



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo held in Council Chambers at 423 Davies Avenue in Salmo, B.C. on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<u>In Person:</u>	CAO/CO Ange Qualizza
Mayor Diana Lockwood	Members of Public - 2
Councillor Melanie Cox	<u>Electronically:</u>
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie	Members of the Public - 0
Councillor Jennifer Lins	
Councillor Kenzie Neil	

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

R1-02-24 Moved and seconded, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #02-24 of Tuesday, February 27, 2024 be adopted as amended from Council Procedure Bylaw No. 663, 2014 Schedule "B" include a New Business section, a Bylaw Development & Review section, a Public Question Period, and an *In Camera* section.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS: NIL

NEW BUSINESS: NIL

MINUTES: (Note: See official minutes and agenda package for applicable reports.)

R2-02-24 Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of the Regular Council meeting #01-24 of Tuesday, January 9, 2024 be adopted as presented.
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2024

Carried.

R3-02-24 Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of the Special Council meeting of Tuesday, January 23, 2024 be adopted as presented.
Special Meeting
January 23, 2024

Carried.

R4-02-24 Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of the Special Council meeting of Tuesday, February 13, 2024 be adopted as presented.
Special Meeting
February 13, 2024

Carried.

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS: NIL

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS: NIL

BYLAW DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:

R5-02-24
Municipal Utilities User Fees Bylaw #752, 2024 - First Reading

Moved and seconded, that the “*Municipal Utilities User Fees Bylaw #752, 2024*”, be given first reading.

Carried.

R6-02-24
Municipal Utilities User Fees Bylaw #752, 2024 - Second & Third Reading

Moved and seconded, that the “*Municipal Utilities User Fees Bylaw #752, 2024*”, be given second & third reading.

Carried.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

R7-02-24
Civic Works

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report as presented by Civic Works Foreman Fred Paton dated February 22, 2024. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R8-02-24
Notice of Motion

Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to put out some information about the public washroom on social media.

Carried.

R9-02-24
Fire Department

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report dated February 1, 2024 provided by Fire Chief David Hearn for the period of January 2024. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R10-02-24
Bylaw Enforcement

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report on bylaw enforcement for the period of November 2023, December 2023, and January 2024. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R11-02-24
Administration – AKBLG

Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to book Councillor Cox, and Councillor Lins to attend the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government annual AGM and Convention. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R12-02-24
Administration – WWTP Inspection Update

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report by CAO Qualizza regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant inspection update. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R13-02-24
Strategic Plan

Moved and seconded, that Council adopt the draft strategic plan as presented in the agenda, and direct staff to bring back the updated prioritized plan excluding the pool for information. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

R14-02-24
Accounts Payable

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from January 5, 2024 to February 22, 2024 totaling \$302,615.

Carried.

R15-02-24
Treasurer's Report

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the Treasurer's report for January 2024.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A DECISION:

R16-02-24
Mr. Khan Re: Request for the Facilitation of Setting Up Education Academy in the Village of Salmo - #03

Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to respond to Mr. Khan's request advising that Council for the Village of Salmo does not involve itself with facilitating development of this nature.

Carried.

R17-02-24
Todd Doherty, MP Re: Displaying 988 Information Poster- #04

Moved and seconded, that Council adopt the following motion in support of displaying the 988 Crisis Line Poster:

WHEREAS Canada has adopted 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Village of Salmo recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Village of Salmo continues to endorse the 988 crisis line initiative and will display the 988 information poster in all municipal buildings.

Carried.

R18-02-24
Noise Complaint for Snow Plowing at the Salmo Pump - #10

Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to write to the Salmo Pump advising them they are allowed to perform snow plow activities in winter conditions prior to the 7:00 a.m. time stipulated in *Noise Control Bylaw #216, 1979*, but noting not before 5:00 a.m., in order to keep their business area safe for users.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

R19-02-24

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

- (1) Regional District of Nanaimo Re: Legislative Reform Initiative Update - #05
- (2) Forest Enhancement Society of BC Re: Accomplishments Update - #06
- (3) District of Sicamous Re: Support for Bill-34 - #07
- (4) City of Abbotsford Re: Support for Resolution - #09

- (5) Fire Underwriters Survey Re: 1999 Apparatus Age Extension - #12
- (6) Village of Silverton Re: Resolution to AKBLG - #13

Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES:

Councillor Cox Attending BC accessibility meeting on Monday. They have a link to the webpage.

