

January 9, 2023

Ambulance Paramedics of BC – Delegation

Troy Clifford, Keith Taylor and Craig Chapman, members of the Provincial Executive Team for the Ambulance Paramedics of BC, were in attendance to provide an update to Mayor and Council on the changes coming to the ambulance and paramedic services in the North.

North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Membership Dues

Council approved the 2023-2024 annual membership dues to the NCLGA in the amount of \$2,273.65.

Federation of Canada Municipalities Membership

Council approved the annual membership dues to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in the amount of \$958.60 for the period of April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024. The FCM advocates for municipalities to be sure their citizens' needs are reflected in federal policies and programs.

Mobilizing Municipalities Campaign

Council agreed to participate in the Mobilizing Municipalities Campaign through Earth Day Canada. Staff will reach out to the coordinator to look at the next steps regarding the partnership and preparations for Earth Day on April 22nd.

Rapid Housing Initiative Funding

The District will be exploring the Rapid Housing Initiative Funding projects stream, offered through the Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation.

Enbridge Meeting

Council received a congratulatory letter on the recent election from Enbridge and a request to meet. Council approved the request and will organize a meeting to discuss the ongoing operations and maintenance of the system, and ongoing projects in the area.

Contract Disclosures

In compliance with provincial legislation, Council members must publicly disclose any direct or indirect interest in contracts with a municipality.

Mayor Atkinson provided disclosure to the District that she is the owner of Garden House Bed & Breakfast and that the municipality has used the Garden House Bed and Breakfast for municipal related business as a source of local accommodations.

Councillor Hipkiss provided disclosure to the District that she is the owner of Chrysalid Tech & Print and that the municipality has used Chrysalid Tech & Print for municipal related business as a local source of stationary supplies.

Councillor Wright provided disclosure to the District that he was hired as a contract Ski Instructor in 2022 and again for the 2023 winter season through the Recreation Centre.

Update on New Fire Hall

BC Hydro will be energizing the new Fire Hall on January 31st. Once the building has been energized, there will be approximately 8 weeks of work left until substantial completion of the building. Contractor, Southwest, will continue working on building deficiencies both interior and exterior in the meantime. Once the building is substantially complete the remaining exterior paving, landscaping and existing building demolition will be planned for Spring 2023. The overall project is expected to be substantially complete by June 1, 2023. The delays have had no impact to the overall project budget at this time.

Sewer Rates Review

After concerns received from a local business running a greenhouse regarding how sewer rates are calculated, a full review was conducted by staff. The current sewer rates are based on the amount of water used, as per Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1479, 2022. Council approved the recommendation to include an exemption for commercial businesses operating a greenhouse to the Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw. A report will be brought forward to a future Council meeting to amend the current bylaw.