



VILLAGE OF SILVERTON

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD

March 10, 2021

ONLINE – GoToMeeting (as posted)

7:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ACKNOWLEDGES THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of Special Council Meeting February 17, 2021
2. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting February 17, 2021
3. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting February 24, 2021

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None at this time.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

1. By Election Information – Acting Mayor to provide a verbal report update

2. Council Appointments for the following positions:

Municipal Emergency Management _____

Slocan District Chamber of Commerce, Alternate _____

Composting Project Liaison, Alternate _____

RDI Climate Adaptation project Team, Alternate _____

H. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

1. CBBC RE: Letter of Support

Recommendation:

That the Village of Silverton Council direct staff to write a letter of support for CBBC's funding request to the federal government's Universal Broadband Fund.

2. BC Parks information

3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs RE: funding application

4. City of Surry RE: Policing

5. National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

6. 2021 CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports RE: funding application

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Mayor - Vacant position

2. Acting Mayor Leah Main

- RDCK Director for the Village of Silverton
- West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board
- Rosebery Parklands and Trails Commission
- Winlaw Regional and Nature Park Commission
- Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission

- FCM Board
- CBBC Liaison
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team
- Health Committee Alternate – Slocan District Chamber of Commerce
- Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Advisory Committee (TAC) Alternate

3. Councillor Tanya Gordon

- Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Health Committee – Slocan District Chamber of Commerce
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team
- Rat Control Liaison
- CBBC Liaison Alternate
- Recreation Commission No. 6, Alternate
- Municipal Emergency Management, Alternate

4. Councillor Arlene Yofonoff

- Recreation Commission No. 6
- Slocan District Chamber of Commerce
- Cultural Planning Group
- Composting Project Liaison (Healthy Community Society of the North S.V.)
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team, Alternate

K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. CAO Report

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

None at this time.

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Terms of reference as per the Procedure Bylaw include;

- The maximum time allotted is two (2) minutes.
- The Public Input is for items on the Council Agenda only.
- The Public Input Period provides an opportunity for public input only, without expectation of response from Council.

N. **IN CAMERA MEETING**: there will be an In-Camera Meeting at this time. This meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Sections 90 – 1 (c), employee relations, (i) legal.

The Regular Meeting recessed at _____pm in order to conduct the Closed Meeting.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at _____pm

O. **ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA**

P. **ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 AT 4PM

PRESENT: Acting Mayor L. Main, Councillors, T. Gordon, A. Yofonoff

ABSENT:

STAFF: H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Leah Main Called the Meeting to Order at 4:08 pm.

B. THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ACKNOWLEDGES THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY

3 additional quotes for Council discussion

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

019/2021 - Moved, seconded that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

None at this time.

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None at this time.

FEBRUARY 17, 2021 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

G1. BEAR PROOF GARBAGE CANS

020/2021 - Moved, seconded that the Village of Silverton Council approve the purchase of 4 refurbished Bear Proof garbage cans for \$5,500 each plus taxes and shipping.

CARRIED

G2. CURLING RINK WCB REQUIREMENTS

021/2021 - Moved, seconded that the Village of Silverton Council approve the works to be completed as listed by WCB in the report to Council for the curling rink for \$15,900 plus taxes.

CARRIED

Council directed staff in a variety of the budget items, including the bear cans and their placement for a Pilot Project.

Council to receive more information regarding the used generator and to decide via email before the next council meeting if they wish to proceed with the purchase. If they wish to proceed with the purchase, a resolution supporting that online decision is to be on the next Regular Council agenda.

H. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

None at this time.

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

None at this time.

FEBRUARY 17, 2021 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

None at this time.

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

None at this time.

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Mr. Broughton inquired about the difference between the Urban Forestry Plan and the Danger Tree Policy. Mr. Broughton received an answer from Acting Mayor L. Main.

Mr. Broughton asked about the Bear Proof garbage can Pilot project.

Mr. Broughton asked about the next campground meetings.

N. IN CAMERA MEETING:

None at this time.

O. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA

None at this time.

P. ADJOURNMENT

022/2020 – Moved that Council adjourn at 5:09pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Acting Mayor L. Main

Chief Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF THE *REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 AT 7:00PM*

PRESENT: Acting Mayor L. Main, Councillors T. Gordon, A. Yofonoff

ABSENT:

STAFF: H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Leah Main Called the Meeting to Order at 7:05 pm.

B. THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ACKNOWLEDGES THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

023/2021 - Moved, seconded that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

024/2021 – Moved, seconded That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2021, Committee of the Whole Minutes of January 25, 2021, the Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021 and the Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**FEBRUARY 17, 2021 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING**

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

West Kootenay Boundary Community Investment Co-op presented on their organization.

Staff was directed to provide Ron LeBlanc's, the Slocan Valley Economic Development Coordinator, contact information to the Delegation.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

G1. BY ELECTION INFORMATION

Acting Mayor Leah Main provided a verbal update stating the process was moving forward.

G2. RDCK COMMISSION APPOINTMENT VACANCY

025/2021 – Moved, seconded That the Village of Silverton Council advertise to fill the vacancy for the Village of Silverton for Slocan Lake Recreation Commission No. 6 appointment for the term January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

G3. WILDSAFE PROGRAM 2021 RE: CONTINUING PARTICIPATION AND FUNDING REQUEST

026/2021 – Moved, seconded That the Village of Silverton Council participate in the WildSafe Program 2021; AND

FURTHER that the Village of Silverton Council approves a contribution of \$1,000 for their portion of the joint WildSafe program for 2021.