Councillor Heatlie Nothing to report.

Councillor Lins Nothing to report. SYVCC meeting in March.

Councillor Neil Will bring back the librarian report for the next meeting. Invasive Species meetings are challenging to make during the day.

Mayor Lockwood See *Appendix B*.

R20-02-24
Verbal & Written
Reports of Mayor &
Council Moved and seconded, that the verbal and written reports of Mayor and Council be received for information. Carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

A request to follow up on the bylaw complaint regarding snow removal from private property onto the Village’s property.

IN CAMERA RESOLUTION:

R21-02-24 Moved and seconded, that the meeting be closed to the public under Sections 90(1)(c)(m) of the *Community Charter*.

Carried.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: Council reconvened the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

RISE & REPORT:

R22-02-24 Moved and seconded, that Council approve a budget to replace the Glendale Well Pump and advance a complete evaluation of the Glendale Well System by Redi Engineering for a cost of \$14,000.

Carried.

R23-02-24 Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to evict Heritage Hub from 423 and 419 Railway Avenue immediately.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

R24-02-24 Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Originally Signed By:

Diana Lockwood
Mayor

Brandy Jessup
Deputy Corporate Officer

APPENDIX A



The Corporation of the Village of Salmó Report to Council

Report Date: February 22, 2024
Meeting Date: February 27, 2024 (#02-24)
From: Fred Paton, Civic Works Foreman
Subject: Civic Works Report for February, 2024

1. OBJECTIVE

To update Council on Civic Works operations.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1. Fall Activities

- (a) Ongoing work towards Wastewater Treatment Plant compliance.
- (b) The public bathroom in the Large Equipment Storage Building is now open to public and the time locks are operational.
- (c) The final inspection on the large equipment storage building has been completed and the permit is closed.

- (d) Glendale bridge repairs completed.
- (e) Completed multiple water shut offs/ons.
- (f) Cleared 2 major sewer blockages and completed the necessary repairs.
- (g) Ongoing snow removal.
- (h) Began street sweeping.
- (i) Working on estimates and project plans for capital projects for upcoming budget planning.
- (j) Ongoing fleet maintenance.

2.2. Attachments:

- (a) NIL



Fire Chief's Report: February 01, 2024

Regular Council Meeting #02-24

Since the last report on November 1st, 2023 the Salmo Fire Department responded to 19 calls:

14	Jaws Calls	2	Vehicle Fires	1	Downed Power Lines
1	Chimney Fire	1	Commercial Alarm		

DESCRIPTION

Our calls in the last few months came in clusters, with long quiet periods between call clusters.

In November crews responded to the report of a structure fire near the elementary school. It turned out to be a fully involved fifth wheel travel trailer which had heat and flames threatening neighbouring houses. Response was delayed, as the approaches to the Orange Bridge were out, so we had to go the long way around to get there. Fortunately the house across the alley only appeared to have a crack in their picture window, and the other property had fire damage to its garage and some melted vinyl siding on the house.

Also in November our crews responded to a serious crash on Kootenay Pass where crews had to use the Jaws to free two people that were trapped in their vehicle.

We responded to several other severe crashes in the last few months, but fortunately the occupants had relatively minor injuries and were able to exit their vehicles without our assistance. Our crews provide traffic control at these scenes to protect the people involved and ambulance personal. Once the ambulance crews leave the incident scene, we pack up and head home.

Misc.

A technician from Hub Fire Engines serviced our trucks before the end of the year and performed an annual pump test on E5. Fortunately E5 is still performing up to its original specs, and passed with flying colours. The really good news is that the Village applied for the newly created extension from the Insurance Underwriters for the age of a second in fire engine. The previous standard allowed was that a second due fire engine would be recognized up until it was 25 years old, but they recently changed it to 30 years for small municipalities (assuming that it undergoes and passes an annual pump test). So this has allowed us some more time before we have to replace E5. I hope that we can continue to plan and come up with a strategy to replace this engine, rather than wait until the last minute and again scramble to try and solve the problem.

Our tender is currently out of service and is in Castlegar waiting to be repaired. The nearest shop with a scanning tool for International Trucks is Bill's Heavy Duty. So we had to get the tender hauled over there to be scanned and repaired. We have the Ymir Fire Department on standby with their tender should we have a call requiring a tender to supply extra water.

