



City of Revelstoke

P.O. Box 170, Revelstoke, British Columbia V0E 2S0
revelstoke.ca

June 11, 2020

Mayors Address to the Community

Good Morning Everyone,

Let's talk Tuesday's Council meeting.

We had a full agenda complete with bylaw readings, development projects and a financial update. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and our desire to limit gathering sizes, staff recommend that public hearings, when applicable, be waived for the safety of residents and staff.

Zoning Amendments before Council included a Bylaw change to allow for Animal Clinics as a use in the Central Business District (C1) and Downtown Fringe Commercial District (C2); as well as to allow for the permitted uses to include café's in the Light Industrial District (M1). Both Zoning Text Amendment Bylaws align with the City's Official Community Plan; therefore Council waived the Public Hearing requirement but invite those who feel that their interest in property may be affected by the proposed bylaws to submit written submissions to admin@revelstoke.ca.

Council was pleased to provide their support for the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program's Evaluation Team's recommended funding allocations. Upon receiving support from the Columbia Shuswap Regional District later this month, staff will prepare agreements and issue funds for these amazing projects that will benefit the community as a whole.

Recycle BC, the company that currently manages and operates the residential recycling curbside pickup and collection in Revelstoke is making changes to the collection schedule and operations starting on

DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES

(250) 837-3637
development@revelstoke.ca

PUBLIC WORKS

(250) 837-2001
works@revelstoke.ca

FINANCE

(250) 837-2161
finance@revelstoke.ca

FIRE RESCUE
SERVICES

(250) 837-2884
fire@revelstoke.ca

PARKS, RECREATION
& CULTURE

(250) 837-9351
prc@revelstoke.ca

CORPORATE
ADMINISTRATION

(250) 837-2911
admin@revelstoke.ca

COMMUNITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(250) 837-5345
ced@revelstoke.ca

July 1, 2020. Recycle BC will be distributing blue bins, yellow bags and recycling guides beginning on June 15, 2020. Check the website for updated schedules and remember as of July 1, 2020 – blue recycling bags will not be picked up.

And last, but certainly not least - coming out of the Recovery Task Force: Council resolutions were made to support businesses during the Recovery Phase of COVID-19. The creation of the Recovery Task Force was supported at a Council meeting less than one month ago. I'm proud to say that the team assigned to the Task Force have gone above and beyond what I expected in such a short time period. Thank you for aiding our community as we adapt to the new normal responsibly.

At the recommendation of the Task Force, Council waived all City fees for vending and busking on City sidewalks; use of City sidewalks for: retail, dining, coffee shops and for outdoor patios for the remainder of 2020. As well as authorized refunds to businesses for permit fees already paid. If you are a business owner and would like to take advantage of these initiatives, please contact the Development Services Department at 250-837-3637.

Council supported City Staff assisting the Recovery Task Force in implementing a pilot project for Mackenzie Avenue and/or adjacent streets for selected times and days of the week to enable businesses to expand their footprint onto the street. Council also supported a pilot project organized by the Revelstoke Credit Union to use removable sidewalk art for businesses to support physical distancing as well as entertain and educate customers. Again, a huge thank you to City Staff and Task Force members for their dedication to our community!

Please visit the Parks, Recreation & Culture page on our website and complete a short survey letting us know which of your family members use the services at the Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

A friendly reminder to green space, playground and skatepark users to maintain a safe physical distance from others. Please wash or sanitize your hands prior to, while and after using these amenities for your safety and the safety of others.

By now most of you have received your property tax notices – the usual July 2, 2020 deadline has been extended to September 2, 2020 so choose your preferred payment option – online banking, in person at City Hall, mail a cheque or drop one off in our new secure dropbox outside of City Hall. Don't forget to claim your Home Owner Grant which can now be done online – visit the “I'd like to” section on our website then choose Claim the Provincial Home Owner Grant or email ehog@revelstoke.ca with a photo of your completed grant application.

Please respect all markers and signage at City facilities regarding physical distancing and best practices for reducing the spread of COVID-19. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to follow the Provincial Health Officer's directives. Remember to physical distance and again, please remember to be kind!

Yesterday, I issued a statement entitled “Finding Humanity, Sharing Love” through the City's social media platforms and media contacts that reported on our community's recent “unwelcoming” behavior.

Please welcome members of the travelling public, whether currently here or those that plan to visit in the future. WE accept all people, with kindness, love and a smile – because that's the Revelstoke way!