



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Clinton Council Chambers, 1423 Cariboo Highway
Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Mission Statement: *"To Increase Economic Opportunity and Improve the Quality of Life for all Citizens."*

Vision Statement: *"Clinton is a lively resilient community, proud of its rich heritage while building a sustainable future with local Secwepemc and neighboring communities"*

Call to Order

"Mayor and Council acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band and High Bar First Nation"

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Councillor Rivett	Council Report – Verbal	

New Business

None

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Calendar of Events

Last reminder - Free income tax preparation for seniors, students, and persons with low income. By appointment only. Call or email to book an appointment or to find out where to drop off your forms.

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Notice to Proceed to In-Camera

None

Re-call Regular Meeting

None

Adjournment

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Council
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Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7:00pm

In Attendance: Mayor Swan, Councilors: Burrage, McIlravey, Park, Rivett
Absent:
Staff: CAO Daly, CDC Chatten
Media: 1 Public: 3

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Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
“Mayor and Council acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band and High Bar First Nation”

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved and Seconded

- R043-22 That Council approves the Agenda dated April 13, 2022, with the addition of the following late items: (1) Correspondence for Information - School District No. 74 Draft Budget
(2) New Business - Gym access for Volunteer Fire Department Members**

CARRIED

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved and Seconded

- R044-22 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated March 23, 2022, be adopted.**

CARRIED

Delegation

BDO, Mario Piroddi – Presented the Draft Audit results – no questions
Mayor thanked Mr. Piroddi for his presentation

Ted Pappas – McDonald Avenue Through Way Proposal
Presented his objections to Council – no questions were asked
Mayor thanked Mr. Pappas for his presentation

Question Period

None

Action Items

AccessBC – Request to endorse free prescription contraception in BC
No action needed – request will appear at UBCM

BC Community Forest Association – Local Government Tab Rate Resolution for UBCM
Receive for information

Desert Mesa Club – Letter of Support Request
Moved and Seconded (not unanimous)

R045-22 THAT, the Village of Clinton supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) from the Desert Mesa Club for the Marketing Initiative Grant and provide a letter of support confirming the motion was carried. CARRIED

New Pathways to Gold Society – Letter of Support Request
Moved and Seconded

R046-22 THAT, the Village of Clinton shows support to New Pathways to Gold Society in their request to secure additional funding from the Provincial Government in order to keep the New Pathways to Gold Society operating past June. CARRIED

Information

CN – Right of Way Vegetation Control
Receive for information

Mill Girl Follies – Letter of Thanks
Receive for information

Village of Pouce Coupe – BC Wildfire Petitions
Receive for information

School District No. 74 – 2022-2023 Draft Budget
Receive for information

Reading File

Receive for Information

Administrative Reports

CAO

None

Chief Financial Officer

2021 Draft of Audited Statement

Moved and Seconded

R047-22 THAT, Council approves the Draft 2021 Audited Financial Statement for the Village of Clinton. CARRIED

Community Development Coordinator

Northern Development Community Spaces Application

Moved and Seconded

R048-22 THAT, the Village of Clinton supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for Reg Conn Park Accessible Pathways. CARRIED

Public Works

None

Fire Department

March Report

Receive for information

Animal Control

None

Committees

None

Bylaw Officer

None

Bylaws/Policies

Village of Clinton 2022-2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 579, 2022.

Moved and Seconded

R049-22 THAT, Council adopts the Village of Clinton 2022-2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 579, 2022. CARRIED

Council Reports

Mayor Swan – Written

Additions to report:

- March 26 – attended the Fire Department open house
- April 8 – attended Connected Communities BC meeting with Minister of Citizens Services
- April 14 – Interior Health Meeting Cancelled

Receive as presented.

Councillor Burrage – Written

Additions to report:

- April 20 – Spirit of Clinton meeting scheduled
- June 21 – High Bar First Nation Indigenous Day plans are in the works

Receive as presented

Councillor McIlravey – Verbal

- Planning on attending the Spirit of Clinton meeting on April 20, 2022

Receive as presented

Councillor Park – Verbal

- Attended a Fire Department Meeting – Elections were held, and everything stayed the same
- Museum held their AGM; Election of new directors – results will be shared in an announcement

Receive for information as presented.

Councillor Rivett – Written

Additions to report:

- April 11 – attended the Health Auxiliary Meeting – 4 new members including a new President – MaryAnn McKenzie, and new Vice President – Charlene Boscott
- Completed the Cyber Awareness Course
- Attended an Emergency Management Modernizing and Updating Emergency Management meeting via Zoom

Receive for information as presented

New Business

Fire Department – Request for free memberships to the fitness room for members

Moved and Seconded

R050-22

THAT, the Village of Clinton provide the volunteer members of the Clinton Fire Department with monthly passes to the fitness center. CARRIED

List of Outstanding Council Previous Action Items

Received for information

Calendar of Events

March 1 to April 30, 2022 - Free income tax preparation for seniors, students, and persons with low income. By appointment only. Call or email to book an appointment or to find out where to drop off your forms.

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Clinton Fire Department is having an open house this Saturday, March 26 from 1-4pm.