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Several sets of new turnout gear and two smaller thermal imaging cameras have been purchased with grant money from 2022. Another grant in 2023 to purchase more needed gear and equipment was applied for and approved. Purchases for this grant will be made soon.

We have had another two new member join our ranks in the last month. Because of the number of new members joining the fire department recently, we are stepping up our basic training to bring them up to speed as quickly as possible.

Originally Signed By:

David Hearn, Fire Chief



Bylaw Officer's Report: Nov 1, 2023, to Jan 31, 2024

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Complaints:

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Traffic	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) complaint about someone without a handicap permit parking in a handicap spot in front of a business. The Bylaw Officer attended and spoke to the employees and asked them to remind customers that the spot is for handicap parking only. The Bylaw Officer will keep an eye on it on his weekly patrol. • One (1) complaint about someone parking a truck too close to a crosswalk and causing a line of sight issue for people trying to cross the road. The Bylaw Officer attended but there was no truck parked in the spot. He will keep an eye on it in future patrols.
Snow Related	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) complaint about a resident taking snow from their personal property and pushing it into a municipal snow pile on Village boulevard/property. The Bylaw Officer attended and spoke to the resident and advised that he cannot put his snow into the pile and must store it on his own property. Will follow-up to ensure compliance.
Dog Related	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) separate complaints received about the same dogs barking for hours at a time. The Bylaw Officer attended the residence and spoke to someone at the home. One of the complainants followed up at a later date and advised staff that the barking was still taking place. The Bylaw Officer attended again and left an Infraction Notice. Will follow-up to ensure compliance.
Zoning Related	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) complaint about a neighbour creating a driveway on the front of their property. No action taken as it is not an offense.

Enforcement

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Garbage	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bylaw Officer stopped and spoke to one (1) resident on garbage day as their garbage was scattered all over their yard. They cleaned it up. • The Bylaw Officer left notices at two (2) more residences with garbage scattered all over their yards. Compliance was achieved.
Traffic	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bylaw Officer put one (1) Bylaw Infraction notice on a truck parked in a handicap spot without the required permit. The owner moved the truck.
Dog Related	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bylaw Officer stopped and spoke to one (1) couple walking their dogs. He advised them that they need to get dog licenses for their dogs. They said they were unaware. Compliance was achieved as they did go to the office and purchase the licenses.
Snow Related	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bylaw Officer noticed three (3) basketball hoops in locations that would cause issues when snow plowing. He spoke to one (1) owner and left notices at the other two (2) residences. Compliance achieved in all three (3) situations. • The Bylaw Officer left a notice at one (1) residence because someone piled old tires on the corner by a stop sign. The owner complied and moved the tires.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bylaw Officer spoke to two (2) residents and asked them not to push the snow off their private properties onto the Village property. Will follow-up to ensure compliance. • Seven (7) notices were given out requesting that the owners move their vehicles and trailers off the boulevard because they are hindering snow plowing. Compliance achieved in all situations. The Bylaw Officer will follow-up to ensure compliance continues.
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Information submitted by:
Fred Nevakshonoff, Bylaw Officer

Originally signed and approved by:
Ange Qualizza, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Report to Council

Report Date: February 22, 2024
Meeting Date: February 27, 2024 (#02-24)
From: CAO Qualizza
Subject: Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government

1. REQUEST FOR DECISION

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council direct staff to book members of Council to attend the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government annual AGM and Convention.

2. BACKGROUND

The 91st Annual AGM and Convention are being held in Radium Hot Springs, April 19 – 21st, 2024.

In the absence of a Professional Development policy and budget for Council staff have no direction of who to book for the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government Convention.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

Cost of registration before March 10 (early bird) \$520.00

Cost of registration after March 10 \$570.00

Cost of hotel per night \$129.00.

Total Cost per Councillor: (early bird + 3 nights) = \$907.00

Respectfully submitted,

CAO Qualizza



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Report to Council

Report Date: February 23, 2024
Meeting Date: February 27, 2024 (#02-24)
From: CAO Qualizza
Subject: Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

1. OBJECTIVE

To update Council on the inspection report received by the Environmental Inspection Officer.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information.

3. BACKGROUND

In May of 2022 the Village of Salmo received a Warning Letter, Permit 2500 that determined that the Village of Salmo was out of compliance with our authorization permit.

On September 20, 2023 we had an onsite inspection from Environmental Inspection Officer Ross Blake to verify compliance with Permit number 2500. The report is the result of that inspection.

