

Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 4, 2018

A special meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

Council Present:

Mayor Blair Painter, Councillors Marlene Anctil, Dave Filipuzzi, Lisa Sygutek, Dean Ward, Gordon Lundy and Doreen Glavin

Administration Present:

Patrick Thomas, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Development, Engineering and Operations
Joey O'Brien, Manager of Community Services
Deb Welsh, Manager of Corporate Services
Bonnie Kawasaki, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Blair Painter called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Additions:

Amendment to Deputy Mayor Schedule

DELEGATIONS

Riversdale Resources Grassy Mountain Coal Project Update

Alisdair Gibbons, General Manager, and Claire Rogers were in attendance for a presentation on the proposed Grassy Mountain Coal Project. The Power Point presentation included an update on:

- Review of Commitments
- Regulatory Update
 - Alberta Energy Regulator issued Notice of Application October 31, 2017
 - 27 new Statements of Concern were submitted to the Alberta Energy Regulator
 - Riversdale team is working on responses to the Statements of Concern
 - Currently waiting for confirmation of joint panel hearing
- Environmental Update
 - Field work concluded for winter
 - Bat survey research to continue in Spring of 2018
 - Data is being collected throughout the winter concerning wildlife, water, and dust

- **Community Update**
 - Community donations nearing \$20,000
 - Gazebo Project
 - CNP 40 Developmental Assets Youth Night
 - Pass Powder Keg Ski Swap
 - Livingstone Ski Academy
 - Pincher Creek Minor Hockey
 - Volunteered with the river bank rebuild
 - Piikani Snipers Hockey Team
 - Samson Cree First Nation – Christmas Hamper Initiative

- **Golf Course Construction Update**
 - 55,000-pound bridge installed late October
 - Critical pond drainage was completed before freeze-up
 - Clearing, earthworks, and soil testing are now completed
 - Site development plans and site preparation completed
 - Tendering for building and construction of clubhouse and maintenance facilities

- **New Team Members**
 - Bryan Koentges – Environmental Technician
 - Gary Houston – VP, External Affairs
 - Grant Lindstrom – Commercial Manager
 - Kristina Benoit – Environmental Adviser
 - Staff levels will increase later this year – anticipating 12 to 18 new positions

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 1:30 pm in Council Chambers.

PUBLIC INPUT

Members of the audience provided input and asked questions on the following topics:

- Total number of Statements of Concern filed
- Request for a clearer picture regarding the change in landscape
- Community donations are appreciated
- Concerns about procuring train cars
- Concerns about protection of the Crowsnest River
- Concerns surrounding dust control
- Request for comprehensive information to be posted on Municipal website including links to the Alberta Energy Regulator
- Updated environmental regulations will ensure that higher standards are upheld
- Concerns regarding coal mining and tourist destinations co-existing in the same community
- Re-alignment of Highway 3 is detrimental to commercial development

Council provided the following comments:

- Previous Open Houses have provided all available information for public consumption
- The public was encouraged to attend upcoming Open Houses
- The Municipality's website policy does not allow for information regarding private business to be posted
- Council felt that Riversdale has been transparent and that the level of information availability has been good
- Council recognizes the importance of keeping apprised of Riversdale activities in order to make the best decisions for the community
- Council acknowledged that the tax base is needed for the community
- Expressed their appreciation for donations to the community
- Requested information regarding additional open houses
- Requested information regarding the nature of the Statement of Concerns, and where the majority were from
- Due to budget challenges, Council acknowledged the need to work cooperatively with industry
- Highway 3 is currently the number one priority with Council

Alisdair Gibbons and Claire Rogers of Riversdale provided the following responses:

- 66 Statements of Concern were filed previously with an additional 27 filed
- All Statements of Concern will be responded to and available for viewing on the website
- Currently working on a more comprehensive downloadable site map containing overlays showing infrastructure
- Updating of the Riversdale website is in progress
- Contracts are in place to ensure train cars will be available to accommodate one train per day
- Protection of waterways and selenium control are high priorities
- Real time monitoring of dust levels will prompt a mine shut down
- Links to the Alberta Energy Regulator application are most easily accessed through the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)
- The joint panel will determine the number of future open houses
- The majority of Statements of Concern addressed water concerns and species at risk
- Statements of Concern were received primarily from residents of the Crowsnest Pass

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

- None

Deputy Mayor Schedule

01-2018-01-04: Councillor Glavin moved to amend the 2018 Deputy Mayor Schedule to show Councillor Ward serving as Deputy Mayor for the January-February term and Councillor Sygutek serving as Deputy Mayor for the November-December term.
Carried

ADJOURN

02-2018-01-04: Councillor Filipuzzi moved to Adjourn at 2:19 pm.
Carried



Blair Painter
Mayor



Patrick Thomas
Acting Chief Administrative Officer