



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

Minutes of a **Regular Meeting** of Council held on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Huck Galbraith
Councillor Tundra Baird
Councillor Roxanne Davyduke
Councillor David Ramey
Councillor Brian Schreiner
Councillor Shawn Shishido
Councillor Sarah Yerhoff

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer – Tate Bengtson
Chief Financial Officer – Jennifer Bellamy
Planner – Kurt Inglis
Clerk-Secretary – Andraya Holmes

Other: Press and Public

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwepemc.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 9.4 – *Safety Concerns Baird Hill (Intersection of Hwy 97 and Hwy 97B)* was added to the agenda as a late item.

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Ramey
“*THAT the December 2, 2024 Council Meeting agenda be approved as amended.*”

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2024

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff
“*THAT the November 18, 2024 Council Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.*”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Leigha Horsfield, Executive Director, and Erin Jones, Business Advisor, Community Futures

Ms. Horsfield gave an overview of the mission and functions of Community Futures both in Enderby and the North Okanagan as a whole. A few programs offered by Community Futures include:

- Self-Employment Program
- Youth Entrepreneurship
- Enterprise Challenge
- Community Loan Fund
- Business Coaching, Training and Succession
- Disaster Recovery & Economic Assistance
- Employee Attraction and Retention
- The VIEW
- Rail Trail Readiness Project
- Rural & Northern Immigration Pilot

There was a focus on projects with a goal of attracting and retaining doctors and connecting North Okanagan residents with medical care.

Community Futures built houses in Vernon that have the capacity to house 8 medical residents and are using a retention plan that was developed by business students at Okanagan College to try to keep those doctors in the community long-term.

They have also worked on an application to the Ministry of Health for a Community Health Centre with a goal of attaching patients to healthcare. The Health Centre will focus on seniors, young mothers and babies, and rural community members.

Councillor Davyduke asked if the Youth Entrepreneur program is part of the high school curriculum.

Ms. Horsfield responded that it is not at this time, and that Community Futures must be invited into schools to provide this program.

Councillor Shishido asked if there is a way to know if providing housing to doctors will work to retain them in a small community like Enderby.

Ms. Horsfield responded that the project in Vernon is still in its infancy and there is no way to know yet if it will be effective long-term.

Ms. Jones gave an overview of the work she has been doing in Enderby. Reported that most of her work is with new start-ups in the community. Noted that the Business Walk helped to connect her with some established businesses in the City. Needs that came up for a number of business in town included attraction and retention of staff and marketing.

Reporting that Community Futures is planning to put on a staff attraction and retention workshop for businesses in Enderby in the new year.

DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND RELATED BYLAWS

Amendment to Zoning Bylaw to Regulate Permitted Non-Farm Uses in the Agricultural Land Reserve

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Schreiner
“THAT Council directs Staff to prepare an amendment to the City of Enderby Zoning Bylaw No. 1550, 2014 in order to prohibit particular ‘permitted non-farm uses’ for properties in the Agricultural Land Reserve, in accordance with Division 2 of Part 3 of the Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation.”

CARRIED

BYLAWS

Residential Garbage Collection Stickers

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff
“THAT Council provides three readings to the bylaw cited as “The City of Enderby Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1479, 2010 Amendment Bylaw No. 1805, 2024”.”

CARRIED

REPORTS

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Baird

Reported that planning for Enderby’s Traditional Christmas event is going well.

Councillor Ramey

Attended a Library Board meeting.

Attended an Enderby & District Arts Council meeting and noted that there are concerns about the ability of the Arts Council to fund and organize music at the farmers market and Music by the River events for next year.

Attended an event at the Cardiff Miller Art Warehouse where the New York Museum of Modern Art was filming for a documentary. Reported that there was a great turn-out from the community.

Councillor Davyduke asked where funding for music events comes from in other communities.

The Chief Administrative Officer will reach out to some surrounding communities to get more information.

Councillor Ramey reported that a student president and vice-president have been elected at A.L. Fortune and that there is some interest from these students to understand the work that Council does. He has invited them to attend a Council Meeting.

Councillor Schreiner

Attended the Museum of Modern Art filming event at the Cardiff Miller Art Warehouse.

Attended the Business After Dark event at Askew’s and reported that it was a great event and that he had good conversations with members of the Chamber.

Attended the final service at the United Church.

Councillor Yerhoff

Attended the Museum of Modern Art filming event at the Cardiff Miller Art Warehouse.

Reported that there is a Business After 5 event this Thursday at Enderby Jewellers.

Councillor Davyduke

Attended an Interagency meeting and reported that there was a good turnout.

Reported that there will be another service provider fair in Enderby and that it is scheduled for September 2025.

Reported that the Medi-Rides program delivered by the Enderby & District Community Resource Centre has been going well.