CARRIED

G4. BC RURAL HEALTH NETWORK MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REQUEST

027/2021 – Moved, seconded That That the Village of Silverton Council renews their BC Rural Health Network Membership for 2021.

CARRIED

**FEBRUARY 17, 2021 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING**

H. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

Received for information.

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

Received for information.

K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Received for information.

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

**L1. GARBAGE UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE A AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.
522 - 2021**

028/2021 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council reconsider and finally adopt Garbage Utility Rate Bylaw No. 522 – 2021.

CARRIED

**L1. WATER UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE A AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.
523 – 2021**

029/2021 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council reconsider and finally adopt Water Utility Rate Bylaw No. 523 - 2021.

CARRIED

**FEBRUARY 17, 2021 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING**

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Mr. Broughton asked a question regarding Councillor T. Gordon's report on the campground. Councillor T. Gordon stated that there wasn't a solid fence planned for Water Street.

Mr. Broughton requested the Urban Tree Policy. Staff responded that he had already received the response from the insurance agency that represents the Village of Silverton.

Press inquired about Councillor T. Gordon's report on the campground and if a community member wished to speak to the campground, do they ask a Council member? The response was, yes.

N. IN CAMERA MEETING:

The Regular Meeting recessed at 7:39 pm in order to conduct the Closed Meeting.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:15 pm.

O. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA

None at this time.

P. ADJOURNMENT

030/2020 – Moved that Council adjourn at 8:39pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Acting Mayor L. Main

Chief Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 AT 4PM

PRESENT: Acting Mayor L. Main, Councillors, T. Gordon, A. Yofonoff

ABSENT:

STAFF: H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Leah Main Called the Meeting to Order at 4:00 pm.

B. THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ACKNOWLEDGES THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY

None at this time.

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

031/2021 - Moved, seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

E. BUSINESS

E1. LAKESIDE CAMPGROUND DISCUSSIONS

Council gave direction to the campground committee for the final design decisions of the lakeside campground to be provided to the consultants.

FEBRUARY 24, 2021 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

P. ADJOURNMENT

032/2020 – Moved that Council adjourn at 4:25pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Acting Mayor L. Main

Chief Administrative Officer

From: Donovan Dias
Sent: March 2, 2021 10:52 AM
To: 'Hillary Elliott ' <helliott@silverton.ca>
Subject: Broadband Application Support for CBBC - Silverton

Hi Hillary,

It was really great to meet and chat with you this morning.

As I mentioned on the call, the Trust is submitting an application through our subsidiary Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation to the federal government's Universal Broadband Fund. The application is **due March 15**, and the federal government is providing funds to bring services in underserved rural communities to speeds of 50/10. The federal government determines which communities (and indeed areas of a community) are eligible through a detailed mapping tool.

We've been poring through the federal government mapping and we've **found an opportunity to incorporate households in Silverton in our application**. The estimated number of households that are deemed **eligible is 68**. Our plan is to apply to the federal government for the funds and to the Province, and the Trust will contribute funds as well. The Trust through CBBC would build and manage last mile fibre – and work with ISPs on an open access basis to provide services to households. The project is a multi-year timeframe (must be completed by March 2027). This is part of a Basin-wide multi million dollar application by the Trust.

I have attached a sample **letter of support. If approved by Silverton**, we would need to have the letter back as soon as possible before the 15th to be able to include this in our application and the letter needs to **include a copy of the municipal resolution**.

As an additional note, at a later date we would like to discuss the potential of funding support from Silverton for the homes included in your community (e.g. 5% of the project costs which is what other levels of local government are contributing to the project) but for the purposes of the March 15 deadline, we are only looking for confirmation that the community is supportive of bringing better broadband via this application.

Thank you again for considering the above and look forward to meeting you in-person one of these days.

Donovan Dias | Chief Operating Officer
Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation
a subsidiary of Columbia Basin Trust
broadband.ourtrust.org



Columbia Basin Trust operates in the unceded traditional territories of the Ktunaxa, Lheidli T'enneh, Secwepemc, Sinixt and Syilx Nations.

Information regarding BC Parks in 2021 from the Minister

I would like to provide you with an update regarding some highly anticipated 2021 plans from BC Parks. As we all seek to serve our fellow British Columbians, I am pleased to share important information relating to the 2021 camping season in our provincial parks, including: opening dates, park occupancy guidelines, information on BC Parks' refund policy, and more—together with a [Government News Release](#) sent out today.

Reservation Opening Dates

- Starting **March 1, 2021 at 7am PT** the Berg Lake Trail and Bowron Lake Canoe Circuit will be released for the entire 2021 season.
- Starting **March 8, 2021 at 7am PT** the Discover Camping website and call centre will begin accepting frontcountry and backcountry reservations. Discover Camping will continue to allow bookings on a [two-month rolling window](#) (reservations can be made up to two months in advance of an arrival date).

