

**Municipality of Crowsnest Pass**  
**Special Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 24, 2019**

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A special meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

**Council Present:**

Mayor Blair Painter, Councillors Dave Filipuzzi, Gordon Lundy, and Dean Ward

**Council Absent:**

Councillors Marlene Anctil, Lisa Sygutek, 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 1:34 pm.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**01-2019-04-24:** Councilor Lundy 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
  - Joint Review Panel received three additional requests for information which will be sent out for response by May 14, 2019
  - Riversdale to provide all responses in one document
  - If all is satisfactory the public hearing time may be set or could trigger another round of public commentary
  - Anticipates late summer or early fall for public hearing scheduling

- The Joint Review Panel will then have ninety days to render a decision as to whether the permit is granted with or without conditions
- The Federal Government will then have five months for final approval
- Estimates the permit may be granted by April of 2020
- Construction could commence after that time
- Takeover Bid Update
  - Hancock
    - Timeline extended to April 29, 2019 due to tax implications
    - Hancock attempting to secure fifty percent of shares
    - Riversdale Board has recommended that the offer be rejected by shareholders
- Riversdale Team
  - Team is now at twenty-two employees
    - Anticipates that four to five more members will be hired for the project team by the fall
  - Construction Readiness
    - Behind in dam and dam designs
- Other Activities
  - Earth Day Clean Up
  - Participating in upcoming tradeshow – Crowsnest Pass and Pincher Creek
  - Information Booths will be placed in Hillcrest, Riversdale Office in Blairmore, and Country Encounters in Coleman
  - Reverse trade show planned for July where contractors are brought in

**Discussion:**

Council requested clarification and provided the following comments:

- Council inquired about the normalcy of the regulatory process
- Council asked if the recent change in the Provincial Government could have an impact
- Council asked if other offers for purchase of Riversdale would be considered

Alisdair Gibbons of Riversdale provided the following responses:

- Advised that clarifications sought were more technical in nature
- Turnover in agencies and updates to processes to be followed have caused delays
- Confirmed that the Joint Review Panel is not political in nature, however a change in the Federal Government could potentially impact the project
- Additional offers could be considered only if they exceed Hancock's current offer

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 1:30 pm in Council Chambers.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

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

Name: John Redekopp

- Asked about accommodations in the Crowsnest Pass if the permit is granted
  - Alisdair Gibbons indicated that current accommodations will likely not be adequate, and a camp may need to be erected
- Inquired as to whether the MD of Ranchlands provided a letter to the Joint Review Panel
  - Alisdair Gibbons advised that the MD of Ranchlands has not submitted a letter, but are not in favor of the project going ahead in their district

Name: Kevin Turner

- Commented about correspondence he had with Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change regarding the environmental impact assessment

Name: Dave Rothlin

- Asked how the Municipality plans to address preparations for the community of the Crowsnest Pass if the permit is granted
  - Council advised that the Municipality has been working with Riversdale for over five years in planning for the eventualities and has held information sessions at past open houses
  - Claire Rogers provided information regarding the Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) grant that is a partnership between Riversdale Resources, Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, Community Futures, Chamber of Commerce, and Economic Development Committee to plan for the needs of the community

### **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD**


Members of the Media requested clarification on the following topics:


- None

### **ADJOURN**

**02-2019-04-24:** Councillor Filipuzzi moved to Adjourn the meeting at 2:05 pm.

Carried

  
Blair Painter  
Mayor

  
Patrick Thomas  
Chief Administrative Officer