

## Council News, February 23, 2015

### **Jameson Resources Crown Mountain Coal Project**

Crown Mountain is a project of the NWP Coal Canada Ltd., a subsidiary of Jameson Resources. The company provided an overview of their activities during the February 23, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting. They reported that the project is in its early stages and its progress will depend on the coal market. It is located south east of Grave Lake, near the Line Creek Operations. Once the construction phase is completed, it is anticipated that the company will hire approximately 250-300 workers. The earliest projected start of the construction is summer of 2016, with production starting at the end of 2017.

### **Backyard Chickens**

A delegation of Elkford residents appeared before Council to ask that the District of Elkford consider amending the Zoning Bylaw to allow backyard chickens. The residents provided information on the following aspects of raising hens in the community:

- Personal use;
- The number of chickens allowed in a coop;
- Bylaw restrictions that can be implemented;
- Health of the chickens;
- Wildlife attractants.

Council reviewed all available information and directed staff to bring the matter to the March 9, 2015 meeting for further review.

### **Urban Deer Translocation**

Council authorized an early budget approval in the amount of \$10,000 for the urban deer translocation project. The District of Elkford has been actively involved with the project as the lead municipality. The research on the project is proceeding and a number of other municipalities and organizations are interested in becoming partners and funding the translocation pilot project.

### **Bylaws**

Outdoor Water Conservation Bylaw No. 769, 2015 – this bylaw will regulate outdoor water usage in order to conserve water and to ensure adequate water supply.

Ticket Information Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 770, 2015 – this bylaw provides a schedule of fines associated with the Outdoor Water Conservation Bylaw.

Both bylaws received their first two readings and will be brought back to the March 9, 2015 meeting for a third reading.

All District of Elkford bylaws and policies are available on our website at [www.elkford.ca](http://www.elkford.ca).