4. DISCUSSION

Urban Systems has been retained to support the Village of Salmo with gaining compliance on the remaining issues, and now that the report has been received, we will advance a work plan to support our response.

Staff will bring back to Council a detailed report on the issues identified in the March 12 meeting of Council and be able to present on steps that will be taken to remediate these issues and have a better understanding of any further requirements.

Respectfully submitted,
CAO Qualizza



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Report to Council

Report Date: February 22, 2024
Meeting Date: February 27, 2024 (#02-24)
From: CAO Qualizza
Subject: Prioritizing the Strategic Plan

1. REQUEST FOR DECISION

To ask Council to consider prioritizing the Strategic Plan so staff can begin to shape a multi year work plan and resource these priorities.

2. BACKGROUND

As a commitment to renewing their commitment to asset management, Council went on a facility tour on December 18, 2023 to hear and participate in a presentation on the state of their facilities.

Further, on January 8, 2024 Council participated in a full day Strategic Planning Session with Linda Tynan Consulting Services.

3. DISCUSSION

It will be very useful for staff to have Council prioritize the strategic plan so staff can begin resourcing these goals.

Staff are proposing three priorities initially, to rebuild an asset management plan, update the Wastewater Utility Financial Master Plan, and to advance the engineering analysis to complete a flood plain mapping exercise for Erie Creek.

In June of 2021, the Gas Tax Fund was renamed the Canada Community-Build Fund and has been a valuable funding stream for local governments to invest in infrastructure and capacity building projects. We heard from Assistant Deputy Minister Tara Fanagello at our CAO conference this week, that this fund will be increasingly dependent on local governments commitment to a robust asset management plan.

The next Infrastructure and Planning Grant intake is June 12, 2024 to support local governments. Municipalities and regional districts can apply for grants that support projects related to the development of sustainable community infrastructure through the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program. The program is open for applications year-round with regular processing deadlines. Eligible projects include; asset management plans, integrated stormwater management plans, water master plans, and liquid waste management plans.

The second priority staff are recommending advancing is a flood plain mitigation analysis for Erie Creek with the support of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness on the Disaster Risk Management programs. Currently there are funding streams that offer support to Indigenous communities, municipalities and regional districts for permanent disaster mitigation measures.

Lastly, to support the long-term commitment of managing our wastewater treatment plant and keeping this facility in good health updating the Salmo Wastewater Utility Financial Master Plan will ensure we are making strategic long term financial investments.

Staff are looking forward to the discussion with Council to see if we have alignment with priorities and building a multi year work plan together to support Salmo now and into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

CAO Qualizza

APPENDIX B



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO REPORT FROM MAYOR/DIRECTOR

MAYOR LOCKWOOD

Mayor Report for Council Meeting held on February 27, 2024.

Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness: The weather we have experienced lately has been nice although our mountains will not have the water to give our creeks, river, and aquifer, and may be an issue come the hot dry months. Everyone will need to do their part this spring and have rain barrels to collect as much as possible to prepare for a possible drought season.

Fire Department: The fog can be heavy with all this moisture we are experiencing; time to slow down so you don't have to meet the fire department crew.

Citizen Engagement: It is a pleasure hearing thankfulness from residents. Thankful for snow clearing, sanding of the roads and sidewalks, village staff, water, sewer, garbage pickup, post office staff, fire department, and the list goes on. I also heard a word of gratitude about our RCMP and how friendly they are. I am very grateful to live in a community like this.

Salmo & District Arts Council: Columbia Basin Trust is putting on a free grant writing workshop and you can check it out on the Salmo & District Arts Council Facebook page or inquire through their email at s.d.artcouncil@gmail.com. This arts council is moving from a working board to a governance board with funding support from CBT, Provincial, and Federal agencies. They are reviewing how the arts impact the community and what it may look like to keep 16–30-year-olds in our community. The Arts Council would like a support letter for a grant they are applying for due on March 8, 2024, for \$15,000 through CKCA for pilot programming workshops. Other things they are looking at are silent disc headphones for events in KP Park.

RDCK:

Board: The board is in support of the Central and West Kootenay Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot which is funded mostly through the Federal Government. If you would like more information about this program, contact Community Futures.

Nelson will see the 2024 Annual Heritage Conference which brings people from all over and brings benefits to the region.