Adjournment

Moved

R051-22 That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:02 pm.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

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DELEGATION REQUEST FORM

In order to appear before Council as a delegation, please take the time to complete this form. It will help in providing Council and staff with an overview of the presentation and the key points Council needs to be aware of. We ask that the presentation be **kept to a MAXIMUM of ten (10) minutes** so that there will be reasonable time for Council to ask questions, should they wish to do so.

PLEASE NOTE that the information contained on this form and any supporting materials will be included on the agenda (time permitting) and will be therefore made available to the public and the media at the time the agenda is published.

1. Name of Organization or Group

Valley TV News

2. Name(s) and title(s) of Person(s) making presentation

Dana Foster, Video

3. The topic of the presentation to Council

Valley TV News Introduction + Programming Plan

4. What is the desired outcome of the presentation (funding, letter of support, change in bylaw or policy, to provide information only)

Request to live stream + air video
broadcasts on TV Channel + Commitment to share news/info

5. If funding assistance is requested, please explain why Council should be funding the request

X

6. If seeking funding please attach a budget for the project and expected sources of revenue

Budget attached including expected sources of revenue

The Corporation of The Village of Clinton
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High Bar First Nation

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Ph: (250) 459-2117; Fax: (250) 459-2119

April 6, 2022

Mayor Swan, and Council of the Village of Clinton.

High Bar First Nation is requesting the use of the community park and facilities for June 21st Aboriginal Day 2022.

We would love to partner with the village of Clinton, David Stoddard School, and neighboring Bands to host a celebratory day in the park.

We would like to have Music, Crafts, Lahal, Drumming circle, Story telling, hot dogs and a Bannock making competition!

We haven't finalized everything yet but hope that the community at large will want to join in the fun.

It has been a long time since we have had a chance to get together!

It is our hope that the village may waive any fees associated with the park facilities. So as to show their support for their first nation community members.

We are hoping this will be the *first annual* Clinton Aboriginal day celebration!

We hope to see you there!

Kind regards,

Kukpi7 Roy Fletcher

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His/Her Worship Mayor,

I'm writing to you on behalf of Nature Canada's ocean protection team with an opportunity to help create positive change for your community, and the natural world we all rely on.

Canada has the longest coastline in the world. With it comes the duty to be leaders in protecting and restoring the ocean. As part of the Global Deal for Nature in the Paris Accords, our government **has promised to protect 30 percent of oceans by 2030** through establishing Marine Protected Areas. In 2015 only one percent of Canadian oceans were protected. But as of 2020, due advocacy by Canadians like you, nearly 14 percent of the world's oceans are now safeguarded for generations to come.

Municipalities can be powerful change agents in the goal to protect 30 percent of the world's oceans by 2030. We have seen this leadership in action in combating climate change, when cities and towns across the world stepped up to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and pressured federal governments to do the same. Whether on the coast or far inland, municipalities rely on ocean ecosystems for seafood production, climate regulation, and the preservation of unique and beautiful animals and ecosystems.

Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change and feel effects firsthand, from extreme heat to extreme precipitation.

Reaching our ocean protection goal will help us win the fight against global warming. Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change and feel effects firsthand, from extreme heat to extreme precipitation. The oceans play a pivotal role counteracting climate change as the largest carbon sink, providing more than half our oxygen while storing fifty times more carbon than the atmosphere. Oceans also regulate weather, helping to balance the uneven distribution of solar radiation.

Here's why we need you: Your voice as a municipality can influence national governments and have a direct effect on the quality of life for your residents. It's as easy as having the council pass the attached resolution. By taking this simple step, you will be helping our policy team show government officials that Canadians support National Marine Protected Areas and encourage them to implement effective policies.

It would mean a great deal to us if you could sign on to help secure a future for our generation and the generations to come.

In solidarity with you and with our natural world,

Paul Gregory
Senior Oceans Campaigner

Nature Canada is one of the oldest national nature conservation charities in Canada. For 80 years, we've helped protect over 110 million acres of parks and wildlife areas in Canada and countless species. Today, Nature Canada represents a network of over 130,000 members and supporters, guided by more than 1,200 nature organizations.

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MUNICIPALITY X RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING
WORLD OCEANS DAY 2022 AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF OCEAN CONSERVATION IN
CANADA**

WHEREAS, Wednesday, June 8, 2022, is the 30th annual World Ocean's Day. World Oceans Day is the United Nations day for celebrating the role of the ocean in everyday life and inspiring action to protect it.

WHEREAS, Countries around the world, including Canada as a prominent leader, have committed to protecting 30% of their ocean territory by 2030 in order to reverse nature loss in the ocean and safeguard at-risk marine life.

WHEREAS, The ocean is home to hundreds of species at risk, vulnerable ecosystems, and is a crucial carbon sink shielding us from the worst of climate change.

WHEREAS, The ocean produces over half of the world's oxygen and absorbs 50 times more carbon dioxide than our atmosphere. Therefore protecting the ocean is in the interest of all life on Earth, and communities both coastal and inland, as it is essential to our shared future.

