

Council Briefs February 2019

Eastlink upgrades in Golden

Ms. Krystina Colicchio, Eastlink Sales and Marketing Manager presented the company's background and updated Council on the upgrades Eastlink has and is performing in Golden. The upgrades are the result of \$100 million dollar investment by Eastlink, and will include faster internet speeds with unlimited data, high definition TV, video on demand, the ability to stream TV to other devices, and a popular TV package with the ability to choose channels customers want.

Development Variance Permit OSO

Council received no public feedback regarding an application for a Development Variance Permit for the OSO Development at 612 7th St N, a proposed commercial development with residential rental dwelling units and condo/hotel units. Council approved the variances for 2 m of additional height, smaller decks, waiving the parking lot island requirement, and a reduction from 77 parking stalls to 71 parking stalls, subject to the developer entering into a covenant to provide two public car-share vehicles.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw - Distillery and Liquor Store

Council received no public feedback regarding Town of Golden Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.1412, 2019 – Distillery and Liquor Store and gave the bylaw second and third readings.

Application for EOF Support by Snowmobile Club

Council resolved to support the submitted application by the Golden Snowmobile Club for \$30,000 in funding from the Economic Opportunity Fund (EOF).

Chlorine Tank Auto Shut-offs

Council authorized staff, under the 2019

proposed budget, to award the supply of this equipment to ClearTech Industries Inc.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer 2018 Annual Report

The Town Bylaw Officer provided the 2018 enforcement report to Council. Among the highlights was the increase in animal control enforcement, resulting in 191 dog licenses being issued throughout the year.

Bear's Paw Heights Duplex Rezoning

Taking into consideration feedback from the well-attended public hearing, on February 19th, Council passed "second reading as amended" to the Bylaw and directed staff to proceed to a second public hearing to be held on March 19th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The amendment was to remove the four proposed Flexible Residential - R1D lots on Juniper Street, but to move forward with consideration of the four proposed R1-D lots on the corners of Cedar/Willow Streets and Juniper/Willow Streets. Note in addition to the R1-D zone, there are changes proposed to lot area, frontage and setbacks for duplexes that are applicable to the R1-D zone as well as the Twin Residential - R2, Twin Residential Sensitive - R2A, and Multi-Flex Residential - R3 zones.

Trail Alliance Request Multi-Year EOF Support

Council resolved to approve funding of \$35,000 annually from the Golden and Area A Economic Opportunity Fund for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 to facilitate the establishment and continuity of a Trail Alliance organization.

Town of Golden 2019-2023 Five-Year Financial Plan


Council gave second reading to the Town of Golden 2019-2023 Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1407, 2018.


Did You Know?

If you have not yet received your utility bill, please contact the Town of Golden as soon as possible to obtain a copy. Remember to update your MAILING ADDRESS with BC Assessment to ensure any future utility bills arrive on time. It is your responsibility to ensure that payment deadlines are met in order to keep your account in good standing. Due date for payment is March 29, 2019. You can contact us at 250-344-2271 or by emailing utilities@golden.ca.

Upcoming Council Meetings

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

 ROCM (Regular Open Council Meeting)

 CSRD Board Meeting (Columbia Shuswap Reg. Dist.)

1st meeting of the month at 7:00 p.m.
2nd meeting of the month at 1:15 p.m.
(Unless otherwise resolved)

Project Updates and Newsworthy Items

2019-2023 Five Year Financial Plan and 2019 Budget

This year, Council is proposing a one-time 6.75% increase to the budget for 2019. The budget increase will allow us to maintain existing levels of services rather than cutting them while keeping up with the increasing costs of energy, labour, materials and general inflation (Consumer Price Index). We can also tackle a few operational and safety related projects that have lingered for many years. After a month-long public consultation period, we are now putting the finishing touches on the Financial Plan Bylaw, which will go before Council for third reading and adoption this month. The next steps will see Council set the tax rates for the upcoming year with the goal of approving a bylaw in late April.

Resort Municipality Initiative

A program started by the Province of British Columbia, the Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) helps resort communities develop greener, healthier, more sustainable resort municipalities that attract more visitors to British Columbia's resort communities, and entice them to stay longer. RMI is funded entirely by the Province, and not subject to taxation of local residents.

The Town and its RMI advisory committee are now preparing the latest 3-year development plan and are seeking some input from residents in terms of their opinions about tourism in our community, the RMI program, and the way forward as

the program continues.

A short survey has been created and community members are encouraged to provide feedback. The survey can be found by visiting the What's New section of the Town's website, www.golden.ca, or by visiting the Town's Facebook page.

Kicking Horse River Dike Improvement Project

Collaborative planning to underground of all the shallow utilities is nearly complete. Burying and locating electrical, cable, fibre, propane and DSL lines in a narrow alley including determining ground anchored transformers, ensuring vehicle passage, drainage, and allowing for an eventual concrete dike wall is a complex process! 2019 will see the utilities buried and the wall will go up in 2020.

CIP Funding process

The annual process is well underway with the public forum being held the evenings of February 26th and 27th in the Civic Centre. This year sees a return to more funding asks (over \$1m) than funds available (under \$500k). The difficult task of adjudicating and awarding the available funds falls to our local volunteer committee which will do so prior to the end of March.

Next public hearing for Bear's Paw

The second public hearing associated with a now amended proposed duplex zoning for Bears Paw Heights and community-wide duplex setback adjustments will be held at 7pm on March 19th.



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