Priority Access for British Columbians

- Due to the ongoing pandemic, **B.C. residents will be provided with priority access to camping reservations throughout the summer.**
- Reservations can be made no further than two months out from arrival, and the reservation system will be limited to people who live in B.C. until July 7, ensuring they have first access to the core season of reservations through to the Labour Day weekend and end of the traditional summer holiday period.
- [Starting July 8](#), non-residents of B.C. will be permitted to make reservations for any remaining arrival dates in the season, pending orders that may allow travel.
- For accessing priority reservations, a B.C. resident is someone with a B.C. address.
- Visitors will need to confirm they are a B.C. resident before booking a campsite.
- Non-residents of B.C. are still allowed in parks, as travel orders permit, whether for day use, first-come first-served camping, or for reservations made after July 7.

Site Occupancy Guidelines

Provincial Health Officer (PHO) guidelines for gatherings may change between the time of booking and the scheduled arrival date. All camping parties **MUST** meet current PHO guidelines for gatherings, even if those numbers are less than BC Parks' maximum site allowance.

Refund Policy/Cancelations

- It is the responsibility of camping parties to ensure their plans are consistent with PHO guidelines before bookings are made. Speculative bookings made in anticipation of health guideline changes should be avoided, as requests for exceptions to BC Parks refund policies will not be accepted, except as noted in [BC Parks refund policy](#) and supported by the required documentation (for example, a medical note). Reservation policy can be found at www.bcparks.ca/reserve.

Day Use Facilities, Picnic Shelters and Halls

- To meet current PHO guidelines, reservations for day use facilities, including picnic shelters and halls, remain closed for the 2021 season.

All of this information, along with user guides, FAQs and park-specific status updates, is available at www.bcparks.ca. The BC Parks website is the most up-to-date source of news and information from BC Parks.

I hope this information is helpful as we prepare to open parks in your area. Should you receive questions or comments from your residents or others, you are welcome to redirect them to parkinfo@victoria1.gov.bc.ca, where BC Parks has additional staff available to support the public throughout the summer. BC Parks will continue working with partners and stakeholders to ensure the upcoming season is a safe and successful one.

Sincerely,

Josie Osborne
Minister of Municipal Affairs



February 25, 2021

Ref: 265366

Hillary Elliott
 Chief Administrative Officer
 Village of Silverton
 Box 14
 Silverton BC V0G 2B0

Dear Hillary Elliott:

**Re: Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program – Community Economic Resilience
 Project #CE0265 - Silverton Resilient & Sustainable Halls**

Thank you for your application for funding under the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP) – Community Economic Resilience (CER) stream.

We would like to advise that, after careful consideration, the above-noted project was not selected for funding under the CERIP-CER Program.

The program received significantly more applications than could be funded. This decision does not reflect on the importance of this project for your community, but rather the degree by which the program has been oversubscribed.

All applications were equitably reviewed and given consideration for funding. If you have any questions, please contact Laird McLachlin, Acting Manager Strategic Infrastructure Initiatives, by email at Laird.McLachlin@gov.bc.ca.

Additional program information can be found at the CERIP website at www.gov.bc.ca/CERIP. Should other funding programs become available, staff are pleased to provide advice on preparing an application.

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Thank you for your interest in the CERIP-CER Program. We wish you every success with your project.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Bedford", enclosed within a thin, hand-drawn oval border.

Brian Bedford, Executive Director
Local Government Infrastructure and Finance
Ministry of Municipal Affairs

pc: John Antill, A/Director
Local Government Infrastructure &
Engineering Ministry of Municipal Affairs

March 1, 2021

Dear Member of Local Government,



Brenda Locke
Councillor

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surrey.ca

Re: FOI Letter important to Local Government re the impact of Surrey's Police Transition's

We wrote you previously on February 15, 2021 expressing our concern that the Surrey Police Transition from the RCMP to a municipal police force would impact your community both in terms of your budget and staffing for your own police department. The issue was that a proper feasibility study was never done for the Surrey Transition nor was a provincial impact study. Given the size (850 police officers) of the Surrey RCMP this will impact your community because the Surrey Police Service will be recruiting from throughout the province, alternatively, if you are an RCMP jurisdiction, your budget will be impacted due to RCMP cost sharing.

A recent Freedom of Information request has disclosed an important letter written on February 10, 2020 that we felt was important for your deliberations. The letter, from the former Director of Police Services, Brenda Butterworth-Carr to the Minister of Public Safety and the Solicitor General, Mike Farnworth outlines several issues that must be completed in moving the Surrey transition forward. You will see that the former Director required several issues be completed to have an orderly transition of policing in Surrey and recognized the regional/provincial impact. On page one of the letter, you will see that one of the requirements was that **"A business analysis of the impact to policing in the region and across BC."** is established. To our knowledge, that has not occurred.

The letter states that this proposed model is ambitious, is based on assumptions and that it would be impossible for the Study Committee to predict every contingency. The report also requires that the impact to land-based First Nations and Indigenous communities living off-reserve are considered. These are contemplations that have not been achieved.

We believe that this process has been rushed and has not taken the many variables that rightfully the Director acknowledges.

Kind regards,

Jack S. Hundial
Councillor

Brenda Locke
Councillor



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Councillor

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February 10, 2020
Ref: 563149

Honourable Mike Farnworth,
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General
Room 128
Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8W 9L5

Dear Honourable Mike Farnworth:

I write pursuant to section 40(1)(e)(iii) of the *Police Act* to provide my recommendation to you on the establishment of a municipal police department governed by a municipal police board under section 23 of the Act.