WHEREAS, It is the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada, under various pieces of legislation and regulation, to establish marine protected areas in consultation with Indigenous Peoples. Many Indigenous nations and communities are leading in the conservation of the ocean, and have been stewards of the ocean since time immemorial.

WHEREAS, It is important for municipal leaders to demonstrate support for actions to safeguard the ocean, as they have for action on climate change and other environmental matters of national importance.

WHEREAS, In celebrating the ocean, and protecting its habitats and ecosystems, we can together raise the profile of ocean conservation's critical role in improving planetary health and slowing the crisis of species collapse and ecosystem decline.

Therefore be it resolved that the MUNICIPALITY OF X recognizes the 30th anniversary of World Oceans Day on June 8th, 2022 and supports national and international efforts to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030.



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April 7, 2022
File # 0400-20

Via email: EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Ministry of Education and Child Care
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Dear Minister Whiteside:

Re: Extended Hour Child Care for Shift Workers

At the March 28, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, the City of Fort St. John Council passed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, provisions in the Community Care and Assisted Living Act - Child Care Licensing Regulation state that a licensee must not provide care for more than 13 hours each day to each child;

AND WHEREAS, there is a need for extended shift workers to access child care beyond the current 13 hours per day per child;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Provincial Government to amend the Child Care Licensing Regulation to accommodate extended hour child care to support shift workers and their families.

AND THAT, the resolution also be sent to the Ministry of Education, MLA Dan Davies, and copied to all UBCM member municipalities."

Northern Health, YMCA of Northern BC and School District 60 have partnered to pilot an extended care and learning centre in our community. The 13-hour day of care per child limitation places an additional stress on the licensee to meet that metric when the target population for the pilot program consists of the extended work day healthcare shift worker.

With the limited extended hour child care options for families of shift workers we ask for an amendment to the Child Care Licensing Regulation to accommodate a variety of work schedules.

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Sincerely,



Bonnie McCue
Corporate Officer

cc MLA Dan Davies, Peace River North
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Union of BC Municipalities

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March 30, 2022

Village of Clinton

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Further to the Clinton and District Outdoors Sportsmen request that the municipality consider providing an access (Off Road Vehicle) corridor from the Gold Rush Snowmobile trail into Clinton.

The club has spoken to most of the businesses that are on the east side of highway 97 to determine if they are in favor of this initiative. All are in support of this as they feel access would be good for tourism for the community as a whole.

Please find signatures from these businesses.

Roland Higginbottom

Chair CODOSA



February 14, 2022

The Clinton and District Outdoors Sportsmen's Association has supported the initiative for ORV (Off Road Vehicle) access through certain corridors within the boundaries of the Village of Clinton.

We are encouraged to see that council is looking into making this happen.

While some businesses within the village will not have the direct benefit of ORV access due to the location of highway 97 we feel that this access will still benefit our business as riders can easily walk to our business to buy supplies, shop and enjoy other interests that our community has.

Signed: _____

Clinton Chinese Rest.

GardenSidePottery.

Jessica Lawrence - Bubbles' Blossom Design.

Peter Brandle - Peter Brandle Mike 47 Vintage

Nautly Sign. (Box) (AWCO #16)

RANDOLF STREET THE MYSTERY SHACK.

Alfreda Westcott - uptown Antiques & Things

SHAWNA HUNNIE - HUNNIES

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Signed: B. McKay - Integris Credit Union.

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Signed: Murray K...
Clinton Building Centre.
250-459-2514

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Signed: 

Cordial .. Restaurant

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Signed: 
Integris Insurance Services Ltd.
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Department of Finance Canada
Tax Policy Branch
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DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY

Re: Luxury Tax on Recreational Boats

The District of Sicamous is considered the *Houseboat Capital of Canada*, and as such, we strongly object to the implementation of a luxury tax on the sale of recreational boats over \$250,000.

The houseboating industry in Sicamous is comprised of small business owners who provide short-term rentals of houseboats to residents and tourists to explore the Shuswap; tens of thousands visit Sicamous every year bringing their tourist dollars into our community, supporting our small business owners such as our local restaurants and shops.

Our local houseboat companies form part of the fabric of our community, offering local employment opportunities for residents in both tourism and manufacturing trades; these companies are responsible corporations which annually provide financial and in-kind donations to support our community, benefiting local not-for-profit organizations and our elementary and high school students.

The District opposes the proposed introduction of a tax on the sale of boats over \$250K as it would hinder investment in the houseboat industry which supports local employment and creates substantial economic spinoffs within the community. The average houseboat costs \$750,000 – a luxury tax of 10 percent would add \$75,000 in expense directly to our houseboat operators. Beyond houseboats, other boat rental providers will be limited in their offerings as a result of increased taxation. Operators are required to update their rental fleet and the proposed luxury tax will have significant financial implications for our boating industry.

Following the 2008 Financial Crisis, the houseboat manufacturing industry took a devastating hit and is just now starting to witness interest for custom and fleet manufacturing. It is Council's opinion that the federal government has a responsibility to support the industry which has already been negatively impacted, not cause further disruption and damage.

