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Councillor Report

Date Period: July 17-September 20, 2021

Councillor Name: Stacy McNeil

HOUSING/PUBLIC WORKS

July 5, 2021. Housing/Council. Participants: Stacy, Jim, Marcie, Rod, Fern, Jason, Virginia, Marcie, Paul, Chuck

Update regarding concerns brought forward at last council meeting.

September 15, 2021. Housing and Public Works. Participants: Stacy, Marcie, Rod, Ryan, Chanea. Nigel and Mike for finance.

1. Minutes: Tabled
2. Briefing report
 - a. M Peters New Housing
 - b. New Rent Rates proposal
 - i. Get committee together again
 - c. Questions about policy and process
 - d. Budget. Asks from Departments
 - i. \$45,196.11 (400)
 - ii. \$57,564.03 (401)
 - iii. Took ISC revenue, rent revenue and split to custodial, maintenance, etc and cannot cover all expenses in admin, public works areas. No workplan attached.
 - iv. No workplan attached or explanation of deficit. Need more information. Table.

September 17, 2021. BC Housing Minister. Participants:

1. Pre-meeting: Stacy, Marcie, Jason, Henrie, Rod, Zack, Jim, Alexis, Chuck, Paul, Mat
 - a. Issue is that awarded the homes to seabird. We delayed, so reached out again and they said continue. Then a few months later said no after some of our funds were spent already.
2. Meeting: Stacy, Marcie, Alexis, Angela Cooke (Deputy Minister), Armin Amrolia (BC Housing), Chuck, Henrie, Jason, Jim, Marcie, Paul, Barbera Pearson, Sara Goldvine, Mat (late)
 - a. 2018 application received. B Letter. Seabird said restructuring so hold on, they agreed. Then money ran out and they were tapped out for Indigenous Housing Fund. They could

potentially fund something in the future. Can they do some project development with us to keep in the queue. They are happy to fund the work to date and fund prep until such time can fund the start of construction. When is the start date? Will look at.

- b. Need to look at development schedule. May dovetail nicely with next roll out of funding.
- c. Go through a budget exercise at BC Housing.

LANDS

August 9, 2021. Lands Advisory Committee. Participants: Stacy, Cindy, Don, Murray, Jennifer, Jason, Chuck, Jessica, Stephanie, Wayne, Margarett, Gail, Brooke, Mat

- 1. SqDC Lease Update
 - a. New person on board that is assisting with communication, tracking and more
 - b. All aware of issues that have been ongoing with Hops lease. Looking at Silver Valley at this time. Fraser Valley – we lost about \$150,000 due to that. No income coming in at this time. About \$1m infrastructure in place from hops; feel best option is to find a proponent that can use that infrastructure to restore that revenue stream.
 - c. Hazelnuts – been neglected. If cannot make it work, remove and look at leasing out the land. No income coming in.
 - d. Need for water meters on the land
 - e. Encroachments on leased lands
 - f. Dedicated email address for leases, including concerns. To be shared with members
 - g. Jakes former site. Seabird taking it back within 30 days
 - h. Sqewqel Leasing 5 acres at old sheep farm
 - i. Northern Ma existing leaset; bring mats in, store in, use closed loop washing system
 - 1. Doesn’t include deposits of slurry, although reviewing plan
 - 2. They had a stop work order for a site within the business park
 - a. Stqoya had done a sublease between them and Northern Mat (not permission from Band for this)
 - i. Klassen Group. Looking to start a potting soil company.
 - j. Ecystation area. Cleaning it up to lease it out.
 - k. Quoting for new highway signs.

- 2. Light Industrial Zoning Definitions and Regulations – Draft
 - a. Need more clear terminology
 - b. Document was prepared using information from Kent, Chilliwack, Abbotsford and Surrey
- 3. On-Reserve harvesting and clearing south of railway tracks (225 acres)
 - a. Cost of harvesting is higher than harvesting sales. However, looking to recoup for lease recoup
 - b. Matt Wealick assisting, developing the plan
 - i. Will share information with community
 - c. Discussion related to other opportunities to not see trees removed. Earliest plan was to harvest but that never happened. Community named it green space in LUP. Time to update LUP? CCP? What does community want? How to increase revenues while maintaining community wishes. Highest and best use study...
- 4. Evergreen propagators – winding down of operations
 - a. Costly legal fight could result for compensation for soil that has been taken.
 - b. Often times they were subleasing, crop rotations
 - c. \$512k fine for soil depletion. \$102k has been paid, plan to pay over next few years.
 - d. They have been told to keep it clean/tidy. Have seen some resistance but pushing anyway.
 - e. Asked for a winding down plan (final 5 years)
 - f. Took deposit. Now have \$50k deposit.
 - i. Total compensation \$573k for soil loss
 - ii. Expect wind down plan soon (by end of this year)
- 5. Security issues – leased lands
 - a. Issues with theft and more
 - b. How to deal with it
- 6. Other
 - a. Opportunity for infrastructure loan (1%)
 - i. Potential for ring road for protecting lands from erosion, awaiting for confirmation of eligibility on project details from lender
 - b. Renewable energy options; ongoing work reviewing opportunities

1. Dome to percolate manure and extract gases

2. Feasibility

3. Is there enough ‘feedstock’ for this
- c. Ongoing discussions about bringing in clean fill, raising level on other side of tracks, trucking out aggregate...Brecin group?

i. Asked for a terms sheet to review it

EDUCATION

July 22, 2021. Education Committee Meeting; Policy focus. Participants:

1. Section 9.1 of Post Secondary Policy – Grad Incentives.
2. Clarity on section 6.10, 7.3, 8.2
3. EJ Law Making Protocol

ADMIN/FINANCE/IT

September 15, 2021. FAC. Participants: Stacy, Marcie, Jason E, Jason C, Nigel, Chuck, Virginia, Kaleen.

1. Minutes: July 14, 2021
2. New Business

a. 2021-BR-098 Consolidated Budget for FY 21-22 Stage 2 (tabled to Friday to wait for info)

b. BC Gaming AGM
3. Upcoming Meetings

a. C&C September 21

b. Audit Committee October 13

September 17, 2021. FAC. Participants: Stacy, Marcie, Nigel, Chuck.

1. Revisit the Public Works Ask

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Variance
Expenses			
Roads	\$20,000	\$138,333	\$118,333
Sanitation	0	\$16,800	\$16,800
Fire Protection	\$86,000	\$111,764	\$25,764
			\$160,897

Briefing report with detailed background was provided. Workplan not attached, but results from lack of capacity at manager level and inaccurate budgeting for this fiscal at the start.

Recommend to council. However, pull rental rate change from housing ask and wait for that to be properly vetted through housing committee etc.

JUSTICE

A few meetings, calls and emails (confidential) in dealing with justice issues in the community.

GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

No Council meeting in August.

Special council meetings occurred for pandemic issue and council specific in camera issues.