



MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

DATE: September 20, 2019  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Council Chambers

PRESENT:

- Mayor Leonard Casley
- Councillor John Fyke (via Skype)
- Councillor Vern Gustafson
- Councillor Colin Moss
- Councillor Gerald Wagner
- Catherine Allaway, Acting CAO
- Press: Valley Voice
- Guests: Tammy White (WildSafe BC), Burgin Jacobs

CALL TO ORDER:

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

**RESOLUTION #316**

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the agenda for the September 20, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Municipal Response to Rats

- Council discussed possible options for the municipal response to rats.
- Councillor Moss spoke in favour of educating the public.
- Councillor Wagner expressed concern that absentee property owners may be contributing to the problem.
- Councillor Fyke would like to see the Village helping to connect residents with the information required.
- WildSafe BC Coordinator Tammy White spoke about the need to manage attractants and habitat in order to reduce the rat population – trapping alone is not sufficient, and education is key.
- Ms. Jacobs is concerned that the rats will have a negative impact on birds and other local wildlife, and hopes that discount traps are made available to address the situation quickly.

- Ms. Lyons is concerned about derelict properties in the area that are contributing to the problem.

**RESOLUTION #317**

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Village mail information about reducing the rat population to all property owners.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #318**

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Village website be updated to include additional information about reducing the rat population.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #319**

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Village purchase equipment to assist with reducing the rat population in the community.

CARRIED

MOTION TO EXCLUDE:

**RESOLUTION #320**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the public interest requires that, as per section 90(1) (c) of the *Community Charter*, persons other than members of Council and the Acting CAO be excluded from the meeting as it pertains to personnel matters.

CARRIED

RECONVENE IN CAMERA:

**RESOLUTION #321**

- Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that Council recess and reconvene in camera at 3:17 p.m.

CARRIED

RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING:

**RESOLUTION #323**

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that Council reconvene in open meeting at 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA:

- Nil

ADJOURNMENT:

**RESOLUTION #324**

- Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 p.m.  
CARRIED

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MAYOR CASLEY

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CORPORATE OFFICER