We have started talking about the investments that the residents of the RDCK have and enjoy and how we are going to continue maintaining and delivering these investments. There are some things we as local government must provide such as “resource recovery” which includes garbage and recycling.

We have had a full day workshop about the Climate Action Plan and a half a day about the Emergency Plan. This gave all the directors lots of time for discussion and more understanding on the issues in front of us.

The emergency program executive committee will consist of Aimee Watson (Chair), Diana Lockwood (Vice-Chair), Area C Kelly Vandenburghe, Kaslo Suzan Hewat, Area H Henne Hanegraaf, CAO Stuart Horn, and Manger of Community Sustainability Dan Seguin.

RDCK staff will solicit additional feedback from directors through a survey and use engagement feedback to identify different possibilities for the climate action plan.

The directors are deeply concerned about the Emergency and Disaster Management Act and related Regulations for Local Authorities. We are requesting that the province provide concrete and reasonable timelines, as well as adequate funding to address the capacity and resourcing required to complete this work along with the public engagement that needs to happen. Our letter will be sent to all RD's and municipalities within the RDCK.

Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission: We have started the conversation about the pool, fitness center and Youth and Community Center. The meeting is always held in person and virtually. The commission appreciates public interest and welcomes anyone to join and listen to the meeting and if you have a question, there is a public question time at the end of the meeting.

Wages are a significant hike in budgets this year. We anticipate the pool to be opened by June and run until the end of August with full hours and programmes.

Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC): Next meeting March 15, 2024

Central Resource Recovery: This committee will be closing the Kokanee Creek Marina Recycling Depot permanently May 31, 2024.

Joint Resource Recovery: The Village of Salmo has renewed the lease contract for the recycling depot.

West Kootenay Hospital Board: Interior Health has requested \$2,005,520 to fund capital projects within this region. These projects will improve things like fire alarm systems, washroom renovations, air units, sterilizer, mammography imaging to list just a few. There was a delegation about renal services here in the West Kootenay's. More people are being taught how to do this in the comfort of their own homes. If you would like more information about this program, please speak with your family doctor. Trail Regional Hospital will be seeing some more renovations and it will disrupt the parking.

Nelson, Salmo, E, F, & G Regional Parks: Next meeting March 5, 2024

Investments or taxes: In a nutshell, here is where your money goes. Residents (you) of BC pay for all services we have available. There is a police levy, a school levy, a municipal levy, a regional district levy, a municipal finance levy, a west Kootenay regional hospital levy, and an assessment authority levy. The municipality collects all these levy's and only keeps the municipal levy to run our village; all else goes to the Regional District and they keep the RD levy and send the rest to the Provincial Government.

If you are in need of mental health, here is the province website for help available
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/mental-health-substance-use/virtual-mental-health-supports#gethelp>

Other meetings of note:

Mayor's and chair Highway 3 Coalition: Next meeting TBD

2024 LGLA Leadership Forum: The conference gave me opportunity to connect with other local governments (LG) struggling with the downloading from the province and opportunity to learn better ways to empower communities with issues that we are faced with in today's world.