We respectfully request the federal government to reconsider the intent of this luxury tax and the impact it has on small business. Further, we ask for the federal government's continued support of the boating industry and tourism economy that keeps our community the vibrant and attractive destination that it is.

Regards,

DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Rysz", written in a cursive style.

Terry Rysz, Mayor

cc: MP Mel Arnold
MLA Greg Kylo
Boating BC Association
UBCM Member Municipalities

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April 7, 2022

BC Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
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ENV.minister@gov.bc.ca

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Re: Invasive Mussel Defense Program

The District of Sicamous implores the Ministry to not only continue, but to increase the funding for the Invasive Mussel Defense Program and prioritize enforcement of watercraft inspections at the BC Provincial border.

The Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) communicated a list of calls to action to stop zebra and quagga mussels from infesting B.C. waterways (enclosed). We strongly support these actions and the continued funding for this vital program.

The OBWB's six recommendations include:

1. *Maintain IMDP core program funding at 2021 levels of minimum \$3.5 million per year, adjusted for inflation going forward.*
2. *Introduce "pull-the-plug" legislation, requiring all watercraft to remove drain plugs prior to travelling on B.C. roads.*
3. *Review and update B.C.'s 2014 Early Detection, Rapid Response (EDRR) Plan for invasive mussels, and provide a window for public consultation prior to final publishing.*
4. *Provide toolkits and resources for local governments to conduct vulnerability assessments and put in place mitigation measures like retrofitting in-water infrastructure.*
5. *Introduce legislation to require all out-of-province watercraft to be inspected prior to being launched in B.C. waters.*
6. *Provide additional funding to invasive species groups in high-risk regions for monitoring, outreach and education.*

Increased funding and enforcement is necessary to avoid the dire consequences should invasive mussels enter our waterways. An infestation will affect our drinking water, our eco system, local businesses, and the tourism business that Sicamous depends on.

Local municipalities have taken up the call to educate residents and visitors to "Clean, Drain and Dry" watercraft when leaving our lakes and rivers but we rely on the Province to enforce the protection of our waters from invasive species with the use of border inspection sites.

We call upon on the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to reconsider the long-term consequences of reducing funding for watercraft inspections. We must make the effort to prevent invasion of our water resources.

Regards,
DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS



Terry Rysz, Mayor

cc: MP Mel Arnold
MLA Greg Kylo
Shuswap Watershed Council
UBCM Member Municipalities
First Nations Communities
Okanagan Basin Water Board

Enclosure.

March 9, 2022

NEWS RELEASE

WATER BOARD CALLS FOR STRONGER MUSSEL PROTECTION AS COVID TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS EASE

Kelowna, B.C. – As boating season quickly approaches and COVID-19 travel restrictions ease, the Okanagan Basin Water Board is calling on the province to bolster its Invasive Mussel Defence Program (IMDP) in preparation for what is expected to be a busy tourist season. Today, the local government agency sent a letter to B.C.'s Minister of Environment and Climate Change, George Heyman, with a list of six calls to action.

"Since 2015, the IMDP has prevented 137 infested watercraft from entering provincial waters by conducting more than 220,000 inspections. Many of the infested watercraft were headed to high-risk Okanagan waters. Still, gaps remain in prevention," the letter reads.

For one, there are still motorists with watercraft who are failing to stop at mandatory, open inspection stations. Given that inspectors snagged 17 zebra and/or quagga mussel-fouled watercraft this summer during times when the stations were open, it raises the question as to how many more come in outside of inspection hours.

Also, a review of last summer's provincial mussel inspection numbers indicates that, for the second year in a row, the Okanagan is the top destination for these watercraft. This year, eight of the 17 infested watercraft were headed to our valley.

"If we are B.C.'s #1 destination for incoming mussel-infested watercraft, and we are encouraging tourism, we need to be better prepared," explains Sue McKortoff, Chair of the Water Board (OBWB) and Mayor of the border-town of Osoyoos.

Watercraft purchases have increased in the last couple of years, on both sides of the border, as people were staying closer to home. Now with the border opening up, it's expected more people will be coming with their water toys, increasing the chances of invasive mussels being introduced to B.C. waters.

The OBWB's six recommendations include:

1. Maintain IMDP core program funding at 2021 levels of minimum \$3.5 million per year, adjusted for inflation going forward.
2. Introduce "pull-the-plug" legislation, requiring all watercraft to remove drain plugs prior to travelling on B.C. roads.
3. Review and update B.C.'s 2014 Early Detection, Rapid Response (EDRR) Plan for invasive mussels, and provide a window for public consultation prior to final publishing.
4. Provide toolkits and resources for local governments to conduct vulnerability assessments and put in place mitigation measures like retrofitting in-water infrastructure.
5. Introduce legislation to require all out-of-province watercraft to be inspected prior to being launched in B.C. waters.
6. Provide additional funding to invasive species groups in high-risk regions for monitoring, outreach and education.

"A 2013 OBWB study found the cost of an infestation to our region would be at least \$42 mill. annually to manage," the OBWB letter states. "As such, we remain committed to protecting B.C. waters and supporting provincial efforts. This commitment has included delivery of our 'Don't Move A Mussel' campaign, promoting

the clean, drain, dry message, and valued at more than \$996,000 to date, and another \$266,000 in funding over that time provided to the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society to conduct direct boater outreach and more.”

