



Council Connection

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REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

A copy of the agenda package is available on the City website at:

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1. AGREEMENTS, LICENCES PERMITS & POLICIES

1.1 Development Variance Permit Application No. 368 for 1091-9th Avenue. Council approved Development Variance Permit Application No. DVPA-368 and gave notice of their intention to consider the issuance of DVPA-368 to legalize the siting of the existing single detached dwelling and to vary the minimum front yard setback and maximum steps projection into the required front yard for a safe front entrance addition. [RTC](#)

2. BYLAWS

2.1 Whitetail Drive Highway Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 2274, 2015 Whitetail Drive Council gave first three readings and gave notice of their intention to consider the adoption of Whitetail Drive Highway Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 2274, 2015. [RTC](#)

2.2 2014 - 2018 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2279 Council amended Bylaw No. 2279 to include a \$70,000 expenditure to be funded from the DCC Street Reserve to accommodate the City's share of the 13th St. Rail Crossing St. Arm Project and gave first three readings to the bylaw as amended. [RTC](#) | [2279 - 2015-2019 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw](#)

2.3 2015 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2280, 2015 Council gave first three readings to the bylaw. The Community Charter, dictates that a council must, by bylaw, impose property value taxes for the year by establishing tax rates. The recent budget process undertaken over the past several months was the means for determining the revenue requirements and resources allocations that ultimately determined the municipal tax rates being proposed [RTC](#) | [2280 - 2015 Tax Rates Bylaw](#)

3. OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3.1 Asset Management Funding Program 2015 Council supported the application to the UBCM 2015 Asset Management Funding Program as well as the Federal Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund - Capacity Building Stream to complete work on developing an Asset Management Plan and implementation tools. [RTC](#)

3.2 General Engineering Services Award Council awarded the 3 year contract for General Engineering Services to ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. This exclusive contract is for Municipal Engineering and Consulting Services for administration, planning and implementation of the Annual Capital Works Program and general engineering/consulting services. [RTC](#)

3.3 Ridgemont Park Playground Equipment Proposal - Contract Award Council awarded the design, supply and installation of playground equipment for Ridgemont Park to Mow and Snow Land Care (2008) Ltd. for the contract price of \$83,959.31 inclusive of all tax. [RTC](#) | [Playground photos](#)



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3.4 2015 Discretionary Grant Recommendations *Council approved the discretionary grant recommendations proposed by the Discretionary Grants Committee for the 2015 budget year and gave direction to staff to proceed with processing payment of the grant amounts in April of 2015.* [RTC](#) | [2015 Spreadsheet Summary](#) | [2015 Discretionary Grant Summary](#) | [Grant Program Guidelines](#).

3.5 FERNIE 3 (Annual Mountain Bike Events) *Staff was directed to bring back a report to the next Regular Meeting detailing the value of the request and that Council be given every opportunity to be appraised of every cost in order to make an informed decision.* [2015-04-08 Letter from Fernie 3 Council Request 2015](#) | [Fernie 3 Council Request 2015](#) | [Fernie 3 Forecasting Budget Sheet 1](#) | [Fernie 3 RMI request items](#) | [Fernie 3-2014 Final Report](#)

3.6 13th Street Rail Crossing Arms Project *Council allocated up to \$70,000 from the DCC Streets Reserve to fund the city's share of the construction of the 13th Street Rail Crossing Arms Project; and directed staff to sign the "Letter Waiving Notice Period" form waiving the mandatory 60 notice period for construction of this project.* [RTC](#)

4. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND OTHER NEWS

4.1 Upcoming Council Meetings as follows:

- **Monday, May 11, 2015** Committee of the Whole (COTW) @ 10:00am & Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm.

Council meetings are streamed live and can be viewed on-demand on the City's website or watched on Shaw TV Channel 10 at 3:30pm on Tuesdays and 11:00am on Thursdays.

- **Informal Public Hearing for Development Variance Permit No. 368** for 1091 9th Avenue on May 11th, 2015 @ 7:00pm [Public Notice](#) | [Staff Report](#) | [Zoning Bylaw No. 1750](#)

4.2 Water Quality Notices Just a reminder that due to snowmelt or heavy rains Turbidity levels in our water may fluctuate throughout the spring season. Anyone wishing to receive Water Quality Notices by email or fax should contact City Hall at 250.423.6817 or email: cityhall@fernie.ca

Restaurants and food service industry businesses are reminded they **must post** all Water Quality Notices and advise their customers when notices are issued. Please visit the [Turbidity Page](#) for more information on Water Quality Notices and your responsibilities.