AGENDA

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda and Late Items**
   Agenda of the January 9, 2017 Committee of the Whole Agenda.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 14, 2016, November 28, 2016 and December 12, 2016 for adoption.
   
   - 2016-12-12 COTW
   - 2016-11-28 COTW
   - 2016-11-14 COTW

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

5. **Petitions and Delegation – Requests to address Committee**

6. **Staff Reports**

6.1 Fire & Emergency Services Quarterly Report.

   **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**
   
   THAT Committee accept the Fire & Emergency Services Quarterly Report for October to December 2016 as information.

   - 2017-01-09 Fire & Emergency Services Quarterly Report

7. **Unfinished Business**

8. **Correspondence**

9. **New Business**

10. **Information Items**

11. **Reports from Council**
12. Adjourn

15 Minute Public Input Period
CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Giuliano called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Warshawsky
Seconded by Councillor Iddon
THAT the December 12, 2016 Committee of the Whole agenda be approved. CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

PETITIONS AND DELEGATION – REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE

5.1

Erich Leidums, R1-SL Moratorium

Mr. Erich Leidums addressed Council regarding his concerns with respect to the City's moratorium on Single Family Residential Small Lot development. He noted the 3 year moratorium needs to be addressed by Council. Mr. Leidums stated he owns property he feels would be more affordable to develop as an R1-SL and inquired as to the timeline to address the moratorium and what progress had been made in the Zoning Bylaw update.

Council acknowledge Mr. Leidums concerns and advised the R1-SL zoning was intended to provide options for affordable housing but resulted in concerns due to height and massing of the type of developments being built as grading was not adequately addressed in the bylaw. The Zoning Bylaw update will address this issue and is anticipated to come forward May/June 2017.

5.2

Andre Bloemink on behalf of Erin Amundsen Pavilion Committee

Mr. Andre Bloemink presented Council with an update on the Eirin Amundsen Memorial Pavilion project and responded to questions of Council. To date the committee has secured and raised over $54,000 in funding and commitments for in-kind donations. Though unsuccessful in 2016 the committee plans to apply for a CBT grant again in 2017. Mr. Bomink noted infrastructure concerns at the Max Turyk sportsfield such as the lack of a shade facility, washrooms, hydration station and...
food sales. He stated many funding sources are oversubscribed and as a result the Eirin Amundsen Memorial Pavilion Committee would like to develop a partnership with the City of Fernie to support funding applications in 2017. There was a risk that the $9,000 already secured through CBT may be lost if other funding is not secured. Approximately $250,000 is needed to complete the project.

CBT has confirmed to Mr. Bloemink that they see this as a municipal project. City participation has an impact on their success in obtaining funding. Mr. Bloemink suggested that if the City is unable to offer financial support to the project an option was to make in-kind commitments related to the construction and to provide a second letter of support highlighting the City's commitment to the project. It was noted the asset when completed would be deeded back to the City. The City would be responsible for maintenance and insurance costs, etc. The committee has approached local service groups and is investigating further sponsorship.

Moved by Councillor Iddon
Seconded by Councillor Levesque
THAT Council update the letter of support to the Eirin Amundsen Memorial Pavilion committee in support of the Columbia Basin Trust funding application.

CARRIED

Mr. Pauw was not in attendance.

The Director of Leisure Services provided an overview of his report regarding Fernie Minor Hockey hosting the provincial Peewee tournament in March of 2017 and responded to questions of Council. The tournament is expected to bring in approximately 140 players and their families for three nights in Fernie.

Moved by Councillor Warshawsky
Seconded by Councillor Iddon
THAT the members of the Committee of the Whole receive this report for information, and recommend that Council forward a letter in support of the Fernie Minor Hockey Association's successful bid to host the Peewee Provincials.

CARRIED

Council received the 2017 Operating Grant Funding Schedule report from the Director of Financial & Computer Services.
Moved by Councillor Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Warshawsky
THAT Committee amend the recommendation regarding the 2017 Operating Grants Funds as follows: replace the words "Heritage Society" with the words "Fernie Heritage Library"; and

THAT Committee give direction to the Director of Financial & Computer Services to incorporate the Operating Grants Funding Schedule into the 2017-2021 Five Year Financial Plan which includes yearly operating grants to the Fernie Heritage Library, Fernie & District Historic Society, Fernie & District Arts Station, Wildsafe BC, and Fernie Senior Citizens Club; and

THAT the Operating Grants Funding Schedule be brought forward to a Regular meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

6.3
2017 Budget Public Consultation Report from the Deputy Clerk

The 2017 Budget Public Consultation Report from the Deputy Clerk was reviewed. The Deputy Clerk provided an overview and responded to questions from Council.

Moved by Councillor Iddon
Seconded by Councillor Levesque
THAT Committee receive the 2017 Budget Public Consultation Report as information and direct staff to make copies of the report available to the public on the City website and social media accounts.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
CORRESPONDENCE
NEW BUSINESS
INFORMATION ITEMS
REPORTS FROM COUNCIL
ADJOURN

Mayor Giuliano adjourned the meeting at 11:30am.

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Mary Giuliano, Mayor

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Suzanne Garand, Deputy Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the correct Minutes of a Committee of the Whole held December 12, 2016
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF FERNIE

Minutes of a Committee of the Whole held at 10:00 AM on November 28, 2016 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 501-3rd Avenue, Fernie, BC.

