

## Council News: June 24, 2019

### Farewell to Chief Administrative Officer Curtis Helgesen

Mayor and Council thanked Chief Administrative Officer Curtis Helgesen for his 13 years of service, wishing him luck at his new position with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, and welcomed Interim Chief Administrative Officer Terry Melcer to the team.

### Join us in Thanking Elkford's 2018/2019 Youth Council Representatives!

To mark the end of their term, Mayor and Council expressed gratitude to Erin Mills and Sydney Hubbard, Senior Youth Council Representatives. These two dedicated students were commended for their outstanding service and commitment to their roles.

### District Establishes Tax Diversification and Sustainability Reserve Fund

The Regional District of East Kootenay's Elk Valley Subregion Waste Management Bylaw was recently amended to include all coal mine properties that were originally excluded when the service was established. In the past, the properties were exempt from taxes for the solid waste service, and with the amendments to the Bylaw, the mine sites now share fully in the service, resulting in cost savings. During budget deliberations earlier in 2019, and in anticipation of the resulting cost savings, Council took the necessary steps to allocate a portion of the additional funds to supporting long-term planning for economic diversification and sustainability initiatives. The fund will see annual increases based on the same CPI index increase received from the Elk Valley Property Tax Sharing Agreement. For 2019, \$41,146 was authorized to be transferred to the fund.

### Update: Teck's Elkford Lodge (Temporary Workforce Accommodations)

Nic Milligan of Teck provided Council with an update regarding the company's temporary workforce accommodation site, indicating that Teck has been successful in meeting the conditions of the Temporary Use Permit and Development Permit, with only a few items still in progress. Mr. Milligan shared that the Community Effects Advisory Committee is in place and that as the project progresses, Teck will continue to communicate with the District and the community to provide updates. **Have questions about the project? Teck wants to hear from you! Call toll-free: 1.855.806.6854, or email: [feedbackteckcoal@teck.com](mailto:feedbackteckcoal@teck.com).**

### Mark the Upcoming Council Meetings on your Calendar

- July 8<sup>th</sup>: Regular Council at 6:00 pm
- July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Committee of the Whole at 5:30 pm (Chamber of Commerce Update and 2019 Strategic Plan)
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- **These meetings are held in the Council Chambers at 744 Fording Drive. All meetings are open to the public.**



CAO Helgesen, pictured with Councillors Fairbairn and McDonald and Mayor McKerracher at the District's June 2019 Tree Planting Ceremony honouring the LGMA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Mayor McKerracher presented Ms. Mills with a gift basket as a token of appreciation. Ms. Hubbard was unable to attend the meeting.