

PRESS RELEASE
Town Council Meeting
April 11, 2017

Attendance: Mayor: Glen McCaffery; Councilors: Betty Lou Palko, Elvina Rumak, Mel Cadrain, Chief Administrative Officer: Richard Dolezsar; Director of Public Works: Todd Chahley; Delegation: Sgt. Wanita Minty – RCMP Report

The following were received and acknowledged:

- March 28, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- March 28, 2017 Committee of the Whole - SAMA
- March 28, 2017 Committee of the Whole – Weyerhaeuser
- April 4, 2017 Committee of the Whole – 2017 Budget
- RCMP Report
- Public Works Report
- Accounts
- Various Correspondence

2017 BUDGET – MILL RATE

Council ACKNOWLEDGED THE SUMMARY OF 2017 Budget updates and deferred final adoption and setting of the 2017 Mill Rate to Council’s next regular meeting. The draft budget proposes a Tax Levy change from \$1,773,921 in 2016 to \$1,858,000 in 2017, an increase of \$84,000. Overall this is a result of the Provincial Budget downloading to the Town through a \$48,000 reduction in Revenue Sharing, 1% PST increase and other program cuts.

MAY 6th – WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY

Council has declared May 6th Wildfire Community Preparedness Day.

WEYERHAEUSER – WASTE DISPOSAL SITE CHARGES

For the remainder of the year we will monitor the number of loads of waste material delivered to the Town’s Waste Disposal Site by Weyerhaeuser Operations and provide disposal site access at no charge, while at the same time monitoring the volume of waste ash hauled to the site which may be approved for cover material and potential offsetting value of the same.

MERIDIAN SURVEYS – SUBDIVISION PROPOSAL

Council approved the preliminary subdivision proposal for part of SW4-45-3-W2 as outlined, on the Town’s behalf, by Meridian Surveys.

RECONSTRUCTION OF OUTDOOR RINK – ALBERT STREET

Council approved the reconstruction of the outdoor rink on the road allowance on the South end of Albert Street.

BYLAW NO. 2-17 & 3-17

Bylaw No. 2-17, being a bylaw to set Minimum Tax Rates was read a first and second time.

Bylaw No. 3-17, being a bylaw to set Mill Rate Factors was read a first and second time.

These bylaws will be further considered for third reading and adoption once the 2017 Budget and Mill Rate is finalized. Currently, to offset the effects of the Province wide assessment revaluation, the Town’s proposal is to lower the mill rate from 13.5 to 11.5 and use Mill Rate Factors of 1.2 for Commercial and .8 for Residential. Minimum Tax Rates would show a slight increase as follows: Residential: Vacant Land - \$185 to \$190; Land & Improvements - \$535 to \$550
Commercial & Industrial: Vacant Land - \$222 to \$230; Land & Improvements - \$645 to \$660