Elected Officials
Mayor M. Giuliano
Councillor P. Iddon <10:05am-12:50pm>
Councillor J. Levesque
Councillor D. McSkimming
Councillor A Qualizza
Councillor J. Warshawsky

Appointed Staff
N. McInnis, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Cockwell, Director of Operational Services
C. Fox, Director of Finance & Computer Services
S. Garand, Deputy Clerk
B. Lennox, Director of Planning
L. Smith, Director of Leisure Services

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Giuliano called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND LATE ITEMS
Moved by Councillor McSkimming
Seconded by Councillor Qualizza
THAT the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting November 28, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

PETITIONS AND DELEGATION – REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE
5.1 CanAus Coal Ltd., Becky Pelkonen and John Pumphrey.

Mr. Pumphrey and Ms. Pelkonen were in attendance to provide Council with an update on CanAus Coal Mine including an overview of progress made in 2016, plans for 2017, major milestones, a project review/update and the next steps. In 2016 CanAus Coal decided to complete additional feasibility work prior to undertaking the official Environmental Assessment process for the Proposed Michel Creek Coking Coal - Loop Ridge Mine and in 2017 will begin the Section 11 process.

Key milestones in 2016:
- Section 11 EA offered within 8 weeks of Section 10 order
- PFS completion in April to NI43-101 standard
- Bulk sample coring project and coal quality work
- Continued ongoing consultations
Ms. Pelkonen provided an update on the community and government relations undertaken by CanAus Coal in 2016 and advised they continue to consult regularly with stakeholder groups.

In 2017 CanAus will commence DFS process, drilling, Environmental Assessment, Engineering through to 2019 and continue fund raising. Construction is anticipated in 2019. Overall the mine is expected to employ 300-500 people throughout the Elk Valley. Ms. Pelkonen and Mr. Pumphrey responded to questions of Council and thanked them for the opportunity to provide an update.

Ms. Teeple provided an overview of the Arts Station operations in 2016 and plans for 2017 to support the Core Operating Grant application and responded to questions of Council.

In 2016 programs were successfully expanded and the Arts Station formed many local partnerships, continued youth programming and grew membership. Plans for 2017 include developing a sound pod, a valley cultural guide and a celebration of Canada’s 150 that includes a spectrum of national identity. Additionally the group would like to offer students prep classes for arts education and musicianship for youth and young adults. The Core Operating Grant application request is for $42,750.

Ms. Dressler was in attendance to address Council in support of the Fernie Public Library Association Core Operating Grant application for 2017. An overview was provided of their vision and goals and a summary of successes and challenges in 2016, plans for 2017, fundraising efforts and the importance of the public library in the community.

In Fernie over the last year 3,600 people have active library cards in a service area of approximately 7,200 people. The library saw an increase of 27% in inter-library loans and 1,500 people access the website weekly. The Fernie Public Library Association Core Operating Grant application for 2017 is for $228,949.42.

Mr. Ulrich presented an overview of the successes in 2016 and the objectives in 2017 for the Fernie & District Historical Society in support of the Core Operating Grant application and responded to questions of Council.

The application is to fund core functions of the museum including community engagement (programming and events, both onsite and in the community), curatorial (core exhibit management/maintenance,
temporary exhibit development and installation, collections management, marketing and communications, museum administration and records management. The Core Operating Grant request is for $26,000.

Ms. Vadnais was in attendance to provide Council with an overview of the Visitor Centre operations for 2016 and responded to questions of Council. Operational changes in 2016 included opening on Statutory holidays and staying open late on Friday's. Funding for the centre is provided by City of Fernie, Destination BC, Columbia Basin Trust, Canada Jobs Grants, retail sales and sani dump donations. Ms. Vadnais noted social media has become an important tool in getting information to tourists. The centre partnered with Tourism Fernie to implement Destination BC's Social Media Pilot Program to increase visitor services online presence.

The centre was able to leverage funding provided through the RMI program and undertake building renovations in 2016 with a washroom upgrade, reception centre renovation and exterior improvements. In 2017/2018 a visitor kiosk will be purchased to enhance face to face services and funding sought to purchase a mobile visitor centre which can be used as a pop up visitor centre at various locations.

Ms. Baker attended Council to provide an overview of the Senior Citizens Club of Fernie & District operations for 2016 and plans for 2017 in support of the Core Operating Grant. The funding would be used to assist with wages for the centre administrator to develop new programming, create outreach programs, generate increased revenues through grants and drive kitchen sales and memberships.

Weekly activities at the centre are supported by 20 volunteers serving approximately 100 visitors. In 2016/2017 membership is expected to increase slightly to 335. The centre provides a place for people of all ages to socialize and contributes to community health by supporting aging in place initiatives and focusing on an older demographic. The Core Operating Grant application for 2017 is for $30,000.

BC Conservation Foundation, Application for Core Operating Grant (no presenter - information only).

Mr. McCormack was in attendance to present to Council a proposal by Fernie Trails Alliance for a Community Snow Skills Park and respond to questions. The proposed location for the park is at the Fernie Aquatic Centre and is comprised of temporary rails on the slope to the east next to the bike park. The park would provide a free practice location for skiers and snowboarders during the winter season and use a
portion of the hill leaving the remainder for continued toboggan use. Mr. McCormack noted he has discussed the proposal with neighboring residents who are in support of the project.

Fernie Trails Alliance has been in contact with BC Hydro as the proposed location is in the BC Hydro Right of Way. Mr. McCormack suggested an agreement between Fernie Trails Alliance and the City, similar to the bike skills park, could be used to deal with issues of ongoing maintenance, responsibilities, etc. Other issues that would need to be addressed include insurance and signage.

The Director of Leisure Services noted the proposal was presented to and endorsed by the Leisure Services Advisory Board.

**STAFF REPORTS**

6.1 Extension of Montane Parkway, Director of Operational Services

Councillor McSkimming declared a conflict of interest re Montane Parkway as he has a working relationship with the developer and exited the meeting at 11:52am.

