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REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 24 , 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

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

<https://fernieweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=39922>

1. AGREEMENTS, LICENCES PERMITS & POLICIES

1.1 Development Variance Permit No. DVPA-374 for the property at 191-1st Avenue. Council authorized the issuance of Development Variance Permit No. DVP-37 in order to facilitate the construction of an accessory building, the landowners have submitted an application to vary the minimum side yard setback and to waive the provision for visibility at an intersection [Report to Council](#)

2. BYLAWS

2.1 Bylaw No. 2281, cited as Zoning Bylaw No. 1750, Amendment Bylaw No. 177, 2015 Council authorized that that Bylaw No. 2281, cited as Zoning Bylaw No. 1750, Amendment Bylaw No. 177, 2015 be read a third time and referred to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for approval. This bylaw would allow the rezoning of the property at 761-8th Avenue from R1-Single Family Residential to R1B- Single Detached Plus Residential and would enable the landowner to renovate an existing accessory building to include a secondary dwelling [Report to Council](#)

2.2 Bylaw No. 2282 cited as Zoning Bylaw No. 1750 Amendment Bylaw No. 178, Bylaw No. 2282, 2015 Council approved the application submitted by Reto Barrington to text amend Zoning Bylaw No. 1750 related to a campground use in the P-2 - Parks and Open Space zone and gave it first and second reading and authorized it to go to public hearing. [Report to Council](#)

3. OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3.1 The Fernie Museum - Fall Exhibit - an Immigrant Story - The Rise and Fall of Emilio Picariello Council authorized a Road closure on 5th Street from 2nd Avenue to the alleyway on Sept 18 at 8:00am – Sept 21 at 9:00am; use of the small stage (Max Turyk) for the event as well the stage to be set up and taken down by city crews; Permission for Court House Tours & use of the hall in the Courthouse to host a wine and cheese reception; and finally use of the front parking lot at City hall to display vintage cars. [Stage Request](#) | [Court house use request](#)

3.2 A Gathering of Words Council authorized a grant in the amount of \$1450 from the discretionary grants fund to cover the cost of the scholarships for *Fernie A Gathering of Words Event* and further, approved a grant in the amount of \$4,000 from the RMI Tourism Incentives Investment Fund to assist with the costs associated with the *Fernie a Gathering of Words Event* and that 50% of the grant amount be held back until the City has received a report from the recipient detailing how the funds were spent and how this investment of RMI funds positively impacted the local



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tourism economy. [2015-08-08 Letter](#) | [Background Information](#) | [Budget Information](#)

3.3 The Fernie Mountain Bike Club Council conditionally supports the event and requests the organizers to submit proper budget numbers and further, that the City provide bleachers to the event on the understanding that the organizers be responsible for the pickup and return of said bleachers. Further to this Council approved a grant in the amount of \$3,350 from the RMI Tourism Incentives Investment Fund to the Fernie Mountain Bike Club to assist with costs associated with the 2015 Wam Bam Dirt Jump Jam and that 50% of the grant amount be held back until the City has received a report from the Club detailing how the funds were spent and how this investment of RMI funds positively impacted the local tourism economy [Request for Support from City for Wam Bam - 2015](#) | [Wambam](#) | [2015 budget](#)

3.4 Avalanche Canada re: request for RMI funding Council approved a grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the RMI Tourism Incentives Investment Fund to Avalanche Canada to assist with the purchase of a snowmobile trailer and that 50% of the grant amount be held back until the City has received a report from the recipient detailing how this investment of RMI funds positively impacted the local tourism economy [Fernie RMI Grant Application June 2015](#)

3.5 The Community Voters Challenge a citizens' initiative intended to increase voter turnout on October 19th, 2015. *Councillor Levesque will be bringing back a report to Council at the September 14 Regular meeting outlining a strategy to compete in the Community Voters Challenge.* [Voter Contest 2015](#)

3.6 Social Media Policy Council approved the City of Fernie Social Media Use Policy and Guidelines in the form attached to this Staff Report dated August 24, 2015. [Report to Council](#) | [Social Media Policy](#)

3.7 Jemi Fibre vehicles utilizing City of Fernie Streets Council will be in contact with representatives from Jemi Fibre to inquire as to the length of time the company is planning to run their logging trucks within the City of Fernie and remind the company that the school year is fast approaching and the need to adhere to the speed zones within the city.

3.8 Acute Staff shortages in the Elk Valley Council authorized members of Council to participate in a Chamber of Commerce initiative to form a committee in an attempt to resolve the Acute Staffing Shortages in Fernie and the Elk Valley.

3.9 Proclamation to officially declare September as Literacy Month in Fernie Council agreed at the May 25, 2015 to issue the proclamation to declare September as Literacy Month in Fernie. [Literacy Month Proclamation.](#)



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4. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND OTHER NEWS

4.1 Next Scheduled Meeting of Council

Monday September 14

Committee of the Whole (COTW) @ 10:00am
Regular Meeting of Council @ 7:00pm

Please be advised, there is no video of the August 24, Regular Meeting due to technical difficulties with the computer program.

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.

4.2 Bear Sightings! Be Bear Aware! For helpful tips on Bear Safety please visit: [Conservation Officer Service \(Bear Aware\)](#)

4.3 Water Restrictions in Effect The City of Fernie thanks you in advance for your cooperation. [Press Release](#) | [Water Smart Action Plan](#) | [Living Water Smart BC](#)

4.4 National Western Regional Mine Rescue Competition

(NWRMRC) Twelfth Biennial will be held in Fernie on September 11 & 12, 2015. Teams from across the Canada and northwestern US compete in five challenging categories: first aid, fire and smoke simulation, rope task and a written exam.

These competitors put in many hours of training to develop their skills and come together as a team. Come out the competition and get a better idea of what challenges they face undertaking mine rescues in emergency situations! Further information regarding the competition is available on the link below. [Competition Information](#)

4.5 Fall Registration Fair September 9 - 10, 2015 (6:00pm - 8:30pm)

The annual Fall Registration Fair provides an opportunity for your family to check out all the fall recreation programs offered. The fair is held on September 9 and September 10, 2015 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm each night at the Fernie Curling Club, 1062 Highway #3.

If you or your group wish to setup a registration table for your activity or program please contact Leisure Services at 250 423.2245 [Spring & Fall Registrations Fairs](#)