As you are aware, the Provincial Municipal Policing Transition Study Committee (the Study Committee) was established in August 2019 under section 42(1) of the *Police Act* (the *Act*) to further study and assess various aspects of the City of Surrey's (Surrey) intended policing transition. The Study Committee was chaired by the Honourable Wally-Oppal QC and was comprised of representatives from the Policing and Security Branch (PSB) and Surrey, as well as subject matter experts in local government, finance, municipal policing and the provincial police service. The Study Committee also engaged with senior leadership of RCMP "E" Division.

The Study Committee was divided into various working groups with each group being asked to study and consider the following topics related to the transition of a municipality from policing by the RCMP to a newly established independent municipal police department:

- Pensions and Collective Agreements;
- Recruitment;
- Training;
- Information Management/Information Technology;
- Investigative File Continuity; and
- A business analysis of the impact to policing in the region and across BC.

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Honourable Mike Farnworth
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The Study Committee completed its work on December 23, 2019. The resulting report divided into eleven chapters, six of which correspond with the foregoing topics, was submitted by Chairperson Oppal to me on January 16, 2020 (the Report). Pursuant to section 42(3) of the *Act*, please find enclosed a copy of the Report.

I have had the opportunity to review the Report which summarizes the key issues identified by the Study Committee relating to the transition of policing responsibilities in Surrey from the current model under a Municipal Police Unit Agreement (MPUA) with contracted policing services provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), to a new municipal police department – the Surrey Police Department (SPD).

The Report provides commentary on the steps necessary to ensure that, should a policing transition occur, that transition will be orderly, effective and will proceed with due regard for the importance of maintaining public safety throughout the process. It is important to note that other issues related to the establishment and operation of an independent police department were outside the scope of the Study Committee's work but, in some cases, were noted in the Report to provide context and clarification. As well, given the unprecedented nature of a transition of this magnitude, it was impossible for the Study Committee to identify and predict every possible contingency that might arise during a transition, and key assumptions had to be made. As such, each chapter within the Report includes a section summarizing the key assumptions that the Study Committee made related to that area of study.

The Study Committee has proposed a phased integration transition model, utilizing an integrated command structure as the method by which public safety would be best maintained as Surrey transitions from a municipality policed by the RCMP to one policed by an independent police department. The Integrated Command Structure would be composed of the Chief Constable of the Surrey Police Department and the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Surrey RCMP. The Integrated Command Structure would work under governance provided by the Surrey Police Board while preserving the role and authorities of the RCMP.

The proposed model relies heavily on a collaborative approach between the new Surrey Police Department (SPD) and the RCMP. It is anticipated that both parties will find mutual benefit in this approach in that it will facilitate the transition to the SPD while ensuring continuity in the delivery of policing services to the community.

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To facilitate this model, a multi-lateral Memorandum of Understanding would be required to formalize agreements between the SPD, the RCMP, the Province and the Government of Canada (at a minimum). Agreements with other key stakeholders and partners may also be required to support the proposed Integrated Transition Model.

Further, the transition timelines and assumed risks set out in the Report are based on available information and are subject to change by the Board and the Chief Constable as matters progress. To that end, it is proposed that an Integrated Transition Model would be implemented from 2020 – 2022.

Although the proposed model is ambitious, it can be successfully implemented if the assumptions outlined in the Report can be confirmed. However, managing the operational and implementation risks associated with the establishment of the SPD is the responsibility of the Board and was outside of the scope of the Study. Such risks were identified to assist the Board. Many of the key risks to the proposed approach are external to the transition project itself and relate to decisions and actions that must be taken by other parties and stakeholders.

For the SPD to be successful in recruiting in-service officers, it is important that there is clarity on the nature of pensions and the terms and conditions of employment for sworn members and officers, as outlined in a collective agreement. A Pension Transfer Agreement is in place which addresses many of the concerns that have been raised by prospective applicants to the SPD, including members of the RCMP who may wish to join the new Department. This Pension Transfer Agreement between the Municipal Pension Plan and the RCMP Pension Plan will provide certainty for these RCMP members.

The Study Committee anticipates no major impediments related to pensions for members transferring to the SPD from other municipal departments, as the SPD will be a member of the Municipal Pension Plan Group 5 (to which all municipal police departments belong). In December 2019, the Municipal Pension Plan Board of Trustees approved Group 5 status for the City which will be transferred to the Surrey Police Department once established. The British Columbia Police Association (BCPA) has confirmed its intent to establish a Surrey Police Union (SPU) to represent sworn employees of the Department.

To establish and initiate the recruiting process, a Board with a Chief Constable would put in place a Transition Recruiting Unit comprised of experienced police members with investigative and ideally recruiting backgrounds. These officers would be supported by the Human Resources Department of the City of Surrey.

A comprehensive recruitment outreach communications campaign is planned to generate interest in the SPD and manage applications for sworn positions in the new Department.

While there is still outstanding information to be gathered and confirmed regarding IM/IT, and there are outstanding risks associated with implementation of the necessary infrastructure, services and applications, progress has been made and early indications are that outstanding issues can be resolved. A cross-agency IM/IT team is in place to collaborate on solutions to outstanding questions about IM/IT.

The need to confirm the feasibility and establishment of partnerships with the RCMP, and the Government of Canada (Shared Services Canada) to support this IM/IT work cannot be overstated.