Mayor Giuliano called a recess at 11:53am and reconvened the meeting at 12:05pm.

The report regarding the extension of Montane Parkway from Cokato Road to Whitetail Drive was reviewed. The Director of Operational Services provided an overview and responded to questions of Council.

Comprehensive Development Plan, Development Cost Charge Bylaw and history of Montane Parkway provided. Montane Parkway extension (formerly Whitetail Drive) is a section of roadway that intersects with Cokato Road south of Cokato Bridge and extends into Montane Development. To date the developer has constructed the road to subbase level and has not completed construction. Estimated cost to complete this section of roadway is approximately $300,000 with additional costs of sanitary works prior to completion estimated at $50,000. The five lots adjacent to the roadway are owned by Montane Developments.

Simon Howse of Montane Developments was in the gallery and was invited to address Council. Mr. Howse advised Council that he did not feel completion of the portion of road not in the development was the responsibility of the developer. He noted the roadway was in the OCP when the golf course was proposed and suggested it was more affordable to access through Whitetail Drive.
Discussion followed regarding winter maintenance of this portion of road. It has been maintained as an emergency egress in the past. The Director of Operations advised Public Works crews could maintain as a secondary road as resources are available and the road would not be a primary access point into Montane Development.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised Council he would work with the developer to develop a long term plan and communicate traffic flow plans to area residents.

Mayor Giuliano adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm.

Mary Giuliano, Mayor

Suzanne Garand, Deputy Clerk

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Minutes of a Committee of the Whole held at 10:00 AM on November 14, 2016 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 501-3rd Avenue, Fernie, BC.

Elected Officials
Mayor M. Giuliano
Councillor P. Iddon
Councillor J. Levesque
Councillor D. McSkimming
Councillor D. Schafer
Councillor A Qualizza
Councillor J. Warshawsky

Appointed Staff
N. McInnis, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Cockwell, Director of Operational Services
C. Fox, Director of Finance & Computer Services
S. Garand, Deputy Clerk
B. Lennox, Director of Planning
T. Ruiter, Director of Fire & Emergency Services
L. Smith, Director of Leisure Services
S. Zral, Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Giuliano called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND LATE ITEMS

2.1 Approval of Agenda
Moved by Councillor Qualizza
Seconded by Councillor Warshawsky
THAT the agenda be amended by deleting item 5.2 CanAus Coal Ltd. Presentation and adding item 5.3 Letter from K. Germaine.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 24, 2016.
Moved by Councillor McSkimming
Seconded by Councillor Warshawsky
THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 24, 2016 be adopted.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

PETITIONS AND DELEGATION – REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE
5.1 Fernie Pride Society

Mr. Kevin Allen addressed Council on behalf of the Fernie Pride Society regarding gender neutrality of the new public washrooms near the Arts Station and responded to questions of Council. Fernie Pride Society advocates for gender neutral washrooms and promotes inclusiveness. Other communities such as Elkford and Nelson have commissioned general neutral washrooms and the society would like Fernie to take
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this into consideration in future plans and reflect these changes in City plans such as Official Community Plan.

The Director of Leisure Services noted the current Building Code has requirements for washroom designs. The Fernie design is for one male, one female and one gender neutral washroom. If the City were to change to all three gender neutral washrooms this would require a change in the washroom design and additional budget.

Moved by Councillor Qualizza
Seconded by Councillor Levesque
THAT Council direct staff to provide a report providing opportunities to improve success respecting transgender washrooms.

CARRIED

5.2 CanAus Coal Ltd
CanAus Coal Ltd. delegation was not able to attend the meeting and this item deleted from the agenda.

5.3 Chamber of Commerce Short Term Rentals in City of Fernie
Short Term Rentals - Delegations to Council.

1. Sheila Byers, Chamber of Commerce Board President
2. Sadie Howse, Raging Elk Hostel
3. Sam Swarnakar, Powder Mountain Lodge
4. Shelley L'Estrange, Best Western Plus Fernie Mountain Lodge
5. Gordon Sombrowski IGS Companies
6. Patrick Burke, Old Nurses Residence B&B
7. Todd Fyfe, Fernie Real Estate Company Ltd.
8. Deanna Ambeault
10. Derick Berry, Fernie Central Reservations (not in attendance)
11. Jeremiah Pauw, Super 8 Fernie
12. Veronique Roy / Jason Burt, Snow Valley Motel and RV Park
13. Andre Labine, Fernie B&B Association & Twisted Timber Guesthouse
14. Dennis Williamson B&B
15. Ryland Nelson
16. Heidi Berry, Fernie Real Estate
17. Letter from K. Germaine

Mayor Giuliano advised the gallery that following conversations with MLA Bill Bennet the issue was raised in caucus. Minister Bond has confirmed that her staff was available to hold a teleconference with City of Fernie staff in the coming week to help address this problem. Mayor Giuliano advised that each presenter has 5 minutes to address Council. Comments will be provided to Minister Bond.
Overview of Comments

