

**Village of Haines Junction
Committee of the Whole Meeting March 15, 2017**

Present: Mayor Riseborough
Councillor Smith
Councilor Koh
Councilor Sundbo

Public Works Foreman David Hatherly
Treasurer Donna Ishtencko
CAO Clarke
Recorder Clarke

Absent: Councilor Eckervogt

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by Councilor Sundbo

Delegations

Rolling Agenda:

Budget deliberations:

Mayor Riseborough reiterated the benefit to having time to discuss the budget before the legislated April 15th deadline for budget submission to YG. The time affords Council and the community time to discuss budget expenditures in light of what the community needs and wants.

Council discussed the Economic Development Officer position and determined that as per strategic planning servicing our community and making it economic development friendly is more of a priority and that perhaps the regional position is best discussed for the 2018/19 budget.

Contract services is to be increased to \$25,000.00 as Administration is looking to project based work with concrete product to the community. Administration stated that it is difficult at this point to determine what functions require FTEs, it is therefore important that FTE decisions be made once the organization is in order.

Mayor Riseborough stated that it is important that any changes to staffing positions and the organization's organizational chart come to Council.

Council discussed Communication and the community engagement plan. Mayor Riseborough stated that this is very important to our community, primarily to our residents and CAFN. We need to establish a basic protocol, maintain a reasonable focus, recognize good communication builds relationship and is phased in over time.

Community engagement will be a major focus this year as we are taking on a number of initiatives requiring community feedback and input to become valid community plans.

Community Brochure: Council recognized that the brochure is becoming more than a Tourism brochure and could be a valuable business tool as well. The Village will continue to work with the Chamber on improving the brochure with minor changes this year and discussions about a complete redo this Fall.

Council discussion around the importance of community wide events such as Canada Day, Remembrance Day and the Mountain Festival. Also important to recognize the limited capacity of staff to perform all event related activities.

Legislative: Discussion on grants to individuals and organizations focused on the need for a policy governing Council's discretionary facility rental, staff in kind contributions and grants in order to ensure equity, fairness and ease of service for the community.

Public Works: Discussion on the importance of trails' maintenance. Staff directed to look at potential of applying Canada 150 funds to completion of Pine Lake Trail.

Water: Discussion on fact that arsenic media costs increased and the fact that the more water consumed in the Village the higher our water treatment costs.

Council determined that budget discussions will continue at 9:00am March 24th, 2017, as an additional COW meeting specifically dealing with budget and infrastructure open house preparation.

Strategic Plan next steps:

Mayor Riseborough acknowledged that good, solid work has been completed by Council thus far, but that the need to plan community engagement and tactical plan roll-out is imminent.

E. Koh stated that it is important to get a product to the community sooner rather than later, therefore Council should commit to longer sessions over the spring and summer. The SP would be released to the community soon and would be able to show some product related to the SP to the community in the Fall.

B. Sundbo stated that everyone has committed to an initial focus on the essential and urgent, and the tactical plans are ultimately to come from senior management.

Committees: Discussion re: proposed M. Evans' member recruitment brochure

E. Koh stated that it is important that the committees know where to go in the short term in light of the fact that Council will be making decisions on new committee format by May-end, and we be mindful of disengagement over too long a period.

B. Sundbo stated that our committee members are committed to the community and keen to work.

S. Smith stated that it is important that Council's message to the committees be honest and open and that their work is valued.

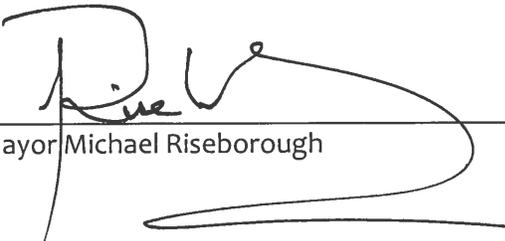
E. Koh stated it is important that we have a committee structure that aligns with the community and Council's needs and that we avoid disengagement at all costs.

B. Sundbo stated that it is important that its business as usual for the committees, with a CDC focus on trails and CPIG and a commitment from Council and Administration to have a Committee plan complete by end of May.

Information and Correspondence:

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.



Mayor Michael Riseborough



CAO Cathy Clarke