“If invasive mussels arrived here, it’s not just people who drive boats who will be affected. It will affect everyone,” cautioned McKortoff. The mussels will become a recurring maintenance expense for in-lake infrastructure such as water lines, docks, and bridges. They will affect water quality and harm aquatic ecosystems. Plus, when the mussels were introduced to Lake Winnipeg, it took only two years for the molluscs to reproduce in such numbers that beaches became foul-smelling and un-walkable, she added. “Can you imagine not taking your kids or grandkids to the beach in summer?”

Please find attached, the OBWB’s letter to the province with recommendations.

For more information on zebra and quagga mussels, the risks to the Okanagan, and how to prevent their spread, please visit www.DontMoveAMussel.ca.

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Hon. George Heyman
B.C. Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
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March 9, 2022

Re: Calls to Action for Invasive Mussel Prevention

Dear Minister Heyman,

Thank you for your correspondence of April 7th, 2021, responding to our continued calls for action to prevent the spread of invasive zebra and quagga mussels into B.C. As the boating season quickly approaches, I am writing again on behalf of the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) to call for continued support and proper resourcing of the province's Invasive Mussel Defence Program (IMDP), recognizing the significant cost if invasive mussels became established here.

The OBWB acknowledges the significant improvements in the province's IMDP and its work with counterparts in neighbouring jurisdictions over the past seven years. Since 2015, the IMDP has prevented 137 infested watercraft from entering provincial waters by conducting more than 220,000 inspections. Many of the infested watercraft were headed to high-risk Okanagan waters. Still, gaps remain in prevention, and other significant issues remain for limiting the spread and damage should an infestation occur in any part of the province. We urge you to consider the following priority actions to enhance the protection of B.C. waters.

1. Maintain IMDP core program funding at 2021 levels of minimum \$3.5 million per year, adjusted for inflation going forward.

The IMDP has become the first line of defense to protect provincial waters, but the program's budget allocation has changed annually, and has been dependent on a number of non-government funders, including Fortis BC which has not renewed its original funding agreement. This program is important to the environment and economy of the province and should have stable, predictable annual funding.

2. Introduce "pull-the-plug" legislation, requiring all watercraft to remove drain plugs prior to travelling on B.C. roads.

We understand that the province is pursuing this legislation as part of updates to the Wildlife Act. We strongly support this action and urge you to prioritize it as another boating season is quickly approaching.

3. Review and update B.C.'s Early Detection, Rapid Response (EDRR) Plan for invasive mussels, and provide a window for public consultation prior to final publishing.

The EDRR is an important document that provides direction on how to rapidly detect and respond to a new infestation of invasive mussels. We believe it is important to consult with the public, and especially local and regional invasive species groups to understand where there may be gaps in the plan, or where more detail may be needed, beyond what is provided by the provincial inter-ministry working group. Complex watersheds, like the Columbia, the Okanagan and the Fraser would also be better protected with further planning for

containment and long-term management strategies, beyond what little is considered in the current version of the EDRR. Local consultation could provide support for developing those plans.

4. Provide toolkits and resources for local governments to conduct vulnerability assessments and put in place mitigation measures like retrofitting in-water infrastructure.

In your reply to our previous call for this action, you stated that “this has not been something that local governments have been asking for, individually or through UBCM,” and that it “will be considered for the future, but not considered as an immediate priority.” The OBWB is a local government agency, a partnership of three regional districts, and provides services to 12 municipalities and works with Okanagan First Nations. Part of our mandate is “to present proposals and recommendations to appropriate agencies, being municipalities or governments, according to jurisdiction and responsibility.” We will work with local governments to support this call to action and work to have it brought forward to UBCM.

We have extensive experience providing technical and scientific support to local governments, including in the form of toolkits and guides, and are a service partner with CivicInfoBC, providing the Planning Guides resource database. The OBWB could provide project management and coordination in partnership with provincial staff to develop a local government guide to vulnerability assessments and mitigation measures for invasive mussels. We would welcome an opportunity to discuss this further.

5. Introduce legislation to require all out-of-province watercraft to be inspected prior to being launched in B.C. waters.

OBWB first made this call to action in May 2016 and has called for it again every year since. While we recognize that boat registration and safety are regulated at the federal level, the province does have the authority to regulate activities on provincial waters, similar to motor vessel restrictions on certain lakes as outlined in the fishing regulations. Alternatively, the province could call on the federal government to regulate watercraft in B.C., under their authority in the Fisheries Act, Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations 43 (1), or through the Canada Shipping Act, providing extra tools to protect B.C. waters beyond the current scope of the Invasive Mussel Defence Program.

Analysis of provincial inspection numbers suggests a 30% chance in any given year that a non-compliant, motorized watercraft will be carrying invasive mussels. This only accounts for watercraft that were recorded failing to stop at open inspection stations and does not include any craft that may have entered outside of inspection station hours. In 2021 this accounted for more than 580 motorized watercraft, and more than 3,500 non-motorized watercraft. This is an important gap we feel has not been given due consideration over the past six years.