- Board has made a resolution asking City to enforce existing zoning bylaws regarding short term rentals
- Chamber feels that unregulated short term rentals are negatively impacting the community (no inspections, insurance issues, no contribution to funding for Resort Municipality Initiative, reduces available houses for long term rent affecting affordability).
- zoning bylaws need to be enforced to protect residential community
- free enterprise system - new licenced businesses adhere to zoning bylaws, parking requirements, public health, fire code, pay business licence fees and contribute to the RMI fund - unlicenced and unregulated short term rentals are not contributing but reaping the benefits
- hotel owners work hard to collect taxes and face penalties if not right up to date - unlicenced providers do not - want everyone to follow the rules and get licenced
- illegal operators don't face same regulations and are allowed in residential zones
- request the City of Fernie enforce same regulations for all
- hotel owner and provider of long term apartment rentals noted that regulations don't prohibit a tenant with a long term lease from renting their units out for profit as nightly rentals - language in the zoning bylaw needs to be amended.
- recognition that customers are driving demand
- not against short term rentals - want compliance with zoning bylaws
- City needs to find a balance between the community and economic impacts - internet economic is affecting balance in community economy particularly in resort based areas
- short term rentals have critical impacts on long term, affordable rentals in Fernie
- short term rentals changes the dynamic of the community and affects the success of hotels, restaurants, store owners
- Council must get the conversation going with the whole community and look at models used in other communities.
- Not collecting tax on AirBnB etc affects other hotels ability to pay tax
- Bed & Breakfast industry in Fernie has shrunk considerably from thirty providers to two
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- Fernie has a history of B&Bs renting out rooms to increase incomes
- Most places doing B&B rentals in Fernie are compliant and provide employment
- Many rental properties were previously managed by property management companies and now are managed directly by owners
- B&Bs are also included in the accommodations for emergency preparedness & promote tourism in Fernie
- Condos, B&B, hotels, short term rentals are all different products and provide diversity
- People staying in B&Bs or AirBnB are not likely to want to stay in hotels
- All accommodators should be recognized for positive employment impacts
- B&Bs welcomed the hostel and new hotels
- recognize that many homeowners need the extra income from short term rentals to afford their homes
- if short term rentals taken out of pool it will negatively impact the restaurants and other businesses
- City must look at the whole picture
- Surprised that legal advice was bylaws may be unenforceable
- Realtors direct clients to perspective properties for sale based on zoning bylaws
- Several different types of buyers in Fernie (family home, secondary homeowners, home used as second income when not used, strictly commercial revenue generator).
- Commercial use in residential neighborhoods has negative impacts and can decrease property values.
- Recognizes that homeowners looking for extra income can rent in their residence for 30+ days - this is promoted by real estate industry
- If bylaw changes real estate industry needs to know asap
- Homeowners who purchased during high market would take considerable loss selling in current market; long term rental doesn’t cover cost of mortgage
- AirBnB etc are a means to help homeowners struggling to meet mortgage - sometimes no other option - are ambassadors for Fernie
- AirBnB providers don't know how to become legal or licenced and have no objections to being regulated; they want to provide good service, make affordable living and be a contributor to the community
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- City needs to talk about Affordable Housing
- Lodging industry pays 20% commercial tax base
- City needs to provide leadership - look at Revelstoke model
- Accommodators are not against short term rentals just want them regulated and a level playing field
- Many accommodators are affected by shortage of affordable housing and provide rooms for their employees
- Short term rentals could cost hotel provider $18-$20K revenue /
  year
- R1 single family property rezoned to R1B should be intended as
  long term rental per the zoning bylaw
- City needs to work with all accommodators and citizens of
  Fernie
- Chamber member rents condo in Riverside surprised that it was
  not eligible for short term rental under zoning bylaw.
- Chamber has not kept all members informed and feels more
  discussion than just enforcement of zoning bylaw is needed.
- Accommodation provider currently has a shortage of short term
  rentals in Fernie coming into the ski season.
- Bring 1,2 and 3 bedroom units into rental pool.
- Personal freedom should allow property owners to rent their
  properties
- More study to access impacts of AirBnB

Mayor Giuliano and Chief Administrative Officer confirmed the City would be undertaking broad engagement with the community, accommodators and the Province to find a fair and equitable solution to this complex problem. Mayor Giuliano thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the discussion and assured these concerns would be relayed to the Province.

Mayor Giuliano called for a recess at 11:15am and reconvened the meeting at 11:39am.

Council discussed Short Term Rentals in the context of the Zoning Bylaw, Official Community Plan and Affordable Housing Strategy.

Mayor Giuliano called for a recess at 11:56am and reconvened the meeting at 12:26pm.

Moved by Councillor Levesque
Seconded by Councillor McSkimming
THAT Council direct staff to bring back a report including education/communication components and research other communities to include incorporating changes into the rewrite of the Zoning bylaw for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

**STAFF REPORTS**

**6.1 Budget Variance Report and Capital Project Update**

Report from the Director of Finance and Computer Services. The Director of Finance and Computer Services provided an overview of the Budget Variance Report. Department Directors provided an overview for their department projects and responded to questions from Council.

Moved by Councillor McSkimming
Seconded by Councillor Warshawsky
THAT Committee accept the Budget Variance Analysis and Capital & Project Update for January to June 2016 Report as information.

CARRIED

**6.2 Camping in City Parks**

Report from the Director of Leisure Services. The Director of Leisure Services provided an overview to Council regarding a request to permit camping in Annex Park and responded to questions from Council. The Director advised camping in City parks is not permitted in the Zoning bylaw and if Council wished to permit it, an amendment to the existing bylaw would be required and area residents would be impacted. In the past, groups requesting camping have been advised that camping is not permitted in the parks. He advised Council area residents have raised concerns. Council discussed the impact of this item on the strategic priorities.

Moved by Councillor Qualizza
Seconded by Councillor Levesque
THAT the members of the Committee of the Whole receive this report for information; and
THAT the Committee direct staff to thank the organizers for bringing this to Council's and explain that this is not able to happen at this time however moving forward staff will engage with event organizers and campground operators when developing a policy.

CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

3.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on No...
11.1 Councillor Iddon

Councillor Iddon raised the issue of transition from Highway to City streets and concerns over poor road conditions and potholes, etc. The Director of Operational Services advised there are difficulties in repairs with cold mix at this time of year however he will continue to monitor and look for opportunities to include these areas in the next paving program.