The business impacts created as a result of the change to the policing model in Surrey identifies the Province, the City of Surrey, the SPD, the RCMP and the Federal Government among other key partners who will need to consider and resolve to address the impacts to policing in BC arising as a result of the transition. In particular, the importance for both land-based First Nations and Indigenous communities living off-reserve with regards to their needs for policing services.

In addition, important considerations relating to the need for legal agreements including changes or addenda that may be required to the MPSA, PPSA, MPPA, Memoranda of Understanding and other formal and informal agreements between key organizations, will need to be assessed.

As previously identified, while the establishment of the SPD is ambitious, it is achievable if assumptions and risks contained within the Report can be successfully addressed and managed. I strongly support the proposed Integrated Transition Model as the basis, subject to further refinement and confirmation by the Board and the Chief Constable and through collaboration with other partners.

Once established, the Surrey Police Board and the Surrey Police Department will be subject to oversight by the Director, who has the statutory responsibility to superintend policing throughout BC. This responsibility is relevant throughout any stage of a policing model transition and operations of a municipal police department. The Director will communicate all expectations of the Board for the establishment of a police department, once the Board has been established.

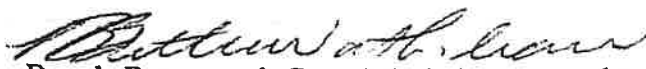
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Honourable Mike Farnworth

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Consequently, in accordance with my function under s. 40(1)(e)(iii) of the *Act*, I am recommending that you grant the approval to the City of Surrey contemplated under section 23 of the *Act*.

Take Care,



Brenda Butterworth-Carr; Tr'injå shår njit dintlät
Assistant Deputy Minister
And Director of Police Services
Policing and Security Branch

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Dear Mayor Jason Clarke and Silverton Village Council,

March 1, 2021.

FEBRUARY 22 is NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY.

My name is Cathy Peters and as a private citizen I have been raising awareness regarding **Human Sex Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Child Sex Trafficking in British Columbia** to BC politicians (Civic, Provincial and Federal), police agencies and to the public for the past 7 years.

You may be aware of my advocacy. I had a booth at UBCM Vancouver Convention in 2019, **“An Anti-Human trafficking Initiative”**.

I was a former inner city “life skills” high school teacher 40 years ago where my focus was to keep students out of gang life and the sex industry.

Due to **globalization, an unregulated internet, limited law enforcement and lack of prevention education**, the sex industry has grown rapidly and is specifically targeting the vulnerable, Indigenous, LGBTQ2, youth at risk, new migrants, runaway youth, youth in care, disabled and any girl under 14 years of age. Some boys are targeted as well. No community is immune.

The media narrative in BC is that “sex work” is legitimate as a choice and a job. However, there is “another side” that is not being reported. I speak for the voiceless; the 95%, who are coerced, tricked, manipulated, forced and lured into the sex industry. It is not a choice or a job.

Please view my new website: www.beamazingcampaign.org. Page 2 has two teaching video workshops; one for parents and one for youth.

I have worked on a Federal (paper) petition with a sponsoring BC MP. If you would like a copy of it please contact me.

ASK: to present to City Council and/or City Hall staff.

I have included useful resource information in this package. For background information refer to the **TIP (Trafficking in Persons) 2020 report** from the USA State Department that gives an assessment of 185 countries in the world. The summary on Canada is important to read. Ontario has been cited as best practices globally; BC is decades behind any province in addressing this crime.

Please contact me if you support my advocacy and forward my name and information to stakeholders in your area. CoVid has exacerbated the problem since the luring is taking place online and youth have more unsupervised screen time.

I look forward to hear from you.

Sincerely, Cathy Peters

BC anti-human trafficking educator, speaker, advocate

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SEX TRAFFICKING is a **BOOMING** industry

DEFINED:

SEX TRAFFICKING occurs when someone uses force, fraud or coercion to cause a commercial sex act with an adult or causes a minor to commit a commercial sex act. A

COMMERCIAL SEX ACT includes prostitution, pornography and sexual performance done in exchange for any item of value, such as money, drugs, shelter, food or clothes.

It thrives because there is serious demand.

Buyer: fuels the market with their money

Trafficker/pimp: exploits victims to earn revenue from buyers

Victim: includes both girls and boys who are bought and sold for profit

Traffickers find victims through: Social network, Home/neighborhood, clubs or bars, internet, school,

And lure them through promises: Protection, Love, Adventure, Home, Opportunity.

TRAFFICKERS USE: FEAR, VIOLENCE, INTIMIDATION, THREATS

to ensure compliance and meet demand.

(now 12-14 years)

The **common age** a child enters sex trafficking is **14-16**; too young and naïve to realize what's happening.

Society may call it **PROSTITUTION**, but Federal Law calls it **SEX TRAFFICKING**.

Because of social stigma or misinformation, victims go:

UNIDENTIFIED (silenced by fear and the control of the trafficker),

MISIDENTIFIED (pigeonholed into treatment for only surface issues).

So

Sex trafficked children are instead treated for:

drug abuse, alcohol abuse, domestic violence, delinquency, teenage pregnancy, STDS, abortion...all masking the true need...FREEDOM.

10 strategies for cities and municipalities to consider:

Key: It is unacceptable for women and children to be bought and sold in a modern equal society.