6. Provide additional funding to invasive species groups in high-risk regions for monitoring, outreach and education.

Current funding for ongoing water monitoring, administered through the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, is set to expire after the 2022 season. Part of this funding was provided by the federal government over a three-year term. We would strongly support any provincial request for federal funding to continue this program, as well as federal or provincial funding to regional invasive species groups to continue or expand their outreach and education campaigns. These non-profit groups provide a significant service to their regions, but often struggle with operational costs, and the time required to apply for funding. Ongoing, direct funding would enhance their ability to monitor, engage and educate, bolstering provincial efforts.

A 2013 OBWB study found the cost of an infestation to our region would be at least \$42 mill. annually to manage. As such, we remain committed to protecting B.C. waters and supporting provincial efforts. This

commitment has included delivery of our "Don't Move A Mussel" campaign, promoting the clean, drain, dry message, and valued at more than \$996,000 to date, and another \$266,000 in funding provided to the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society to conduct direct boater outreach and more.

We look forward to hearing from you, and supporting the enhanced efforts noted above to keep B.C. waters free from invasive mussels.

Sincerely,



Sue McKortoff, Chair
Okanagan Basin Water Board

CC:

- Hon. Josie Osborne, B.C. Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship
- Okanagan MLAs: Harwinder Sandhu, Norm Letnick, Renee Merrifield, Ben Stewart, Dan Ashton, Roly Russell
- Okanagan Nation Alliance, Chiefs Executive Council
- Okanagan Local Government Chairs and Mayors
- Okanagan MPs: Mel Arnold, Tracy Gray, Dan Albas, Richard Cannings
- Pacific NorthWest Economic Region: Matt Morrison, Chief Executive Officer
- Invasive Species Council of B.C.: Gail Wallin, Executive Director
- Okanagan Chambers of Commerce
- Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association
- Union of BC Municipalities

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Managed Alcohol Programs Information Sheet

Below you will find more information on Managed Alcohol Program (MAPs)

Managed Alcohol Programs (MAPs) are evidence-based harm reduction services that support people who are experiencing harms related to alcohol use. MAPs provide access to beverage alcohol to help clients manage their drinking and reduce potentially hazardous behaviours such as using non-beverage alcohols like cleaning products or hand sanitizer.

By providing regular and measured access to beverage alcohol, MAPs help clients prevent over-intoxication while also managing the risk of withdrawal – both of which can be very dangerous.

MAPs have a strong body of evidence supporting their service approach, and are associated with improved housing outcomes, improved physical health, and reduction in hazardous drinking behaviours, such as use of non-beverage alcohol or binge drinking.

How do they work?

- In a MAP, program participants work with the program staff to develop an individualized plan that details how much they should drink to manage potential withdrawal symptoms and to avoid over-intoxication.
- Based on this plan, program staff will dispense a particular dose of alcohol at key times so that clients are able to manage their alcohol consumption more safely.
- MAP clients can also work with program staff to set up clear goals on what they want their plan to include, such as gradual reduction in the amount they drink or not relying on non-beverage alcohols.
- MAPs can also help people connect to other health and social supports as appropriate.

Who do they serve?

- MAPs provide support to people who are struggling with serious and severe harms related to their alcohol use.
- This includes people who may need to drink significant amounts of alcohol each day to avoid dangerous withdrawal symptoms, or people who need to use non-beverage alcohols like hand sanitizers or cleaning products to manage their symptoms.
- MAPs are a harm reduction service, so they focus on supporting those people who are already experiencing harms related to alcohol. People under the legal drinking age or people whose drinking is not causing significant distress would not be eligible for these services.

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Victoria, BC



Why are MAPs important?

- People who drink high volumes of alcohol are at risk for a range of serious harms, including potentially life-threatening symptoms from withdrawal if it is not managed in a medical setting (e.g., detox).
- MAPs provide a safer option for people who are at risk of serious harms by providing safer and measured access to alcohol and getting people connected into the substance use system of care.
- We also know that Indigenous people are both disproportionately impacted by alcohol-related harms and are a key population served by existing MAPs. For example, approximately 70% of clients at the Community MAP in Vancouver's Downtown East Side self-identify as Indigenous, while some First Nations have worked to stand up their own culturally-based MAPs to support their community members and reduce alcohol-related harms.

Where are MAPs based?

- MAPs can be implemented for any community and delivered either by a health authority or by an authorized community partner. Under the Province's proposals, MAPs would need to be approved by their regional health authority, or by the First Nations Health Authority if located on reserve, in order to not violate restrictions in the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*.
- In B.C., the [Canadian Managed Alcohol Program Study](#) keeps a record of current MAPs operating across the province.
- Not all communities need a dedicated MAP, but it's important to ensure that there is a clear pathway for those who would like to set one up.

Learn More

To learn more about the program, please contact Kristen Barnes, Director, Substance Use Policy at the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions (MMHA).

