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## Council Highlights - April 6, 2020



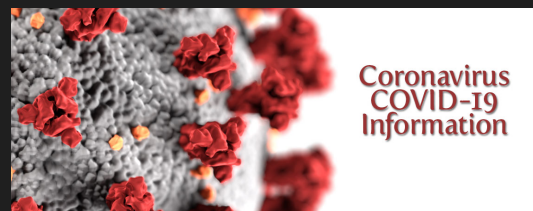
### Message From Mayor Pratt

"This COVID-19 pandemic has forced us all into unprecedented and uncharted situations.

I want to assure you that our City staff are doing everything they can to provide the services our business community and our residents deserve."

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It's important for you to be able to find out what's happening locally and regionally, and easily access links to important health-related details around COVID-19. [Click here.](#)



**CRIA Remains Open During COVID-19 Pandemic**

Tristen Chernove,  
Managing Director of the

**Council Approves Two Month Extension for Utility Customers to Make Payment for Services**

(YXC) provided an update to Council Monday around airport operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a complex entity in an industry which has been designated as essential by the Federal Government, the team at YXC is committed to continued operation of the airport for the citizens of the region.

Inquire



Businesses and residents in Cranbrook now have an additional two months to make payments without penalty on their City utility accounts, following the adoption of the Utility Rate Penalty Deferral bylaw by Council Monday night.

The adoption of this bylaw defers the penalty on unpaid utility bill balances from April 30 to June 30, 2020.

[The decision by Council to approve this bylaw](#) was made in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic to help reduce the financial burden of residents and businesses.

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[Staff provided a financial update to Council Monday](#), following the conditions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staff will continue to evaluate the municipalities' ability to maintain a healthy liquidity position. Staff is also working on modelling scenarios that consider 3 scenarios: 2 months, 4 months, and 6 months.



## Council Endorses Confederation Park Grant Application To TC Energy

An opportunity has arisen that could allow for some immediate improvement to Confederation Park, and as such Council gave approval to staff to submit the funding

The City has been in discussions with TC Energy with regards to grant opportunities. TC Energy is interested in funding projects within our area, in advance of their upcoming planned pipeline expansions. Staff identified a number of projects that fit within TC Energy's areas of focus, which include Safety, Education, Community and Environment. Upgrades to Confederation Park fit well within these areas, and TC Energy is very interested in seeing a grant application.

Five key components identified preliminary based some stakeholder engagement include:

1. Resurfacing key trail routes within the park
2. Adding a new elevated bird watching tower
3. Improving parking lot areas
4. Installing tank toilet (similar to Idlewild Park)
5. Installing a dock (similar to Idlewild Park)

In light of the fact that we are not in a position to have any public open houses, and we are being encouraged by TC Energy to apply quickly, staff are recommending moving forward immediately with the next steps. These include updating costing on the five items, and submitting the grant request. Staff are anticipating a grant request in the range of \$125,000.00.

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**Informational Items (Correspondence)**

- [Supporting Small Businesses In Light of COVID-19](#)
- [Construction of KEYSA Sports Dome](#)
- [Soccer Dome and BMX Track](#)

**Important Dates\***

**2020 Parcel Tax Roll**  
**April 27 @ 3pm**

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**April 27 @ 6pm**

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