1. Learn about the issue; Google "thetraffickedhuman.org", read "Invisible Chains" by Benjamin Perrin, "Pornland" by Dr. Gail Dines (world expert on porn research). Have staff take the BC OCTIP (Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons) **free online course**. Encourage police to take HT course on the Police Knowledge Network.
2. Incorporate the United Nations 4 Pillars in a local strategy to stop Human trafficking/sexual exploitation: **Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, Partnerships**.
3. **Prevention:** raise awareness in community. "Education is our greatest weapon". ie. Children of the Street Society does school and community programs. Encourage "Men End exploitation" movements: ie. Moosehide Campaign, Westcoast Boys Club Network. Support porn addiction services for youth; ie "Fightthenewdrug" program recognizing the public health effects to youth of viewing violent sexual material.
4. Use communications to support a cultural mindshift. Ontario has "Saving the girl next door program", the RCMP has the "I'm Not for Sale" campaign. King County (Seattle) has "Buyer Beware" program. **Protection:** help victims, have exit strategies in place for them, consider 24-7 "wrap-around programs" ie. Salvation Army "Deborah's Gate", Covenant House, Servants Anonymous, Union Gospel Mission.
5. **Prosecution:** increase policing budget, training and priorities. Have "john" deterrents in place, **enforce the law; "Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act" which addresses "demand"** ie. perpetrators, johns, buyers of commercially paid sex.
6. **Train community stakeholders: Health care workers, fire department, municipal business licensing managers** to recognize human trafficking/sexual exploitation ie. Fraser Health Authority has a human trafficking protocol, Surrey Fire department is trained to recognize HT indicators. Train judges/criminal justice system.
7. **Partnerships: Collaboration:** with other cities and municipalities at local government associations, Police agencies and RCMP, 3 levels of government (civic, provincial, federal); UBCM, FCM with Resolutions.
8. No decriminalization of prostitution because the vulnerable (aboriginal girls/women, youth, children) in our communities will be targets to be lured, groomed and exploited for the sex trade. In the global sex trade today, which we are a part of, there is no demarcation between prostitution and trafficking. **Goal: safe, healthy, working, vibrant communities.**

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CHAPTER 25

An Act to amend the Criminal Code in response to the Supreme Court of Canada decision in Attorney General of Canada v. Bedford and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

[Assented to 6th November, 2014]

Preamble

Whereas the Parliament of Canada has grave concerns about the exploitation that is inherent in prostitution and the risks of violence posed to those who engage in it;

Whereas the Parliament of Canada recognizes the social harm caused by the objectification of the human body and the commodification of sexual activity;

Whereas it is important to protect human dignity and the equality of all Canadians by discouraging prostitution, which has a disproportionate impact on women and children;

Whereas it is important to denounce and prohibit the purchase of sexual services because it creates a demand for prostitution;

Whereas it is important to continue to denounce and prohibit the procurement of persons for the purpose of prostitution and the development of economic interests in the exploitation of the prostitution of others as well as the commercialization and institutionalization of prostitution;

Whereas the Parliament of Canada wishes to encourage those who engage in prostitution to report incidents of violence and to leave prostitution;

And whereas the Parliament of Canada is committed to protecting communities from the harms associated with prostitution;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This Act may be cited as the *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act*.

Short title

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CHAPITRE 25

Loi modifiant le Code criminel pour donner suite à la décision de la Cour suprême du Canada dans l'affaire Procureur général du Canada c. Bedford et apportant des modifications à d'autres lois en conséquence

[Sanctionnée le 6 novembre 2014]

Préambule

Attendu :

que le Parlement du Canada a de graves préoccupations concernant l'exploitation inhérente à la prostitution et les risques de violence auxquels s'exposent les personnes qui se livrent à cette pratique;

que le Parlement du Canada reconnaît les dommages sociaux causés par la chosification du corps humain et la marchandisation des activités sexuelles;

qu'il importe de protéger la dignité humaine et l'égalité de tous les Canadiens et Canadiennes en décourageant cette pratique qui a des conséquences négatives en particulier chez les femmes et les enfants;

qu'il importe de dénoncer et d'interdire l'achat de services sexuels parce qu'il contribue à créer une demande de prostitution;

qu'il importe de continuer à dénoncer et à interdire le proxénétisme et le développement d'intérêts économiques à partir de l'exploitation d'autrui par la prostitution, de même que la commercialisation et l'institutionnalisation de la prostitution;

que le Parlement du Canada souhaite encourager les personnes qui se livrent à la prostitution à signaler les cas de violence et à abandonner cette pratique;

que le Parlement du Canada souscrit pleinement à la protection des collectivités contre les méfaits liés à cette pratique,

Sa Majesté, sur l'avis et avec le consentement du Sénat et de la Chambre des communes du Canada, édicte :

TITRE ABRÉGÉ

Forensic Nursing Service @ Fraser Health

Fraser Health Authority has designed a **Human Trafficking Screening Protocol**, with the following sample questions:

What type of work do you do?

Can you leave your job or situation if you want?

Can you come and go as you please?

Have you been threatened if you try to leave?

Have you been physically harmed in any way?

What are your working or living conditions like?

Where do you sleep and eat?

Do you sleep in a bed, cot or on the floor?

Have you been deprived of food, water, sleep or medical care?

Do you have permission to eat, sleep or go to the bathroom?

Are there locks on your doors and windows so you cannot get out?

Has anyone threatened your family?

Has your identification for documentation been taken from you?

Is anyone forcing you to do anything that you do not want to do?

