

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

REGULAR MEETING #07-2025

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Montrose held in Council Chambers at 565 11th Avenue, Montrose, BC on March 3, 2025.

Present Mayor M. Walsh
Councillor D. Berriault
Councillor P. Caron
Councillor C. Cook
Councillor R. Steep

L. Plotnikoff, CAO

Absent Nil
Media Nil
Public 4

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Agenda Moved by Councillor Berriault
Seconded by Councillor Steep

THAT the agenda for Regular Meeting #07-25 be adopted as presented.

1-07-25 CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Kendal Benesh gave a Zoom presentation on behalf of the Kootenay Conservation Program. Mayor Walsh thanked Ms. Benesh for her presentation.

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS

Nil

MINUTES

Meeting #05-25 Moved by Councillor Caron
Seconded by Councillor Cook

THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting #05-25 of February 18, 2025, be approved.

2-07-25 CARRIED

Meeting #06-25 Moved by Councillor Steep
Seconded by Councillor Cook

THAT the Minutes of Special Meeting #06-25 of February 20, 2025, be approved.

3-07-25 CARRIED

CONSENT CALENDAR

Nil

MOTIONS & SUBMISSIONS

Nil

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

REPORTS & MEMORANDA

K. Warzocha A report from K. Warzocha, Bylaw Officer regarding the Bylaw Activity Report for February 3 - 14, 2025

Moved by Councillor Berriault
Seconded by Councillor Cook

THAT the Bylaw Activity Report for the period of February 3 – 14, 2025, be received.

4-07-25 CARRIED

L. Plotnikoff A report from L. Plotnikoff, CAO regarding a previous delegation’s request for the keeping of backyard chickens in the Village.

Moved by Councillor Caron
Seconded by Councillor Cook

THAT staff prepare a draft bylaw amendment for Council consideration that would allow for the raising of chickens in specified areas of the Village, AND THAT once Council has considered the draft amendment, it be brought to a public meeting.

5-07-25 CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts Payable Moved by Councillor Cook
Seconded by Councillor Berriault

#022481-022501 THAT the commitments and expenditures represented by the accounts payable listed below be authorized and that the payment in the amount of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND and NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS and FOURTEEN CENTS be approved.

Cheques 022481-022501 and payroll direct deposits \$38,928.14

6-07-25 CARRIED

BYLAWS

Nil

POLICIES

#6030 Park Maintenance Policy

Moved by Councillor Steep
Seconded by Councillor Cook

THAT Policy #6030, cited as the Park Maintenance Policy, be confirmed unchanged.

7-07-25 CARRIED

#6230 Park Amenities Donation Policy

Moved by Councillor Caron
Seconded by Councillor Steep

THAT Policy #6230, cited as the Park Amenities Donation Policy, be confirmed unchanged.

8-07-25

CARRIED

MEMBER REPORTS AND INQUIRIES

Councillor Berriault

Committee Report

Nil

Member Inquiry

Nil

Councillor Caron

Committee Report

Nil

Member Inquiry

Nil

Councillor Cook

Committee Report

1. CAO hired for the new Community Health & Wellness Initiative.

Member Inquiry

1. Public safety concern regarding the number of persons crossing the highway at the 6th St intersection, as vehicle traffic may not be paying attention to pedestrians as there is no crosswalk at that location. Staff to remind residents on crosswalk/highway safety through social media.

Councillor Steep

Committee Report

Nil

Member Inquiry

1. Concerns with recent reports of illegal dumping in the general Greater Trail area.

Mayor Walsh

Committee Report

Advised on:

1. The recent RDKB budget meetings, and Montrose' RDKB requisition only went up by less than 1% for 2025.
2. CBT Ready Grant deliberations take place on March 18th. Mayor Walsh and Councillor Cook to represent Montrose on the grant adjudication panel.
3. Advised on the situation concerning the potential closure of the Genelle Fire Hall, due to volunteer firefighter shortages.

Member Inquiry

Nil

CAO

Advised on:

1. Reminded Council of the draft #2 budget meeting and the 500 block - 11th Avenue upgrade project residents' meeting are both scheduled for Wednesday, March 5th.
2. RDKB Regional Interim Housing Needs Report will be presented to Council in early April.
3. Road repairs being conducted on the 500 block of 9th Ave.
4. Invitation for council to attend a cultural sensitivity and humility educational session being hosted by the RDKB as part of the Indigenous Consultation process with the EMBC project.

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Berriault moved adjournment at 6:42p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting #07-25 of Council held on March 3, 2025.

Mayor

Deputy Clerk