



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Clinton Council Chambers, 1423 Cariboo Hwy 97

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Mayor Rivett, Councillors Guerin, Marchant, Park, Swan

Staff: CAO, Monika Schittek

Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

"Mayor and Council would like to acknowledge that we are within the traditional territory of the Secwepemc Nation"

Introduction of Late Items

None

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Marchant/Swan

R191-17

That the Agenda of September 13, 2017 be amended by

- **Moving the correspondence item 'Woodlot Committee Minutes' from items for information to items for action; and**

Be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Guerin/Swan

R192-17

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

Delegations

Corporal Curtis Davis of the RCMP reported on the pending homicide trial; a preliminary enquiry has been held and the Crown is proceeding with one accused.

A serious crash recently occurred just south of Clinton, where an RCMP member was killed. He was travelling on vacation with his family. Thanks are extended to Jin from the Shell Station for his quick first aid response and use of his fire extinguisher. Ashcroft RCMP Traffic Service is doing an investigation.

There have been only 2 thefts since July 7th, during our wildfire event.

Corporal Davis was asked by Council what authority it had to enforce an *Evacuation Order*. He explained that if a property owner chooses to stay, must stay on their own property and cannot leave. They will be asked for their next of kin, dentist, etc. Children cannot stay and RCMP would need to call child services to intervene if parents refused compliance. Councillor Guerin asked if there was a law to enforce compliance.

Communications of the RCMP will continue monthly, reporting in Lariat publication. The Corporal will continue to come to the Council Meetings, on or off duty, until his departure September 26th when he will be replaced by Constable Chris von Holditz whom is expected to stay in Clinton for the next two years.

Council thanked the RCMP for their service and wished Corporal Davis well in his promotion to Lytton, BC.

Question Period

The Mayor extended question period to the gallery, for items relevant to the agenda.

The recent accident on Highway 97 highlights the need to take action with the Ministry of Transportation. The Mayor responded that a meeting has been requested with the Minister of Transportation and Council is hoping to address highway safety, highlighting the number of accidents that occur in our area.

A member of the public defined *Evacuation Alert and Order* as having a right to be mobile on foot or on horseback, and the right to move freely about town. A mandatory evacuation (different from Alert and Order) would require immediate removal. *(There was no reference given, so validating this information is difficult.)*

Correspondence & Reading File (August 19 – September 7, 2017)

ACTION

Clinton Woodlot Committee Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2017

Moved by Marchant/Guerin

RC 193-17

Recommendation WL 03-17

That staff look further into the insurance policy coverage, as suggested in the document *'Wildfires and Woodlot Licences, Important Information for Woodlot Licensees'*, to ensure any harvesting activities undertaken do not make the policy null and void.

CARRIED

New seedlings were planted this year. Silviculture efforts may also be covered under a claim with Wildfire.

Moved by C. Marchant/Swan

RC 194-17

Recommendation WL 04-17

That a Wildfire claim be filed on behalf of the Woodlot licence for any potential controlled backburn that may have occurred.

CARRIED

Moved by C. Marchant/Guerin

RC 195-17

Recommendation WL 05-17

That the Woodlot Manager move forward with survey, salvage and cutting plans immediately.

Friendly amendment moved by Mayor Rivett/Councillor Guerin

RC 196-17

That the Woodlot Manager move forward with survey, salvage and cutting plans as soon as the insurance policy coverage question, from motion RC 193-17, has be qualified.

CARRIED

RC 195-17 (amended)

That the Woodlot Manager move forward with survey, salvage and cutting plans as soon as the insurance policy coverage question, from motion RC 193-17, has be qualified.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Marchant/Guerin

RC 197-17

Recommendation WL 06-17

That staff follow up with the Manager of Ministry Forests, Land Acquisitions to discuss options for consideration for Lee Sawmill Road.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Marchant/Guerin

RC 198-17

Recommendation WL 07-17

That the Woodlot Manager, Steve Law be invited to participate in the Ministry meeting at UBCM with Council to follow up on both the Woodlot and Community Forest discussions.

CARRIED

It was reported that the Community Forest would pay the Manager's associated travel and accommodation fees, with a one-night stay in Vancouver planned. The Woodlot Manager could provide detailed explanations to the issues brought before the Minister.

INFORMATION

Letter to SILGA from Squamish-Lillooet Regional District regarding 2017 Federal Budget Highlight-Elimination of the Municipal Officers' Expense Allowance

The effective date is January 1, 2019. A letter of support rejecting this tax change should be forwarded to the SILGA office. Council is opposed to the 1/3 balance to be removed as a tax free expense allowance for local government officials. Members feel it may be detrimental to the enticement of new members to office.

Clinton War donation of \$180 received through pin sales was noted. A thank you letter of appreciation for the donation should be sent.

Bus Transit Report - 100 Mile destination has not started yet since the Wildfire disruption.

