

Council Highlights

July 13, 2020

Committee of the Whole & Regular Council Meetings

- The Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce provided an update on its COVID-19 Business Recovery Workplan, including a summary of businesses challenges, the launch of an Eat Local contest, and upcoming Think Local & Buy Local campaigns.
- On May 22, 2020, in recognition of the impacts COVID-19 has had on the food and beverage industry, the Province of B.C.'s Liquor and Cannabis Regulations Branch (LCRB) issued a Policy Directive to assist licence holders in expanding their service areas while maintaining physical distancing requirements for patrons by allowing for a temporary expanded service area until October 31, 2020. The Province provided local governments two options to address these policy changes. For efficiency purposes, Castlegar Council approved providing a one-time pre-approval to cover all licences within the jurisdiction who may apply for an extended service area.
- Council supported a \$10,000 grant application to the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program for a centralized sewage treatment plant feasibility study which includes estimating the capital costs associated with a potential diversion of all the City's wastewater to the North Sewage Lagoon and required modifications to treat additional flow.
- Council authorized the award of a contract for a Pressure Reducing Station Replacement Project at 33rd Street which supports the City's Asset Management Plan and created opportunity to eliminate the confined space to protect employee safety.
- Following successful pilot projects, Council approved amendments to the City's Animal Control and Licensing Bylaws to allow urban beekeeping and backyard hens in line with the City's Guidelines. More information and application forms are available at castlegar.ca.
- Council approved the 2019 Statement of Financial Information and the 2019 Audited Financial Statements.
- Council agreed to change the times of its Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings, **effective August 31, 2020** to:
 - Committee of the Whole meetings – 2:00 p.m.
 - Regular Council meetings – 7:00 p.m.

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