

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WARFIELD

REGULAR MEETING #21-16

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Warfield held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday December 15th, 2016.

Present: Mayor T. Pahl
Councillor S. Ferraro
Councillor D. Langman
Councillor A. Parkinson
Councillor B. Rakuson

CO J. Patridge

Call to Order

Mayor Pahl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda #21-16 Moved by Councillor Parkinson, Seconded by Councillor Langman
THAT the agenda for Regular Meeting #21-16 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2016-209

Delegations

Mr. John Lanttanzio made a presentation to Council. John represented his business, Warfield Apartments. In summary, he said:

The business has been a good citizen of the village and provided good revenue.

The rents have remained reasonable.

The new, proposed increase in sewer fees for the Apartment Building represent an increase of 440% in three years.

The tenants are on fixed income or rental assistance.

This puts the business in a difficult position, it will create vacancies.

The sewer fees for an apartment in Warfield will be more than similar sewer fees in Surrey.

The government limits rent increases. The rental increase for 2017 is 3.7%. A rent increase of 3% is \$17 per unit.

There is concern this will be a burden for the tenants.

There are studies that show that apartments use much less water than residential single family homes.

Other owners of apartment buildings in Warfield wrote supporting letters. They feel the fee increase is unfair and unreasonable.

Mr. Lanttanzio requested a fair and equitable solution for all parties. If this goes through Council will set a precedent. He would appreciate a meeting with someone to explain the decision in detail.

The Mayor mentioned that the fee increase was a motion of Council. The actual Bylaw concerning sewer fee increases would be processed sometime in April.

Councillor Rakuson mentioned that the rate increase represented a \$9.57 per month, per unit, per year, rent increase.

Minutes

Moved by Councillor Langman Seconded by Councillor Parkinson

THAT the minutes of: November 16th, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2016-210

Consent Calendar

Moved by Councillor Rakuson, Seconded by Councillor Parkinson

THAT the Consent Calendar including:

A Letter from Cathy Peters concerning Human Trafficking, be accepted as circulated.

Staff was instructed to write a letter to Ms Peters explaining that Council thanks her for her letter but will not make it a policy.

Carried

2016-211

Motions & Submissions

Moved by Councillor Langman, seconded by Councillor Parkinson
THAT Council approve the appointment of Sherri Smith to the Trail and District Library Board as the second Village of Warfield representative.

Carried

2016-212

Moved by Councillor Parkinson, Seconded by Councillor Langman, THAT the Village Office will be closed at noon on December 23rd and December 30th and that staff will be allowed to leave early on those dates.

Carried 2016-213

Moved by Councillor Parkinson, Seconded by Councillor Langman THAT pursuant to Section 54(4) of the Local Government Act Jackie Patridge be appointed Chief election Officer for conducting the 2017 general local by-election with power to appoint other elections officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2017 general local by-election.
AND THAT Jody-Lynn Cox and Carol Lerosé be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officers for the 2017 general local by-election.

Carried with Councillor Rakuson opposed. 2016-214

As it is the responsibility of the mayor to appoint a Deputy Mayor, Portfolio assignments, and RDKB Committee Assignments for 2017, Mayor Pahl made the following appointments:

Councillor Parkinson will be the Deputy Mayor, and will assume all RDKB Committee Assignments for 2017. All Portfolio assignments will remain the same as 2016. Councillor Ferraro will be the alternate for all RDKB committees.

Moved by Councillor Parkinson, Seconded by Councillor Ferraro THAT the 2017 Regular Council Meeting Schedule be accepted. Council meetings will be on the first and third Wednesday of every month, with the exception of July, August, and December.

Carried 2016-215

Moved by Councillor Rakuson, seconded by Councillor Langman THAT Council endorses the Columbia River Skywalk Pipe Bridge Operation and Maintenance agreement between the regional District of Kootenay Boundary and the City of Trail.

Carried 2016-216

Referrals from Prior Meetings

Referrals from Delegations

Correspondence

Reports & Memoranda

Financial Matters

Moved by Councillor Parkinson, seconded by Councillor Langman
THAT the Schedule of Accounts be accepted as presented .

Carried 2016-218

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS #021

That the commitments and expenditures represented by the accounts payable listed below are authorized and that their payment in the amount of Ninety Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Four dollars and fifty cents (\$96,254.50) in total is approved:

Accounts Payable Cheques #7238 to #7295	\$63,788.28
Payroll #24 & 25 direct payments	\$ 32,466.22

TOTAL EXPENDITURE & PAYMENT APPROVED **\$ 96,254.50**

Councillor Ferraro left the room at 8 p.m.

Closed Meeting

Moved by Councillor Parkinson, seconded by Councillor Langman
that Council move into a Closed Meeting.

Carried 2016-219

Bylaws

Moved by Councillor Langman Seconded by Councillor Parkinson
THAT Bylaw 835 A Bylaw to establish Water Rates for 2017
be read for the first, second, and third time.

Carried Councillor Rakuson was opposed. 2016-220

Councillor Ferraro returned to the room at 8:16 p.m.

Policies

Member Reports & Inquiries

Adjournment

On a motion by Councillor Ferraro the meeting adjourned at
8:30 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting #21-16 of Council held on Wednesday, December 15th, 2016



Mayor



Corporate Officer