Kristen.Barnes@gov.bc.ca



Staff Report to Council Open Meeting

Date: April 20th, 2022

From: Community Development Coordinator

Subject: Renaming Mosquito Run Trail

Attachments:

None

Recommendations:

That council determines a new name for Mosquito Run Trail

Background:

A more fitting name is needed for Mosquito Trail. Attracting residents and visitors to use our community parks and recreation trails is an important step to increasing tourism, promoting an active lifestyle, and showcasing the amenities of our community. Having a descriptive name such as Mosquito Run is hampering the usage of the trail by making the path seem uninviting.

The Village would like to promote the trail as part of a walking loop in the upcoming Trail and Visitor Guides and in the Community Profile. The profile is due to be printed in the next 2 weeks.

A new name needs to be selected on April 27th to meet printing deadlines.

Research into the area history of Clinton and revisiting the suggestions from residents submitted when first naming the trails has led to several options for renaming the trail:

- **Dorrell Trail-** Cedric Dorell's original property was donated to the Village for the creation of the park, Reg Conn Centennial Park was named Dorrell Park before being officially renamed in 1974.
- **Cut-Off Valley Trail-** Naming the trail after the creek running through the park, Cut-Off Valley Creek.
- **Reg Conn Trail-** Named for the park itself.

Financial Impacts:

None.



Kat Chatten
Community Development Coordinator

CFO Initial 

CAO Initial 



Staff Report to Council Open Meeting

Date: April 27, 2022
From: Chief Financial Officer
Subject: 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 580,2022

Attachments:

Bylaw No. 580, 2022 - 2022 Tax Rate

Recommendations:

THAT Council give first and second reading to the 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 580, 2022.

Background:

Each year, after adoption of the financial plan and before May 15, Council must, by bylaw, impose property value taxes for the year by establishing tax rates for the municipal revenue proposed to be raised for the year from property taxes provided in the financial plan. This is in compliance with Division 3, Section 197 and subsections 1 through 7 of the Community Charter. This section also outlines the other requirements and parameters the tax bylaw must meet.

The 2022 property tax rate bylaw seeks to raise revenue from property taxes for the Village of Clinton and other jurisdictions in line with associated legislation: Ministry of Finance for educational funding and RCMP, Thompson-Nicola Regional District and Hospital, BC Assessment Authority and the Municipal Finance Authority.

Municipal tax rates remained unchanged and requisitions have been received from the other jurisdictions except the Provincial Government. The revenue amounts have been calculated as closely as possible but may need to be amended when the Province has released their tax levy. This is normally received the first week of May.

Financial Impacts:

The Village of Clinton seeks to raise \$868,949 in property tax revenue for 2022 to fund local needs.


Mandy McKague
Chief Financial Officer

CAO Initial 

THE VILLAGE OF CLINTON
2022 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 580, 2022

A bylaw for the levying of municipal property tax rates for the Village of Clinton for the year 2022.

The Council of the Village of Clinton, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be cited as "**Village of Clinton 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 580, 2022**"
2. The following rates are hereby imposed and levied for the year 2022:
 - a) For all lawful general and debt purposes of the Village of Clinton on the assessed value of land and improvements taxable for general municipal purposes, rates appearing in Column "A" of Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw;
 - b) For purposes of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District on the values of all lands and improvements taxable for Regional District purposes, rates appearing in Column "B" of Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw;
 - c) For Regional Hospital District purposes on the assessed value of land and improvements taxable for Regional Hospital District purposes, rates appearing in Column "C" of Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw;
3. The minimum amount of taxation upon a parcel of real property shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) as per the *Community Charter Div. 3, S. 97(6)*.

SEVERABILITY

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase in this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

COMMENCEMENT

This bylaw shall commence on the date of final adoption.

READ a first time this 27th day of April 2022

READ a second time this 27th day of April 2022

READ a third time this ____ day of May 2022

ADOPTED this ____ day of May 2022

Signed this ____ day of **MAY 2022**

Mayor, Susan Swan

Corporate Officer, Murray Daly

THE VILLAGE OF CLINTON
2021 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 580, 2022

SCHEDULE "A"
 Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Assessment

Village of Clinton
 2022 Property Tax Rates

		Mill Rates						
Class	Description	General		TNRD			BC	Municipal
		Municipal*	TNRD**	Hosp.**	School***	RCMP***	Assessment* **	Finance Authority***
1	Residential	8.9079	0.7664	0.3422	2.6093	0.3569	0.0349	0.0002
2	Utilities	40.0000	2.6823	1.1977	12.8600	1.2492	0.4662	0.0007
5	Light Industry	19.6009	2.6057	1.1635	3.8600	1.2135	0.1036	0.0007
6	Business/Other	19.6009	1.8776	0.8384	3.8600	0.8745	0.1036	0.0005
8	Recreation/Non-Profit	8.9079	0.7664	0.3422	2.3300	0.3569	0.0349	0.0002
9	Farm	8.9079	0.7664	0.3422	6.9100	0.3569	0.0349	0.0002
		PROPERTY TAXES REVENUE						
TOTAL IN \$		\$ 868,949	\$ 77,686	\$ 34,689	\$ 248,336	\$ 37,259	\$ 4,052	\$ 20

