



## Council News, January 11, 2016

### Recruitment of Fernie Surgeon

District of Elkford Council approved in principle a \$10,000 contribution towards recruitment of a surgeon in Fernie. This position is vital to the provision of health care in the Elk Valley and affects many of its aspects, including emergency and routine surgery, and maternity care. Along with financial contributions from other Elk Valley local governments, the funding is anticipated to be used for hiring a recruiter.

### Financial and In-Kind Assistance Policy

Council approved several amendments to the Policy. Following are some of the changes:

- Many terms are defined to provide more clarity;
- Failure to fulfill the requirements of the grants may result in the denial of future requests;
- Participants or teams must qualify for the national or provincial event in order to be eligible for District funding.

Grant applications are currently available for groups and organizations to request financial and in-kind assistance. Applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the entire policy.

### Youth Parliament

Joel O'Sullivan, Senior Council Youth Representative, was sponsored by the District to attend the 87<sup>th</sup> Youth Parliament session in Victoria. Joel spent 5 days inside the legislative buildings, debating youth issues with representatives from around the Province. He is planning to present some of the resolutions from Victoria to Elkford Council.

### Bylaws

The following bylaws were presented for Council's consideration:

Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 777, 2016 – this bylaw introduces new fees for the District's services. Received its first three readings and will be submitted for adoption at the January 25, 2016 meeting.

Water Service Bylaw No. 778, 2016 – this bylaw will replace the old Waterworks bylaw from 1992 and will continue to administer the provision of the water services in Elkford. Received its first three readings and will be submitted for adoption at the January 25, 2016 meeting.

Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drainage Bylaw No. 779, 2016 – this bylaw will also replace the old bylaw from 1992 and will continue to administer the provision of the sanitary sewer and storm drainage. Received its first three readings and will be submitted for adoption at the January 25, 2016 meeting.

Solid Waste Removal and Disposal Amendment Bylaw No. 780, 2016 – the amendment establishes charges for solid waste removal for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. This bylaw has been adopted.

Ticket Information Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 782, 2016 – this bylaw provides two schedules of fines associated with the Water Service Bylaw and Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drainage Bylaw. Received its first three readings and will be submitted for adoption at the January 25, 2016 meeting.

All District policies and bylaws can be found on our website at [www.elkford.ca](http://www.elkford.ca).