11.2 Mayor Giuliano

Mayor Giuliano advised Council that the President of Columbia Basin Trust passed away suddenly. Condolences to be sent on behalf of Council.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

12.1 Resolution to close meeting

Moved by Councillor Qualizza
Seconded by Councillor Levesque
THAT the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 90 (2) (e) of the Community Charter, as the subject matter being considered at this time relates to a review of a proposed final performance audit report for the purposes of providing comments to the auditor general on the proposed report under section 23 (2) of the Auditor General for Local Government Act. CARRIED

13.1 ADJOURN

Mayor Giuliano convened the In-Camera portion of the meeting at 1:10pm, returned to open meeting and adjourned at 2:00pm.

Mary Giuliano, Mayor

Suzanne Garand, Deputy Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the correct Minutes of a Committee of the Whole held November 14, 2016
Good morning your worship and members of council. Thank you for your time today. For those that may not know me, my name is Sheila Byers, I am the Board President of the Fernie Chamber of Commerce.

I am here to speak today on behalf of the Board and Chamber members. Earlier this year, the Chamber Board of Directors passed a resolution that The Chamber recommends the City of Fernie enforce its zoning bylaws. In July, our Chamber Executive Director presented this information to Mayor and Council at a Committee of the Whole meeting. At that meeting, we left hopeful that the City would move forward, as a motion was made and passed "that staff prepare an action plan with solutions to address all concerns regarding illegal short term rental accommodations for council's consideration."

In October, the Chamber held a meeting open to all Chamber members where the Acting City CAO reported that the City has concerns with the language in the zoning bylaw making it difficult to enforce and as such would not be pursuing enforcement of zoning and would not be pursing changes to the zoning bylaw to tighten the language any time soon. It was also noted that there was fear of litigation should the City try to enforce it.

The zoning bylaw and the business license bylaw define short-term rentals as renting a unit for less than 30 days. Short-term rentals are commercial activity. As the City determines where commercial activities are to operate within the City, we are looking for that same enforcement on short-term rental commercial activities in our residential zones.

The rise of businesses in our residential area is concerning. They are in contradiction to the zoning bylaw, business license bylaw and the OCP. There is no inspection of these homes that people are being rented, additionally what insurance is held by these home owners? Is the City liable should something happen in an illegal business operating in the City of Fernie?

For the protection of residents and for the vitality of our business community, enforcement of existing bylaws is expected. These bylaws are supported by the business community. They are in place to ensure a safe and vibrant community. They are in line with the City’s vision – that Fernie is an economically, environmentally and socially vibrant resilient community where quality of life is paramount.

And the City's mission - To Create and maintain a great community.

It is appreciated that the Resort Communities are talking with the provincial government about the MRDT - as the way people are buying and selling accommodation has changes. This is one step in creating an equal operating environment for businesses. The BC Chamber in discussions with the provincial ministers has heard from Minister Fassbender that zoning will be left with the municipalities to regulate. As such, we are looking to the City of Fernie to take leadership on zoning of commercial short-term rentals in Fernie.
Without enforcement, we are concerned that our labour shortages will increase as potential employees choose not to move here because they cannot find accommodation. The recent business retention and expansion survey showed that 70% of business owners sited housing as a main concern for employees. We may push these future residents to not come at all or to live in the outlining communities loosing great citizens. We may create dark zones as houses are sold to speculative investors rather than residents, losing the ability to create a great community.

Home prices in Fernie are averaging around $500,000. Yes, it is an expensive place to live. And, the current zoning does allow for renting a room, or up to three as long as you are living in the home. What it does not allow is renting an entire home. It does not allow for short-term rentals in multi-family units which assist in affordable housing. These are the zoning bylaws, designed to build community as defined in the City’s vision that the Chamber is looking to the City to enforce.

Help our businesses by ensuring our staff can find a place to live. Help our residents build homes and community by avoiding dark zones.

We look forward to the City taking action on this issue.

Thank you
Thank you Mayor and Members of Council for your time today. I am here today to start the discussion on short-term rentals in our community.

The sharing economy has become prevalent in recent months, we see headlines daily about Uber and Airbnb impacting traditional business models.

I have been watching this topic closely and the reaction by other similar communities. We have seen Revelstoke Council after investigating the extent of illegal vacation rentals has recommended setting a cap on the number of vacation rentals allowed and is proposing active bylaw enforcement. The rational stems from

Illegal short term rentals are avoiding commercial tax, benefitting without contributing to the paid tourism marketing that advertises Revelstoke to the world, and for noise and parking disturbances.

Tofino last March increased its attention on requiring properly zoned short-term rentals have a business license. Tofino offers business licenses with fees depending on the number of rooms. Tofino has seen that the illegal short-term rentals are depleting their affordable housing stock.

Nelson has also seen an increase in the number of unregulated short-term rentals, most in contravention to the area’s zoning and business bylaws. Nelson has hired a researcher to look into the issue and to build a regulation model to address it.

We see similar impact of illegal Short-term rentals in Fernie. It affects impact parking in our residential areas. The noise is another concern. Seeing listings in Ridgemont apartments and Cokato apartments does bring up the question about the impact on affordable housing.

Another impact on our community is that Visitors staying in these types of

Illegal short-term rentals are not paying the Municipal and Regional District Tax, the MRDT. The MRDT is used in the calculation of Resort Municipality Initiative Funds.

My point to coming to council today is two-fold. One to talk of the provincial implications and the other local.