- Frank Leonard was the Mayor of Saanich and Chair of the Police Board from 1996-2014 after serving as a Councillor from 1986. While in public office, Frank chaired the Municipal Finance Authority of BC, was President of the Union of BC Municipalities and a Director of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. With his long-time wisdom, he wanted us to know that measuring outcome from your staff is very important and to make it clear what you want accomplished.
- **Cicely Belle Blain** is a Black, mixed heritage, non-binary, queer activist, writer and CEO from London, UK, now based in Vancouver. This session focused on psychological safety and inclusive leadership, in other words "POWER." The three laws of power are never static "status quo (stagnant or murky, lack of transparency)," like water "flowing (exchanging and versatile), compound "danger (chaos and risk)." Pause. **Observe. Welcome. Engage. Refresh.** Remembering the two steps 1-Remember to Recalibrate --we should all build in time and lead with silence by using these five words. and 2-Redistributing Power—Engaging in mentorship and lived experience is knowledge.
- Graham Held is a manager – Local Government Relations for BC Assessments. He explained that if your assessment is greater than 15% in December, BCA will notify you in writing. A way your assessment could change would be like your shop burnt down or you built a new shop before October 31. If it happens after this date, they do not know if you can challenge the assessment in January. Even if you do not contact them by January 31, you could still have it changed up until March 15.
- Bill Buholzer is associate counsel at Young Anderson Barristers and Solicitors. He spoke about the 3 aspects of the housing bills 44, 46, & 47. Official Community Plan - OCP, Public Hearings - PH, and Paying the Cost of Growth - PCG. OCP needs to be updated every five years and affordability in the housing needs report. PH process is being removed and local government may be penalized if you do a PH. PCG - Municipal zoning bylaws MUST be pre zoned land for 20 years for housing supply and eliminating site by site rezoning. There is no more leverage for LG for Development Cost Charges (DCC). This scope has been expanded. LG has a new authority for amenity cost charges (ACC). You will need to have it in your bylaw about building a new rec center for an example in the future and have a fee for it. There is nothing exempt from these charges at this point. There are no dates for penalties right now. This ACC you would collect would need to be put into a reserve. It appears you cannot charge for affordable housing. There are many questions coming from these bills so time will tell along with legal bills.
- Mayor Gord Milsom and Fire Chief Jason Brolund from West Kelowna spoke about things they never thought of. Example – finding someone dead and what to expect in such a large catastrophe. Calling Canada Task Force 1 which is in Vancouver, and they go through areas to determine if there are any deceased. Speak with your Fire Chief, ambulance, and RCMP and make sure they are meeting and going through scenarios. The fire chief will speak with staff and the mayor will speak to the council. Make sure every LG has applied for the Fire Smart grant to the tune of \$200,000 and get an ambassador for your community.
- Roy is the Executive Director of the Natural Assets (NI) Initiative, a national not-for profit that works with local governments and others to help them understand, account for, and manage natural assets as a critical part of resilient infrastructure systems. NI's become barriers and opportunities and can bring legal issues. Building within NA's can create new risk and can be costly. The province did work on a Watershed Security Strategy, and it has five policy intentions which are: 1. Governance, 2. Policy and legislation, 3. Watershed data and knowledge, 4. Holistic watershed management, 5. Water supply and demand. The plan has been integrated into the Water Sustainability Act. I learned that the RDCK is in a Natural Asset Management report from 2021, which I don't remember so I will have to review it. Here is a link to the mini report which can

be found on pages 38-50. <https://mnai.ca/media/2021/04/MNAI-Kootenay-Cluster-report-104.pdf>

- Christina Benty, MA is a strategist and human systems change agent. LG's are front lines for the Provincial and Federal Governments and get the attacks what is not working well even though LG's don't have a choice at times. LG's need to bring more attention to the services we offer and continue to offer for future generations. Such as water, sewer, sidewalks, roads, recreation, libraries, and the list goes on. LG's officials need to protect their mental health and eliminate the negativity. Not one person in LG has taken on this role in their community to destroy the place they call home but to do the best for most of the residents.
- Kim Fowler is a professional planner and sustainability expert with over 30 years' experience. One thing she kept saying was what level of services are you willing to pay for and keep the same or give. Most if not everyone single person would say water, sewer and roads would be the number one priority. Your water supply resiliency is the most important of all and where does your area fall for water resiliency. Many areas across BC in these few years saw drought levels with some communities hauling water to their residents. If the government has any information about the water sources in your area, you can check it out at provincial mapping.
- *Don Lidstone from Lidstone and Company Law Corporation and Maryam Sherkat, General Counsel & Chief Risk Officer from Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIABC) explained what it means to be negligent, a nuisance, and contractual claims. How to recognize and mitigate these issues. How will the climate affect our infrastructure and what we should be looking at such as duty, breach, and damages and causation. For example, elected officials are deemed to know about flooding, wildfires, and heat domes and need to be prepared for them. Once you own infrastructure, when and how will you maintain it? Policies are the focus for this direction to staff.*
- *Jan Enns explains about communications. When speaking with someone the number one thing is to remember to talk about the issue not the person and we as elected officials need to remind the public about this also. Never speculate on information, tell them you will investigate it and get back to them on the subject but remember to give yourself time for your inquiry as there are many people asking questions and requires staff time.*

A small group of Mayor's met to learn from one another and share contacts.

Ministry Meetings: TBA

IHA Mayor's and Chairs regional meeting: TBA

Columbian Basin Trust Corporation: The Trust continues to actively work on the project and is pleased with progress to date.

Project information here: [Fruitvale to Nelson Fibre Optic Backbone Project | Broadband \(ourtrust.org\)](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor/Director Lockwood

