

**Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

A special meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

Council Present:

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

Administration Present:

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer
Bonnie Kawasaki, Recording Secretary

Administration Absent:

Ola Oladele, Director of Finance
Mel Bohmer, Director of Planning, Engineering and Operations
Kristin Ivey, Manager of Corporate Services
Jesse Fox, Manager of Protective Services

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Painter called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

01-2019-02-20: Councilor Anctil moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
Carried

DELEGATIONS

Riversdale Resources Grassy Mountain Coal Project Update

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

- Regulatory Update
 - Awaiting Joint Review Panel response – Closed January 21, 2019
 - Thanked those that responded
 - TsuTina, First Nation extension for response
 - All First Nations responses will be reviewed
- Riversdale Team
 - Three new staff hired
 - Senior Mining Engineer
 - Engineering Manager
 - Maintenance Manager

- Golf Course
 - Facilities Progress was reviewed
 - Access road needs to be constructed
 - New holes and clubhouse to be opened 2020
- Community Sponsorships
 - Australia Day – Funds to Crowsnest Pass Health Foundation
 - Raised \$29,000 to be used for Bladder Scanner
 - 280 people in attendance

Council requested clarification and provided the following comments:

- Council inquired about the response timing from the Joint Review Panel
- Council inquired as to responses to those that had submitted

Alisdair Gibbons of Riversdale provided the following responses:

- Advised the Joint Review Panel response will be at the end of March
- First Nations responses will then be addressed, upon completion, responses to those that wrote in will be addressed

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 1:30 pm in Council Chambers.

OTHER BUSINESS

Municipal Interests

Mayor Painter initiated discussion regarding the potential impacts to the community regarding the Riversdale development and how to mitigate them.

Discussion:

- Council indicated that the public had concerns with the noise factor
 - Advised that they are currently researching options for noise reduction from the train loadout and that a tree barrier is being worked on
- Council commented that it might be prudent to hire a professional to look after the interests of the Municipality
- Council asked for assurance regarding how green the loadout area will be kept and indicated there are concerns regarding the conveyor noise and dust
 - Conveyor will be an enclosed system
 - Riversdale will attempt to keep things as green as possible
 - Looking at which dust monitors are best and best locations for installation; may install on the roof of the hospital and on the east and west sides of the site
- Council asked about restrictions based on prevailing wind speeds and direction
 - If the panel issues a permit, it will have conditions and written requirements
- Council asked about blasting and how often it will occur

- Conditions exist around blasting and wind speeds, procedures will be taken into consideration prior to blasting
- Expecting to blast five times per week on average within a time range, but weather conditions may have an impact
- Looking at communications for public to advise of blasting
- Asked for clarification of increase in rail traffic
 - Anticipated one train per day, five to six per week
 - Coleman will be most impacted
- Asked about how many people will be employed
 - Estimated 200 to 250 people will be hired, peak may be 600 staff
 - Resources leveling – profile may change based on activities
 - Project start will dictate based on activity – first start will be logging
- Asked about adjacent landowners and road use
 - Four landowners use the access road
 - Ranchlands do not intend on putting in an access road
 - May approach the landowners regarding the purchasing

02-2019-02-20: Councillor Anctil moved to cancel the Special Council Meeting scheduled for February 21, 2019.

Carried

PUBLIC INPUT

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

Corey Tourond:

- Asked about coal stored at the mine site
 - 2 small stockpiles will be maintained at the mine site which are uncovered, but are a wet product
- If the coal stockpile becomes an issue, will it be dealt with
 - Will deal with issues as needs arise

Shirley Kirby:

- Asked about the trees that were removed from the Golf Course and if a list documented how many
 - Riversdale will attempt to find that answer
 - Monitors will flank either end of the community
- Asked about Riversdale projects carried out around the world regarding the conditions before, during and after mining
 - Riversdale will compile information based on reclamation standards of those sites
- Asked if the information was available from current dust monitoring
 - Riversdale can supply the data
- Asked about Environmental Impact Assessment and the fact that the links were not fixed

- When Canadian Environmental Agency uploaded documents, the links stopped working
- Memory sticks have links are updated to all of the addendums and can be provided

Caleb Bailey:

- Asked about cleaning out enclosed silos and cleaning up any spills
 - Permitting will require adherence to environmental conditions

Rick Staples:

- Asked if the First Nations response could end the project
 - Riversdale to follow formal process regarding environmental processes and consultation with First Nations
 - Final adequacy will need to be achieved prior to panel approval
 - May need to go back to public consultation
- Asked about time frame to have those answers
 - In a process that will require working through challenges, process was further explained
- Asked when his investment will pay off
 - Assuming permit is issued, from now until first production - three years
 - Riversdale has no control over the process as it is an independent body

Kevin Turner:

- Appreciates Riversdale's explanations provided to Council and public concerns
- Appreciated Council asking questions of Riversdale regarding community concerns

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the Media requested clarification on the following topics:

- None

ADJOURN

03-2019-02-20: Councillor Filipuzzi moved to Adjourn the meeting at 2:12 pm.

Carried



Blair Painter
Mayor



Patrick Thomas
Chief Administrative Officer