* Set by the Municipality
 ** Set by the Municipality based on Requisition from TNRD
 *** Set by other governing body based on relevant legislation

Municipal Purposes Tax Rate Exception via Supplementary Letters Patent March 8, 2001

The tax rate for municipal purposes, for Class 4 and Class 5 properties, located within the area described in the Supplementary Letters Patent, by Order in Council No. 288 approved and ordered March 8, 2001, shall not exceed the sum of:

- i) The tax rate for the prevailing taxation year set pursuant to the Taxation (Rural Area) Act for property Class 4 (Major Industry) and Class 5 (Light Industry), respectively, and
- ii) The tax rate for the prevailing taxation year levied by the Surveyor of Taxes for the purpose of recovering the costs of electoral area-wide services on behalf of the Thompson-Nicola Regional for property Class 4 (Major Industry) and Class 5 (Light Industry), respectively.

There is no Class 4 rate on the 2022 Assessment Roll as there are no longer any Major Industry properties within the Village of Clinton boundaries.



Council Report

Agenda: April 27, 2022
Date: April 20, 2022
To: Council & CAO
From: **SUSAN SWAN, MAYOR**
Subject: Council Report from April 13 - 27, 2022

Portfolio\Working Groups:

- A. Community & Government Liaison:
- B. Emergency Planning
- C. TNRD -Director
- D. NDIT- Director
- E. MIABC Appointee
- F. Friends of Historic Hat Creek Ranch Society Appointee

Meetings Attended:

1. April 13 – Meeting with Auditor and Regular Council Meeting
2. April 14 – Meet and Greet with Carl Meadows, Acting Executive Director, Rural Acute and Community, Thompson and Cariboo Region (-2:15 p.m.) Microsoft Teams
3. April 19 – Minister of Municipal Affairs Nathan Cullen with Municipal Mayors and RD Chairs in Central BC – 2022 Spring Freshet and Wildfire Readiness Regional Update Meeting (1:00 – 2:30 p.m.) Microsoft Teams
4. April 20 – Friends of Historic Hat Creek Ranch Society Board Meeting (5:00 p.m.) Zoom
5. April 21 – TNRD Solid Waste Management Committee Meeting (10:00 a.m.) Zoom
6. April 21 – TNRD Regular Meeting (1:30) Zoom
7. April 22 – TNRD Committee of the Whole (9:00 a.m.) Zoom
8. April 22 – Meeting with Ian Wood, IHA (3:30 p.m.) Zoom

Other Activities:

1. April 17 – Attended the Community Easter Breakfast and Message at the Memorial Hall. Very nice to be able to gather with community again.

Planned Activities:

1. April 27 – 29 – SILGA Convention, Prestige Harbourfront Resort, Salmon Arm (to present the Village of Clinton's late resolution on delaying the Provincial decision to add PST to the cost of Natural Gas heat sources)
2. May 6 – Respectful Leadership in Local Government Workshop (11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) virtual



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3. May 10 – Meet and Greet Luncheon with Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band Chief and Council and Village of Clinton Council

Comments/Observations:

Although most restrictions and mandates have been lifted, it is important to remember that COVID-19 is still with us. I have been aware of a number of cases in Clinton. I would suggest that wearing a mask in public places is still one of the most effective, least expensive and less intrusive ways of protecting yourself and those around you.

Financial Implications:

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Swan".

Susan Swan



Council Report

Agenda: April 27th 2022
Date: April 21st 2022
To: Mayor, Council & CAO
From: **SANDI BURRAGE, COUNCILLOR**
Subject: Council Report

Portfolio\Working Groups Update:

- A. CCCTA
- B. Clinton Communities in Bloom
- C. Spirit of Clinton
- D. Parks and Trails Working Group

Meetings Attended:

April 20- Spirit Of Clinton

- 8 members attended
- Went over Terms of Reference-one proposed change will come to Council for approval.
- Cataloged upcoming events which will be posted on social media.
- Will be planning to resurrect Citizen of the Year/Volunteer Appreciation Night
- Volunteer/Service/Social club information open house.

I've talked about this idea in the past. At the meeting we brainstormed ideas. The main idea is to let people know what clubs etc and volunteering in a small community looks like and how crucial they are. So many great ideas came forward. This will be a fun open house and all the things leading up to it.

Other Activities:

April 17-Easter Egg Hunt

- 65 children. A family visiting from England happened to be at the park. We invited them to stay and take part. A big thank you to the volunteers that helped and E. Fry for the donation.

Planned Activities:

April 24th- Clinton Art and Cultural Society AGM

Comments\Observations:

Financial Implications: n/a

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Burrage

Action items arising from Council meetings

Date updated: April-20-22

Resolution/Direction to Staff	WHO/DONE
April 2022	
Desert Mesa Club – Letter of Support Request – <i>Staff to provide a letter of support</i>	Admin Completed
New Pathways to Gold Society – Letter of Support Request – <i>Staff to provide a letter of support</i>	Admin Completed
Clinton Volunteer Fire Department – Fitness memberships at no cost – <i>Staff to provide a letter of approval</i>	Admin Completed