The BC Chamber of Commerce is lobbying the provincial government to enforce provincial sales tax and Municipal and Regional District Tax by the service provider at the point of sale. For example, booking on Airbnb, provincial and hotel taxes would be collected at the time of booking. Fernie Chamber of Commerce asked for City’s support in this effort. The UBCM conference in September would be one such place to promote this solution.

The second point for me coming today is to talk about our

illegal short-term rental situation.

I would like to first express appreciation to Mr. Lennox who attended a Chamber open discussion on short-term rentals and explained the zoning bylaw to the group in attendance. It was helpful to understand how short-term rentals are viewed under the City’s zoning bylaws. The City’s zoning bylaw is designed to manage land-use in the community and ensure a safe and vibrant community. We would like to see the land-use definitions enforced.
I have prepared a bit of information about what this would look like. I reviewed the availability of short-term rentals within our community. I have reviewed the online sites Airbnb, Owner Direct, VRBO, Fernie Lodging, Fernie Central Reservations and Our Fernie.

I separated the offerings into non-compliant with zoning, compliant, commercial properties (for example 901 block and Silverrock), and Riverside. I broke Riverside out based on Mr. Lennox notes that under the zoning bylaw review change that Riverside will be an area where short-term tourist accommodation are allowed.

Riverside – 41 units that can host 285 guest.

Commercial properties (901 and Silverrock) – 24 units that can host 103 guest.

Compliant properties – these are those home in zoned area where bed and breakfast are allowed R1 and R1B that the online posting showed it was sharing a room and not the whole house. Units – 8 hosting up to 18 guest.

So, we have 73 units compliant with our zoning bylaw that can host up to 406 guest.

The illegal non-compliant units operating in areas like the annex, airport, castle mountain, maintown, renting the whole house out – 59 units that can host up to 385 guests. A nightly value of $8050

Fernie has a large number of non-traditional, non-hotel, options for its guests. What we are looking for at this time is to look at those residential zones that were designed under the bylaw for the betterment of the community. For the safety of residents. Someone should be able to buy a home in the airport or the annex and not expect a hotel next door.

In looking at these numbers, there are many opportunities to offer short-term rentals legally under current zoning. The ask of the City at this time is to look at the 385 guest options that are not compliant with the zoning bylaw. The Chamber has been successful in hosting open discussions on the topic, we would be willing to again host an information session. Our hope is that the City would be able to speak to its plans on short-term rentals. We support the city creating education pieces for the public that explain the zoning bylaw rules. We support the City creating a timeline for education and for enforcement.

There is an opportunity to catch up with this issue. We can look to places like San Francisco, New York, Vancouver to see the future of not responding to illegal short-term rentals in a timely manner. The Chamber looks forward to the City using its existing zoning bylaws as a guide to managing this situation. We have an opportunity to use these new platforms for rentals as seen by the 73 compliant units. Lobbying the provincial government to tax those units helps ensure we are not losing our provincial funding. As well, educating the 59 non-compliant units on how they are breaking the law and ensuring that our neighborhoods are meeting the goals to which they were designed.

Thank-you for your time. Questions.
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Non-compliant being those operating outside of the zoning bylaw (e.g. full dwelling unit rental or not in a proper zone)

Compliant being those that follow the bed and breakfast pieces of the zoning bylaw

Riverside broken out as Bruce has started work on a tourist accommodation zone for that area.

Some education pieces we started

http://www.ferniechamber.com/chamber-blog/how-run-bed-and-breakfast-fernie

http://www.ferniechamber.com/chamber-blog/fernie-bed-and-breakfast-association
Good morning your worship and members of council. Thank you for your time today. For those that may not know me, my name is Sheila Byers, I am the Board President of the Fernie Chamber of Commerce.

I am here to speak today on behalf of the Board and Chamber members. Earlier this year, the Chamber Board of Directors passed a resolution that The Chamber recommends the City of Fernie enforce its zoning bylaws. In July, our Chamber Executive Director presented this information to Mayor and Council at a Committee of the Whole meeting. At that meeting, we left hopeful that the City would move forward, as a motion was made and passed "that staff prepare an action plan with solutions to address all concerns regarding illegal short term rental accommodations for councils consideration."

In October, the Chamber held a meeting open to all Chamber members where the Acting City CAO reported that the City has concerns with the language in the zoning bylaw making it difficult to enforce and as such would not be pursuing enforcement of zoning and would not be pursing changes to the zoning bylaw to tighten the language any time soon. It was also noted that there was fear of litigation should the City try to enforce it.

The zoning bylaw and the business license bylaw define short-term rentals as renting a unit for less than 30 days. Short-term rentals are commercial activity. As the City determines where commercial activities are to operate within the City, we are looking for that same enforcement on short-term rental commercial activities in our residential zones.

The rise of businesses in our residential area is concerning. They are in contradiction to the zoning bylaw, business license bylaw and the OCP. There is no inspection of these homes that people are being rented, additionally what insurance is held by these home owners? Is the City liable should something happen in an illegal business operating in the City of Fernie?

For the protection of residents and for the vitality of our business community, enforcement of existing bylaws is expected. These bylaws are supported by the business community. They are in place to ensure a safe and vibrant community. They are in line with the City’s vision – that Fernie is an economically, environmentally and socially vibrant resilient community where quality of life is paramount.

And the City's mission - To Create and maintain a great community.

It is appreciated that the Resort Communities are talking with the provincial government about the MRDT - as the way people are buying and selling accommodation has changes. This is one step in creating an equal operating environment for businesses. The BC Chamber in discussions with the provincial ministers has heard from Minister Fassbender that zoning will be left with the municipalities to regulate. As such, we are looking to the City of Fernie to take leadership on zoning of commercial short-term rentals in Fernie.
Without enforcement, we are concerned that our labour shortages will increase as potential employees choose not to move here because they cannot find accommodation. The recent business retention and expansion survey showed that 70% of business owners sited housing as a main concern for employees. We may push these future residents to not come at all or to live in the outlining communities loosing great citizens. We may create dark zones as houses are sold to speculative investors rather than residents, losing the ability to create a great community.

Home prices in Fernie are averaging around $500,000. Yes, it is an expensive place to live. And, the current zoning does allow for renting a room, or up to three as long as you are living in the home. What it does not allow is renting an entire home. It does not allow for short-term rentals in multi-family units which assist in affordable housing. These are the zoning bylaws, designed to build community as defined in the City’s vision that the Chamber is looking to the City to enforce.

Help our businesses by ensuring our staff can find a place to live. Help our residents build homes and community by avoiding dark zones.

We look forward to the City taking action on this issue.

Thank you
Good morning Suzanne;

Please see the email below, Mary would like this included on the morning agenda as a late item.

Please include this letter on this mornings agenda as a late item. Thank you
Mary

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Karla Germaine
Date: November 13, 2016 at 9:12:18 PM MST
To: "mary.giuliano@fernie.ca" <mary.giuliano@fernie.ca>
Subject: Airbnb Meeting
Reply-To: Karla Germaine

November 13, 2016
12 Park Ave,
Fernie, BC
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City Hall
501-3rd Ave., Box 190
Dear Fernie Mayor and Council:

Good morning. It recently came to my attention a meeting is to be held Monday morning (10:00 am) regarding the town of Fernie’s response to Airbnb. I am interested in this subject and would like to contribute to the discussion, but am frustrated that such a meeting is to take place at a time when many working people, including me, cannot attend.

I am aware there is some opposition to citizens of Fernie renting out spaces in their homes using Airbnb. I would like to offer a voice in favor of this development. I do so for the following reasons:

Firstly, Airbnb offers a wider range of accommodation which can be more specialized and also more intimate than a hotel or hostel experience. I have used Airbnb in a number of other towns and cities. I’ve stayed in cottages to warehouse/studio apartments and have met wonderful people in the process. People who use Airbnb are not necessarily the type of people who would typically choose hotel accommodation. I’ve always been resourceful in finding inexpensive and more adventurous lodgings than a standard hotel room. Prior to using Airbnb I have participated in house swaps with families in other locations. I do not necessarily believe that Airbnb users are the kinds of users who would otherwise stay in a hotel. I don’t think that Airbnb replaces hotels. It caters to a different sort of client. It is wonderful to finally see more accommodation options in Fernie. This will bring more people into the town and help to strengthen Fernie’s overall economy.

Secondly, Airbnb makes it possible for residents of Fernie to offset some of the expense of owning a home in Fernie. If a family is able to rent out areas of their home, or even their entire home for a few weekends of the year when they are not using the property, it goes a long way toward subsidizing the cost of owning a home, while at the same time allowing for a wider variety of accommodation for out of town visitors.

Thirdly, at peak times of the year Fernie does not have enough accommodation available to meet the demand. For example, just this weekend a friend of mine told me that her family is hoping to visit for a few days following Christmas but all accommodation in Fernie is booked. They are unable to find anything within their price range for the days they are intending to stay. Airbnb would help to alleviate this demand.

Finally there is a civil liberties issue. Why should a resident of Fernie not be able to share or rent out part of their home if they so desire? It seems within the bounds of reasonable personal freedom, provided appropriate checks and balances are put in place. These should be determined through consultation.

While I understand that businesses in Fernie may not relish the thought of increased competition regarding accommodation, more thought and study should happen to even determine if or by how much Airbnb impacts traditional accommodation. Also, the benefits of Airbnb for the town should be considered. Finally, future meetings on this topic should be scheduled at a time when it is more likely that a working citizen could attend.
Sincerely,

Karla Germaine
My name is Patrick Burke and my self and my wife Jo Anne came to Fernie almost 30 years ago. Fernie has had a strong history of having Condos, Bed and Breakfasts, motels & hotels to service our tourism industry in Fernie. At one time 10 to 15 years ago there were over 30 Bed and Breakfasts in Fernie. Currently there are only two B&B’s, however I have talked to a number of people that are thinking of opening a Bed and Breakfast. We have always had condos for rent for visitors for family get together’s, weddings and just a get away vacation. Many owners previously contracted local booking firms to manage their properties for fees from 15% to 50% and that was perfectly OK. So what’s changed. With new technology many owners are starting to manage their properties themselves using tools like AirBnB and contracting local service to clean and maintain their rental units. Many units are rented varying periods of time from 1 to 2 days, week or 1 to 6 months. In vacant periods many owners advertise their property on AirBnB hoping to pick up a few days to help our with their mortgage.

I looked over the Bed and Breakfast bylaws and believe many of the condos already qualify under this B&B bylaw.

Here is a copy of the B&B bylaws that I think they qualify under.
1. They have no more than 3 rooms.
2. They are owner occupied in a residential zone, i.e. They stay in the rental for a period of time over the year and they own the housing unit.
3. They provide at least 1 parking spot per room.
4. They are allowed to employ one additional staff person that does not live in the primary residence to assist with the operation
5. The Bylaw says they may or may not provide shared meals.

14. BED AND BREAKFAST USE - RESIDENTIAL means:
   an owner occupied dwelling unit located in a residential zone in which not more than three (3) bedrooms
   are rented to paying customers on an overnight basis. One on site parking stall is required per room.

3.6 BED AND BREAKFAST

A bed and breakfast operation is an establishment where overnight accommodation is provided in fixed roof structures, where washroom facilities may or may not be shared and meals may or may not be provided. They shall take place within an inhabited residence or commercial area and are divided into two categories: residential and commercial, and are guided by the following general provisions.

1 Bed and Breakfast - Residential:

a) shall be owner occupied in a residential zone;

b) shall not provide more than three (3) rooms for the purpose of paying guests within the home;

c) one parking space must be provided on site for each room to be rented;

d) the employment of one additional staff who does not live in the primary residence, is allowed to assist with the operation of the bed and breakfast facility.
Condos and AirBnb & Bed and Breakfasts provide a number of benefits to Fernie's tourism industry.

- **Emergency accommodation**: The condos have provided many benefits to Fernie. To my knowledge their beds are included in a disaster planning inventory of beds for people that need emergency accommodation.
- **Promoting tourism in Fernie**: Most owners are also ambassadors to Fernie promoting to the world. Fernie was just selected as Best Outdoor Town in Western Canada. I am sure the AirBnB accommodations providing quality vacation rentals helped Fernie achieve this honour.
- **AirBnB and affordable housing**: AirBnB brings help to people with affordable housing needs. I have friends that have needed help from an AirBnB rental income to pay their mortgage.
- **Condos are a different accommodation product**: Condos, B&B’s, Hotels & Motels are all different tourism products for tourism visitors to choose from. This provides our tourism industry with diversity.
- **AirBnB type rentals** have been available in Fernie for the past 25 years so they should be grandfathered in.
- **Safe accommodation**: AirBnB accommodation has owner safeguards where owners can refuse questionable guests that have not respected previously visited AirBnB. Many have a damage and cleaning deposit.
- **Insurance**: AirBnB provides $1 million insurance policy for every listing. Insurance companies commonly cover residences that have rented with a non-conforming insurance policy.
- **Security**: If there is problems AirBnB owners can put a complaint against the disruptive guest limiting that persons use of AirBnB in the future. The owner also has full contract information to provide to authorities if required.
- **Nightly rentals in peoples homes or guest suits** have been available in every country in the worlds for thousands of years.
- **Employment**: All accommodates should be recognized for the employment and livelihoods they provide in our community. Visiting guests have supported livelihoods for cleaning staff, property management, repair services, real estate agents, restaurants, stores, recreation tours and services and much more.
- **Many visitors are now residents**: Many visitors have come to Fernie for work or vacations and now live here and make up the fabric of our community.
Date: January 4, 2017  
To: Her Worship Mayor Giuliano and Members of Council  
From: Ted Ruiter, Director of Fire and Emergency Services  
Subject: Quarterly Report / October through December 2016

Recommendation

THAT Committee accept the Fire & Emergency Services Quarterly Report for October to December 2016 as information.

Summary of Department Activities:

- City Staff and Community members participated in an Emergency Management Table Top exercise put on by RDEK.
- Our First Family Safety Day was held and was a complete success.
- City Staff and Community members participated in “Elk Ex” a large scale simulated emergency response to test the Valley Emergency Response Program and identify deficiencies and training needs.
- Two Firefighters were sent to a CDART training session in Wycliffe. Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team assist in responses dealing with animals and how to handle them in stressful conditions.
- Fernie Fire Rescue was presented with a cheque from the Elk’s Lodge that will be donated to a charity of our choice.
- Training Officer Morgan and Chief Ruiter attended the Emergency Preparedness Conference in Vancouver.
- CAO McInnis and Chief Ruiter attended the Fall Hazard Workshop (EMBC) in Kimberly.
- Deputy Clerk Sheryl Zral and local resident Kevin MacIsaac attended an Information Officer Course in Kimberly to acquire skills for our emergency program.

Accomplishments and Efficiencies:

- An overview of our progress and next steps in our ongoing Emergency Program Development was held for City Staff and interested Community members.
- Three workgroups have been established to develop plans for the Emergency Program, Communications, Evacuation, and Emergency Social Services. Meetings have been held with direction and outcomes discussed.
- Firefighter Allitt and Chief Ruiter were involved in a conference call with Teck and Joy Global to review the Family Safety Day event and pick a date to start the planning process for 2017’s event.
- Chief Ruiter held a staff meeting to review 2016 and discuss expectations and direction for 2017.
A training meeting was held in Sparwood with the Valley and Crowsnest Pass departments to discuss training opportunities for 2017.

First Responder recertification's were completed for some auxiliary staff.

Naloxone / Narcan training was completed for staff and kits and medication are ordered (to combat the Fentanyl crisis). See attachment.

Our last FireSmart session was delivered to the Chamber of Commerce and spiked some interest from community members.

Chief Ruiter and Training Officer Morgan met with Manager of Patient Care and Unit Chief for BCAS to discuss our relationship and joint training.

Problems and Solutions:

- Air quality work has been completed at the fire hall. Director Smith, Chief Ruiter and the contractor will review the work that was completed and then inform Work Safe BC.
- Report to be submitted by Director Smith with the facilities report.
- Determining next steps in regards to Fire Hall (replacement, land, new build)

Goals for 2017:

- Emergency Program Development / Mentorship to continue.
- Internal promotion for emergency program development and administrative assistance.
- Upgrading technology for our dispatch service to allow for safer responses and communications.

Incidents from October through December:

- 136

Incidents for 2016:

- 451

Fire Inspections for 2016:

- 303 Company Inspections completed.

Public Education:

- Through these programs P.A.R.T.Y., Learn Not to Burn, Fire Prevention Week, Safer Highways, FireSmart, Bike Rodeo, Station Tours, Trinity Lodge Fire Drill/Safety Talk, Isabella Dicken, The Fernie Academy FFR have managed to reach 1,643 people from Fernie and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Ruiter, Director of Fire & Emergency Services

Attachments:

- Naloxone
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