Trees that were allocated for Communities in Bloom died on transit. Other trees are available and can be planted, working with Public Works and the CAO.

All correspondence items were received and forwarded for filing.

Administrative Reports

CAO – RFD Education Outline for 2017 and Scholarship Application

Moved by Mayor Rivett/Councillor Guerin

R199-17

**That Council approve the CAO Education Outline for 2017 as presented; and
That Council provide a letter of support for the UBCM scholarship application; and
That Council endorses an application for support for tuition fees and travel costs associated with the education outline.**

CARRIED

CAO – RFD Volunteer Fire Department – Request for funding top up

Councillor Swan declared a conflict due to a family member being a member of the Fire Department and removed herself from the discussion at 7:32 pm.

Moved by Mayor Rivett/Councillor Guerin

R200-17

That Council compensate the Fire Department members for time spent working during the evacuation.

CARRIED

In prior years, Council paid Fire Department members by the hour. In 2015, for ease of budget, the Fire Department funding was changed to a lump sum of \$10,000 per year. This year's Wildfire was an extraordinary event with the Fire Department members choosing to stay to protect the Village. They are all volunteers and compensation should be considered.

Moved by Mayor Rivett/Councillor Park

R201-17 (postponed definitely)

That Council compensate the Fire Department members with a one-time payment, without prejudice, based on the rates set out in Bylaw 432, 2006.

This is a one-of situation, recognizing that Clinton members were often supervising Fire Department members from outside the jurisdiction. Council is pleased with the Fire Department's past performance, fairness in compensation, and has an appreciation of the current outstanding response to duty.

Moved by Councillors Park/Guerin

R202-17

That Council postpone definitely, motion R201-17, to the next meeting to allow a discussion with the representatives of the Fire Department, to be scheduled for next week.

CARRIED

Moved by Mayor Rivett/Councillor Marchant

R203-17

That upon approval of the Fire Commission, a cheque be issued for the Fire Department members for hours worked outside of the community's fire jurisdiction.

CARRIED

The CAO will arrange a Special Council Meeting with the Fire department representatives, to make a presentation as a delegation, for a mutually convenient time next week. Councillor Swan will be notified of the planned discussion and meeting time.

Councillor Swan returned to the meeting at 7:48 pm.

CAO – RFD Amendment to Bylaw 538, 2016 – Fees and Charges

Moved by Councillor Marchant/Guerin

R204-17

That Council approves an amendment to the Schedules E (Water Rates) and F (Sewer Rates) to include the connection fees omitted in error in the creation of Bylaw 538, 2016 from the amended Bylaw 528, 2015 and have it be effective immediately; and

That staff review the Bylaw for any additional corrections or modifications necessary and bring back to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

CFO – August Financial Report

Moved by Mayor Rivett/Councillor Park

R205-17

That Council receive and file the August 2017 financial summary and cheque listing for information.

CARRIED

Animal Control Reports – July and August

Reports received as presented.

Bylaw/Policies

None

Council Reports

REPORTS

The Mayor's written report was received.

Councillor Marchant's written report was received. He noted that Hat Creek has experienced a loss of \$190,000 during the Wildfire season and operating with a 21-person crew.

Councillor Swan's written report was received. Omitted was Music in Park, and the retirement party of Tom Dall.

Councillor Guerin attended a meeting with Gold Country. She was unable to attend the museum meeting. They also have suffered lost revenues during the Wildfire season. The museum plans to be open through to Thanksgiving. Special thanks to Councillor Park and the Ambler Family for such a marvelous production at Music in the Park. Councillor Guerin has taken on a new working position and will not be able to attend UBCM.

Councillor Park presented his verbal report. He attended the Trails meeting and reported that not all funding will be available immediately and will begin the project with the current available funds. He noted he will be in attendance for the Spirit of Clinton AGM tomorrow. Another *Music in Park* is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 23 and Sept 30. Performance times are yet to be determined and will be free by donation. Thanks to the Community Development Coordinator and other organizations involved. The Memorial Hall will be the considered, if needed.

All Council reports were accepted as reported.

New Business

None

Action Items from Previous Meetings

The prior list and the new motions lists were received. It was noted the new format may require a magnifying glass to read. Larger print will be used in the next report.

A special welcome extended to Raven, our new Clinton correspondent to the Ashcroft/Cache Creek Journal.

Notice to Proceed to In-Camera

Moved by Councillor Swan/Guerin

R206-17

That Council proceed to In-Camera as per the Community Charter, Section 90.1 (e).

CARRIED

The meeting moved into In-Camera at 8:08 pm.

The meeting moved out of In-Camera at 8:24 pm.

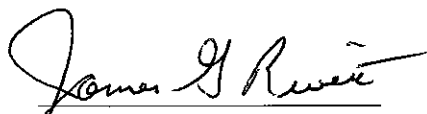
Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Swan

R207-17

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:25 pm.

CARRIED


MAYOR


CORPORATE OFFICER