatsin inauguration ceremony for the new Kukpi7 and Tkwamipla7.

Reported that the Enderby Community Marketing Video is getting close to being ready for release.

Reported that the Enderby Arena has been nominated for the Kraft Hockeyville contest and encouraged the community to share stories on the Kraft Hockeyville website.

Asked about plans for the feature tree on Cliff Avenue.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that there will be an evaluation in early May to determine if the tree will survive. If it is determined at that time that the tree will not survive, Staff will begin the process of replacing it. An allowance will be included in the 2024 budget to that effect.

Attended many of the Vernon Winter Carnival events and reported that there were many people from Enderby in attendance.

Mayor Galbraith

Attended the Splatsin inauguration ceremony.

Did some research on access to Walk-In clinics in surrounding communities.

Chief Administrative Officer

The gardens and grounds contractor removed old soil from planters on Friday, in preparation for a major soil amendment, to get ahead of the spring planting. A discussion will be happening soon around plans for this year including replacing the boxwoods at Cenotaph Park.

Street sweeping coordination discussions are under way, Easter weekend is early this year and it appears that snow levels will cooperate to allow the street sweeping to occur at that time. Staff will be having similar discussions with the line painter soon.

An inspection of the arena chiller has been completed and it appears to be in good condition, given that it is half way through its service life. While that is good news, it means that there is a restriction somewhere else in the brine system, which is not a good thing. Once the old header is removed at the beginning of March, pressure testing the brine lines will hopefully improve the knowledge of the problem.

A construction manager, Chandos, has been retained to work with the architectural consultant on the pool design and then the construction. Design work is proceeding rapidly.

Reported that he will be reaching out to Council soon in order to identify some strategic planning dates.

Gave kudos to our Public Works Department, who did a great job of clearing the snow and also handled a water break on Vernon Street last week.

Councillor Baird reported that she received feedback from the public about removal of snow from the downtown core and the snowbanks between the road and sidewalk making it difficult for residents to get out of their cars and onto the sidewalk.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that the downtown core is a priority for snow removal after clearing the streets. Explained that it is possible to address the downtown more aggressively, but that it would likely require bringing in contractors and would have cost implications.

Councillor Baird request that a discussion about snow removal downtown be added to strategic planning.

Vernon North Okanagan Detachment: 4th Quarter (October to December) 2023

Councillor Davyduke requested that staff ask for clarification on the chart included in the Toxic Drug Crisis Response section of the report.

Moved by Councillor Davyduke, seconded by Councillor Baird

“THAT Council directs Staff to reach out to the RCMP Vernon North Okanagan Detachment to request information on the guidelines that frontline RCMP officers use when determining the appropriate service level response to a person living with addiction and, when a referral is made, whether there are adequate addiction services available, as and when needed, to support the referred person.”

CARRIED

Bylaw Enforcement Statistics for Third Period of 2023 (September – December)

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Ramey

“THAT Council receives the Bylaw Enforcement Statistics for Third Period of 2023 (September – December) for information.”

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Disclosure of Contracts – Council

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Davyduke

“THAT Council receives and files the memorandum titled Disclosure of Contracts – Council dated January 29, 2024.”

CARRIED

Community Resiliency Investment Program – 2024 Firesmart Community Funding and Supports

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Baird

“THAT Council directs Staff to submit an application under the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports stream of the Community Resiliency Investment Program in order to fund the following activities:

- 1) Adding FireSmart responsibilities to an existing Staff position;*
- 2) Developing a Community Resiliency Plan;*
- 3) Creating, coordinating and participating in a Community FireSmart and Resiliency Committee;*
- 4) Undertaking FireSmart education activities and hosting FireSmart events; and*
- 5) Attending the Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit.*

AND THAT Council confirms its support for the proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management for the project.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Baird

“THAT Council receives and files the correspondence and information items titled:

- Call For Immediate Action to Prevent Invasive Mussel Introduction to B.C., dated January 18, 2024*
- Legislative Reform Initiative Update, dated January 18, 2024*
- Support for Bill-34, dated January 26, 2024”*

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Jackie Pearase, Rivertalk, thanked the Public Works crew for a job well done with snow removal.

CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Baird

“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 (c) of the Community Charter.”

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Shishido

“THAT the regular meeting of February 5, 2024 adjourn at 5:55 p.m.”

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER