

VILLAGE OF ZEBALLOS

MINUTES for the Special Meeting of Council held April 30th, 2019 at 7:00 pm at 157 Maquinna Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Colborne, Councillors Lewis and Faulkner;
Staff: CAO Meredith Starkey

ABSENT: Councillors Janisse and Brawn

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Following approval of the Agenda, Mayor Colborne called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

2. **BYLAWS**

a) Annual Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw #524-2019
Third Reading

079-19 Lewis/Faulkner **CARRIED**
That the Annual Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw #524-2019 be read a third time.

Five Year
Financial Plan
Bylaw

b) Annual Tax Rate Bylaw #525-2019
Third Reading

080-19 Lewis/Faulkner **CARRIED**
That the Annual Tax Rate Bylaw #525-2019 be read a third time.

Tax Rate Bylaw

Staff Action: Schedule a Special Meeting for Friday, May 3rd to reconsider and adopt the Annual Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw #524-2019 and Annual Tax Rate Bylaw #525-2019. The draft bylaws will be available for public review and commentary until 4:00pm on Friday, May 3rd. This will conclude the public consultation period for the 2019-2023 Financial Planning bylaws.

3. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS** (not included in agenda at time of production)

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Zeballos Landslide Risk Assessment Update – BGC Report

081-19 Colborne/Faulkner **CARRIED**
That the Zeballos Landslide Risk Assessment Update – BGC Report be accepted as presented.

BGC Landslide
Risk Report

082-19 Lewis/Faulkner **CARRIED**
WHEREAS in August 2018, an interface fire burned 128 hectares of forest on the eastern hillsides above the Village;

State of Local
Emergency

AND WHEREAS Division 2 of Part 3 of the *Emergency Program Act* empowers a municipality, as well as the mayor of a municipality, to

declare a state of local emergency and to issue an evacuation order;

AND WHEREAS on August 16, 2018 the Mayor of the Village declared a state of local emergency in the Village as a result of the interface fire;

AND WHEREAS this state of local emergency has been extended up to and including the date of this resolution;

AND WHEREAS on August 18, 2018 the Village issued an evacuation order for the 10 properties to the east side of Pandora Hill and north of Sugarloaf Bridge;

AND WHEREAS on September 8, 2018 the Village expanded the evacuation order to include an additional 17 properties;

AND WHEREAS from September 8, 2018 to the date of this resolution the evacuation order has included all properties north of Sugarloaf Bridge; all properties on the east side of Maquinna Avenue, north of Pandora Crescent; all properties on Pandora Crescent that are east of Maquinna Avenue; and 402-B, 404, and 406 Ferris Road;

AND WHEREAS on October 15, 2018, BGC Engineering Inc. released a post-fire geohazard assessment produced on behalf of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development setting out its initial conclusions on the level of risk to which the evacuated properties are exposed;

AND WHEREAS on April 22, 2019, BGC Engineering Inc. released a new assessment produced on behalf of Emergency Management BC and the Village that updated its conclusions regarding the level of risk to which the evacuated properties are exposed;

AND WHEREAS Council is of the opinion that some of the evacuated properties may be reoccupied, subject to the owners and occupiers of these properties being notified of the risks and hazards known by the Village to which these properties are exposed;

AND WHEREAS the Village has limited staffing, financial, and legal resources to mitigate or otherwise address the risks and hazards to which the evacuated properties are exposed;

AND WHEREAS Council is of the opinion that additional coordination with Emergency Management BC and other relevant stakeholders is needed before all evacuated properties can be reoccupied;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Zeballos resolves

as follows:

THAT the state of local emergency due to Interface Fire set to expire on May 1, 2019 be cancelled concurrent to the declaration of a new state of local emergency due to risk of potential debris falls or slides.

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Lewis/Faulkner

CARRIED

THAT a modified evacuation order be put in place that allows all properties except for the following to be reoccupied as of Thursday, May 2, 2019 at midnight (12:00am):

Evacuation
Order
Modification

- (a) 102, 104, 106 Maquinna Avenue;
- (b) 206 Pandora Crescent;
- (c) 402-B Ferris Road;
- (d) 404 Ferris Road; and
- (e) 406 Ferris Road.

084-19

Lewis/Faulkner

CARRIED

THAT the Village will:

Evacuation
Order
Notification

- (a) Notify all current evacuees about the modified evacuation order;
- (b) Provide all evacuees with copies of BGC Engineering Inc.'s October 15, 2018 and April 22, 2019 assessments;
- (c) Publish on its website and social media pages an update for the general public regarding the modified evacuation order;
- (d) Notify local media about the modified evacuation order; and
- (e) Continue to coordinate with Emergency Management BC, the owners and occupants of the five properties to which the modified evacuation order will apply, and other relevant stakeholders regarding the modified evacuation order.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



J. Colborne, Mayor



M. Starkey, CAO