Evaluation of safety: Are you feeling safe right now? Is it safe for me to talk to you? Do you have any concerns for your safety? Is there anything I can do for you?

Child Sex Trafficking in BC

Buying and selling children for sex is one of the fastest growing crimes in Canada, and it is happening in communities across BC.

Globalization, unregulated technology, lack of law enforcement and inadequate prevention education is allowing this crime to grow globally.

Human sex trafficking (HT) involves the recruitment, transportation or harbouring of people for the purpose of exploitation through the use of force, coercion, fraud, deception or threats against the victim or person known to them. It is known as modern day slavery. According to the US State department's annual global report on trafficking in persons (TIP), Canada is a source, transit and destination for sex trafficking. (<https://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/>)

Child sex trafficking is a lucrative crime. It has low costs and huge profits; a trafficker can make \$280,000 per victim, per year. The average age of entry into prostitution in Canada is 12-14 years of age, although traffickers are known to target younger children. Traffickers seek young victims both to service the demand for sex with those who look young, and because these victims are easier to manipulate and control.

The biggest problem in Canada is that people do not know there is a problem; therefore, child sex trafficking is expanding in the dark. Every child can be a target and a potential victim, but learning about this issue is the first step.

Five things that parents can do to help prevent their children from being lured into sex trafficking:

1. Set a high standard of love within your home

The way you define and express love shapes your children's self-image, confidence and opinions of future relationships. Treat them the way you want their future partners to treat them. Help them to distinguish between real love and empty promises or cheap gifts.

2. Talk to your children about sexual abuse

According to the US Department of Justice, someone in the US is sexually assaulted every two minutes, of which 29% are between the ages of 12-17. Let your children know that if anyone has or ever does hurt them, they can talk to you. This is the most important thing you can say. Don't assume they have not been hurt by sexual violence before. Leave the door open for your child to talk about past circumstances that they haven't shared with you.

3. Talk to your children about sex trafficking

Discuss ways children and teens are targeted for sex trafficking. Let them know that traffickers specifically try to woo young girls and boys with promises of a better life – whether it's promises of love and attention, or promises of nice things and trips. Traffickers can be male or female, even classmates. Traffickers may even use kids to recruit other kids.

4. Talk to your children about the dangers of social media

It is important to provide practical safety tips, such as: don't share personal information on the internet; don't accept Facebook requests from unknown people; NEVER share naked photos of yourself with anyone; and tell a parent or a trusted adult if you feel threatened or uncomfortable online. Children also need help defining friendships. Teach them that a friend is not someone you met yesterday and that a "friend" on Facebook is not the same thing as a friendship.

5. Pay attention to your children

February 5, 2021

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**Re: 2021 CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports – CONFIDENTIAL
Approval Agreement & Terms of Conditions of Funding**

Dear Ms. Elliott,

Thank you for submitting an application under the Community Resiliency Investment program for 2021 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports funding.

I am pleased to inform you **in confidence** that the Evaluation Committee and the BC FireSmart Committee recommended your project, *Regional: Slocan Valley Wildfire Resiliency Project*, for funding. A grant in the amount of \$139,982.00 has now been approved.

As outlined in the Program & Application Guide, grant payments will be issued when the approved project is complete and UBCM has received and approved the required final report and financial summary.

The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development has provided funding for this program and the general Terms & Conditions are attached. In addition, and in order to satisfy the terms of the contribution agreement, the following requirements must be met in order to be eligible for grant payment:

- (1) This approval agreement is required to be signed by the CAO or designate and returned to UBCM within 30 days;
- (2) To provide the Province of BC with the opportunity to make announcements of funding approvals under this program, please keep information regarding this funding approval in confidence until February 26, 2021;
- (3) A post-grant approval meeting with the local BCWS Wildfire Prevention Officer or FNESS Fuel Management Liaison/Specialist must be completed prior to commencing work. Please contact Mike Morrow at the Southeast Fire Centre to schedule this meeting.
- (4) The funding is to be used solely for the purpose of the above named project and for the expenses itemized in your approved application;

The Community Resiliency Investment program is funded by the Province of BC

11 February**FCM – BC Caucus**

- Discussion prior to March Board Week on topics: Western Economic Solutions Task Force; Rural Forum; FCM Governance

16 February**RDCK – Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee**

- I was elected to Chair this Committee for 2021
- We approved to recommend to the Board funding for Kootenay Lakes Partnership, Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society and West Kootenay Food Policy Council

17 February**RDCK – Rural Affairs and Joint Resource Recovery Committees**

- RAC – land use and Agricultural Land Reserve applications
- JRRC – approved budgets for Organics Diversion (Composting) programs (including \$5,000+ funding for our Community Composting Program)

18 February**RDCK Board****23 February****Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Mayors and Chairs monthly phone conversation**

- Vaccination schedule rollout
- Mental Health – both community and elected officials and staff are all showing wear and tear as the pandemic and Public Health regulations continue

24 February**FCM – update on Investing in Canada Infrastructure Programs**

- Covid19 Resiliency Infrastructure
- Transit, including a Permanent Transit Fund being developed
- Program Website and Open Data Portal (you can now track processing of your applications)

VoS – Budget/Campground**25 February****FCM Executive Committee****VoS – Fire Service, Cemetery, TV Society Budget review with New Denver and Area H North****26 February****RDCK – Budget****FCM - Governance Working Group**

2 March

VoS/RDCK – Public Budget Presentation

3 March

FCM – Election Readiness Working Group

4 March

RDCK – Cannabis Economic Development Working Group

- This is an external, regional group exploring policy suggestions to both Provincial and Federal governments to foster a craft cannabis sector (as opposed to the mega-producers model currently employed). RDCK Chair Aimee Watson and I (as Alternate) attend these meetings on behalf of the RD.

