

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

**Electoral Area E/West Boundary/Big White
Town Hall Meeting
March 7, 2019**

Notes from the Electoral Area E/West Boundary/Big White Town Hall meeting held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the White Crystal Inn in Big White, BC.

Present: V. Gee, Director, Electoral Area E/West Boundary
R. Russell, Director, Electoral Area D/Rural Grand Forks and Board Chair
L. Worley, Director, Electoral Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory
D. Langman, Director
B. Taylor, Director
G. Shaw, Director
M. Andison, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Chandler, General Manager of Operations/Deputy CAO
J. Dougall, General Manager of Environmental Services
B. Burget, General Manager of Finance
T. Lenardon, Manager of Corporate Administration
M. Forster, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary
F. Maika, Corporate Communications Officer

Approximately 12 members of the public.

Director Gee opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Director Gee advised the public that she would be providing a power point presentation on the 2019 Five Year Financial Plan and on the services provided to Electoral Area E/West Boundary/Big White taxpayers.

The power point presentation highlighted the following:

- Staff changes at the Regional District
- 2016 census information
- Facts about Area E and Big White
- 2019 financial plan process
- Big White only, Area E only and Boundary wide services
- Graphs and charts on taxation and property taxes
- 2019 budget summary
- 2019 Advisory Planning Commission appointments
- Concerns from residents that fall outside RDKB jurisdiction

Audience interactive slides were added to the presentation.

The following are some of the comments, questions and concerns that were made during the presentation:

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

A member of the audience asked what was the criteria for garbage pickup when a building has trash picked up and a building next door must take trash to a transfer station. Janine Dougall, General Manager of Environmental Services, didn't have an exact answer but explained that more of the residential stratas don't have garbage picked up the same way as businesses within the Big White area. Big White is in a unique situation in service provision. Discussions are being held on how to move forward and how to address increased summer use.

She also indicated that some of the newer buildings and developments are required to build within their plan, garbage and recycling storage areas. Some of the older buildings don't have that as those were not requirement at the time of building.

A member of the audience asked about measures taken to educate residents about reduction of contamination levels as it relates to recycling and suggested that information pamphlets be given out to residents and/or renters of condos when checking in.

Discussion ensued on issues around unmanned transfer stations and recycling.

STREET LIGHTS

A member of the audience asked about the responsibilities between strata and the RDKB when it came to the street light issues and/or outages. They were informed that the street lights can be owned by three different parties: strata, Big White Resort and the RDKB. If a resident doesn't know who owns the streetlight, they were encouraged to call Goran Denkovski, Manager of Infrastructure and Sustainability, at the RDKB for more information that is compiled by the GIS Department.

BYLAWS AND ENFORCEMENT

Discussion ensued on the type of RDKB bylaws in Big White. Various bylaw questions were raised regarding enforcement of building, noise and zoning bylaws. The audience was informed that RDKB bylaws supersede strata bylaws although strata managers may not be aware of this.

COMMUNITY ISSUES ASSESSMENT

An audience member asked whether the community assessment would run in conjunction with the OCP. Mark Andison, CAO, informed the audience that that question was put to the Ministry last September and their response was that in their experience, it would confuse the process and one should come before the other. It would be more preferable to complete the community issues assessment before the OCP. This way some of the issues coming out of the needs assessment could be addressed during the OCP process.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

An audience member informed Director Gee that drug, alcohol and mental issues were growing in the community primarily with transient residents during the winter. This discussion moved towards the community centre and the possible services that maybe offered at the centre once it's built.

A member of the audience asked for clarification on what steps the RDKB could take to move towards a referendum on the development of the community centre. Mark Andison, CAO, informed the audience that the first step would likely be land acquisition through the Parks and Trails Service. Once this is complete then the details in terms of design and budget would be worked out before holding a referendum. However, this would likely have to wait until Big White resolves its master plan.

AJOURNMENT

Director Gee thanked the members of the public from Big White for attending the meeting and she adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.