Reported that the Winter Recreation Guide from Enderby Recreation is out now and that there are six free skating sessions per week.

Councillor Baird asked if the Enderby & District Community Resource Centre has a new location.

Councillor Davyduke responded that it is the Resource Centre's hope to remain in their current location until the property is sold.

Councillor Shishido

Spoke with Sheryl Hay and the ball user groups regarding the cement slab at Riverside Park and their need for more storage.

Met with Ben Eby regarding his plans for a basketball program and the interest he is seeing in the program across jurisdictions.

Mayor Galbraith

Attended the Turkey Day event at A.L. Fortune and talked with teachers and students about their student governance program.

Reported that he would like to deliver Christmas Cards to businesses again this year.

Chief Administrative Officer

Negotiations are being finalized with the preferred proponent for the Reservoir 1 rebuild. Because the project will continue through peak demand season regardless of start date, it is anticipated that the start date will be moved out of the coldest part of the year because of cost savings. A memo will be brought to Council at an upcoming meeting detailing risk management for operating on the bypass through peak demand season.

The cemetery's cremation garden fence extension was completed a few weeks ago and base gravel has been installed. Fabric and landscape rock will soon follow. Thanked Public Works for their efforts on this project.

The pool construction manager has issued tenders for various trades and supplies. They are now managing requests for information between the consultants and the construction manager to help clarify products and methods to ensure accurate bids. The district heating line pipe has arrived, and the various appurtenances are now getting assembled, so this aspect of the pool project can move forward. There will be some tree removal around the western edge of Barnes Park soon in preparation for the district heating line trench. Staff will be applying for a Tree Canada grant and, once the district heating line is realigned, there are plans to replant in the same general vicinity with site-appropriate trees.

Thanked four of the Enderby Fire Department members, Chief Bastiaansen and three firefighters, Nathan Bastiaansen, Ricky Burke, and Ben Melin, for volunteering their time to help install Christmas lights on the tree in front of Parkview Place. The residents are both thrilled by the lights and the fact that they came into the dining room after to wish the residents and staff a merry Christmas. Thanked Councillor Baird for equipment support and Judy, a volunteer at Parkview Place, who helped kick off the vision.

Public Works is putting up the Christmas tree downtown today. There will also be a smaller one on the southwest corner of City Hall, facing the highway. They also helped get things set up in the breezeway. Thanked Public Works for their work to bring Christmas cheer to the downtown core.

The arena is seeing what is likely its busiest season on record. Mechanically, everything is functioning well. Staff is working on some revisions to the Recreation Facility Maintenance Worker job description, including expanding it from one to three tiers, to aid with future recruitment, staff development, and succession planning.

NEW BUSINESS

Findings and Opinions of Public Art Select Committee

Councillor Baird and Councillor Ramey gave an overview of the process of the Public Art Select Committee in reviewing public art, and the recommendations they are bringing forward to Council.

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
“THAT Council receives the Findings and Opinions of Public Art Select Committee memorandum dated November 21, 2024;

AND THAT Council directs staff to create an implementation plan for all recommendations as outlined in Schedule ‘A’ of the Findings and Opinions of Public Art Select Committee memorandum dated November 21, 2024 to be further discussed at Strategic Planning in January.”

CARRIED

Appointments to the Okanagan Regional Library Board for 2025

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Shishido

“THAT Council appoints Councillor David Ramey as Library Trustee and Mayor Huck Galbraith as Alternate Trustee to serve on the Okanagan Regional Library Board in 2025.”

CARRIED

City of Enderby Economic Development Initiatives

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Baird
“THAT Council receives the City of Enderby Economic Development Initiatives memorandum dated November 27, 2024.”

CARRIED

Safety Concerns Baird Hill (Intersection of Hwy 97 and Hwy 97B)

Council discussed changes that have been made to the Hwy 97A/B junction in preparation for the Bruhn Bridge replacement project and the safety concerns associated with these changes.

Councillor Schriener explained that Area F Director Hopkins has requested the City of Enderby also send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit in support of her correspondence dated November 29, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Shishido
“THAT Staff sends a letter to the Ministry of Transportation expressing concerns with the changes to the Highway 97A/B junction and invites the Bruhn Bridge Project Team to the next Council meeting to discuss concerns.”

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Jackie Pearase asked for clarification on where the letter regarding safety concerns at the Highway 97A/B junction is being sent.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that the letter will be sent to the Bruhn Bridge Project Team with a copy to the District Manager of the Okanagan Shuswap District for the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Ramey
“THAT pursuant to Section 92 of the Community Charter, the regular meeting convene In-Camera to deal with matters deemed closed to the public in accordance with Section 90 (1) (c) and (k) of the Community Charter.”

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Davyduke, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff
“THAT the regular meeting of December 2, 2024 adjourn at 6:30 p.m.”

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER