

PROTECTIVE SERVICES & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2024

PRESENT: Chairman Jadwiga Dolega-Cieszkowski, Mayor Trevor Hay, Councillors Roxan Foursha, Art Garrett, Greg Carlson, Jason Hunter, Superintendent Bob Bors, Bylaw Officer Dennis Ogg and CAO Darcy Olson.

Christy Skelton and Bobbi Taylor were also present to make a presentation on item 8 *Letter of Intent – Biochar Facility*.

ABSENT:

1. Called to Order:
Chairman Dolega-Cieszkowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. In-Camera: None.
3. Conflict of Interest: None
4. Minutes:
Protective Services and Public Works December 11, 2023 Minutes were reviewed by the Committee.
5. Financial Statement:
The Committee reviewed the December 2023 Department Financial Statements.
6. Management Reports:
Public Works Report for December was discussed. Superintendent reported that the expanded lagoon has been filled.
Water Treatment Plant Reports for December 2023 were reviewed by the Committee.
Bylaw Officer Report for December 2023 was discussed by the Committee.
Fire Department Report for December 2023 was reviewed by the Committee.
7. Conservation Officer Public Meeting – January 23, 2024:
Committee discussed the upcoming public meeting with Conservation Officer. Ted Glass, providing information to the citizens on what measures can be taken in dealing with the town deer population. Meeting to take place on January 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., Elks Hall.
8. Letter of Intent – Biochar Facility:
CAO had drafted a letter of intent for Christy Skelton's proposed Biochar Facility. Christy gave a brief overview of her proposed project and answered any questions. CAO read the proposed letter of intent to the Committee, which basically lays out conditions in which the Town would divert their waste to the Biochar Facility.

P-24-001 Recommendation: That the proposed Letter of Intent, to divert municipal waste to a proposed Biochar Facility, be sent to Ms. Christy Skelton.

Christy Skelton and Bobbi Taylor left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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9. Environment and Climate Change Canada – Written Warning:
Committee reviewed a written warning from Environment and Climate Change Canada. This warning is as a result of the Town failing an Acute Lethality Test on May 16, 2023 during the spring discharge of lagoon effluent into Eagle Creek. Prior to the second cell lagoon expansion the Town released effluent twice a year. With the expanded second cell the Town will now release effluent once a year. It should be noted that the failure of this test was when the Town had an undersized second cell therefore did not have adequate treatment of the effluent. Superintendent of Public Works indicated that now that the Town has an adequately sized second cell the treatment and quality of released effluent should be much better and the Town should not have failures of this test in the future. The warning detailed possible fines that could be assessed against the Town for continued failure of the tests. These fines are quite substantial.

10. 2024 Capital Projects Priority:
Committee discussed a listing of potential 2024 capital projects that Administration is requesting a ranking of priority to help with the 2024 budget process. This listing will be going to all committees and then individual Council members will bring their rankings to the January 15, 2024 Council Meeting.

11. Adjournment: Mayor Hay adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Jadwiga Dolega-Cieszkowski, Chairman

Darcy Olson, CAO