9-12 March

FCM Board Week

- Originally scheduled to be convened in Prince George, BC; all FCM meetings are currently being held online. This is a very busy week for me, with 11 Committee and Working Group meetings schedule, as well as Village meetings. I remain chained to my computer.

Administrative Report: Hillary Elliott, CAO

Village of Silverton Council

Regular Meeting – March 10, 2021

This administrative report covers the period February 6, 2021 to March 5, 2021 as to the activities, functions, and meetings I have attended in my capacity as Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Silverton.

This month the CAO continued to be very busy with calls and research with other agencies regarding COVID 19; most pertinently regarding the extension of the previous orders and its impacts on the Village operations/revenues, user groups, facilities, and By Election.

COVID 19 has been very disruptive to the Village and continues to be as we prepare for a By Election and the 2021 budget process. Staff are working to complete a COVID 19 plan in accordance to WorkSafe BC requirements for a By Election.

Financial Operations/Capital Projects:

Staff will continue to move forward with the Water Main Replacement project to go under the creek, as per Council resolution at the Special Council meeting on November 27, 2020 and have ordered the new equipment for prevention of the water freezing in the reservoir and this will also improve water quality. Staff still need to order the solar panels and have started work on the electrical requirements for this equipment, and the project continues to progress.

Staff have been busy getting quotes, contacting professionals, working with the CFO for both 2020 year-end and 2021 budgets.

Functions:

COVID 19 continues to impact the use of the Village facilities and all operations and functions of the Village. Staff have continued to prepare for a By Election. Staff are beginning to prepare to mail out the garbage and water Utility bills this month.

Projects:**Propeller Update**

The propellor will remain in Silverton. Staff continue to work with the family on developing plans to display the propellor in a timely manner– this may not be completed until the spring due to concrete curing and weather.

Bylaw Officer Update

There have been more preliminary discussions with the 3 Villages' staff regarding a Bylaw Officer and Silverton staff will continue to work on this file as per Council resolution September 2020 –this item should have more information in the coming months.

RDI Climate Adaptation Project

Staff are continuing with monthly Zoom meetings with partners for peer learning and sharing to create sustainability of the initiatives connected with this project. We continue to work on this project and are developing the plan for the remainder of the project, and supports that could continue beyond the timeline and scope of the project (networking and resources). A couple of the main topics still are Natural Asset Management and Emergency Management.

CAO Elliott accepted an invitation to present at the Rural Development Institute (in conjunction with ICABCCI) online event "*Bridging Silos*" *Advancing Climate Adaptation and Low Carbon Resilience in Small Communities and Rural Regions*. "It would be great to showcase some of Silverton's work... it would be fantastic to have you present — you'd be our key Kootenay's panelist, so we'd relish your perspective!"

This online event was March 4-5, 2021. CAO Elliott was part of three sessions and created powerpoints for two of those sessions.

Asset Management Phase 3 and Climate Adaptation Initiatives:

We were successful with our 2021 grant application and more partner communities have also received the good news. We continue to work with LandInfo Technologies for long-term solutions and staff will catch up on all the great work done this month regarding Phase 3 for capacity building, as well as, update our data.

Fire Resiliency 2020 for Silverton, Slocan, and New Denver in Partnership with SIFCo

The team continues to work on ramping up community engagement and services regarding this project. More news and information will be coming up in the second quarter. Staff are approving work plans this month for the spring and summer

Sidewalk Upgrade/Footbridge Upgrades

Staff are continuing to address the challenges to prepping and repairing the sidewalks to be resurfaced on the west side of the highway for 2021 as weather permits. More regarding the Footbridge and specifically the temporary railing staff installed, will be part of the 2021 Budget discussions.

Public Works:

Have continued to meet and worked with several of our project partners to complete the Council initiatives for Fire Resiliency, ICABCCI, RDI Climate Adaptation, Asset Management, and contractors for completion of 2020 capital projects to compile all the different information and to meet with stakeholders. This also is on-going for the CAO and public works staff for 2020.

Staff have been busy with work on:

- Preparing for spring
- Plowing/sanding/street maintenance
- Equipment repairs
- Creating 2021 work plan and gathering information needed for 2021 budget
- Starting preparations for the west side of the highway sidewalk for re-surfacing in 2021
- Compiling quotes and data for grant applications and capital projects in 2021
- Water capital projects; both the water main under the creek and the insulation of reservoir

Staff continue to be very busy regarding COVID 19, how it affects the present Village operations and future measures to put in place to mitigate risks to operations for the “new normal”. **This is on-going and continuing to change.**

Meetings:

Many meetings this month! Too many to list here.

Had correspondence with several community members/groups regarding concerns, requests, or questions and following up from correspondence to Mayor and Council.

Met with staff regularly.

CAO Training/Courses:

CAO is currently taking two online courses through Capilano University to try and take advantage of cost savings due to the courses being offered online that do not require travel and accommodation expenses. These courses will be completed on the day of this meeting.

Hillary Elliott, CAO