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## Council Highlights - May 11, 2020



### Council Adopts Cranbrook 2020 Tax Rates Bylaw Monday

Council gave three readings and adopted the 2020 Tax Rates bylaw Monday night.

Per the 2020 – 2024 Five Year Financial Plan, the tax levy for 2020 is \$28,363,481. After a budgeted non-market change of \$240,000, this reflects an overall property tax levy increase of 2.88%. The general increase of 1.88% (\$513,400) represents inflationary pressures on operating costs.

The additional 1% (\$273,400) road dedicated tax results in a total of \$2,504,000 available for capital works road projects in 2020.

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### Council Approves Audited 2019 Consolidated Financial Statements



On April 27, 2020 the draft 2019 Consolidated Financial Statements were presented and received by Council.

*The Community Charter (section 167)*



At the Regular Meeting of Council on May 25, 2020, staff will present to Council the unaudited complementary schedules. These schedules are produced in accordance with the *Financial Information Act*. Information provided in the schedules is contained within the audited financial statements.

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### **Cranbrook RCMP Present 1st Quarter Statistics Monday**

Crime Statistical Data for the Cranbrook Community Policing programs for the 1st Quarter statistical data for the year of 2020, was presented to Council by Staff Sergeant Barry Graham. RCMP Municipal Detachment, administrative and operational issues and progress with Community Policing programs was also presented.

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### **Council Adopts Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw**



Council agreed Monday to amend the City's Council Procedure Bylaw to allow for electronic Council meetings as permitted under Section 128 of the Community Charter. In order for Council to participate in electronic meetings, the procedure bylaw must authorize the use of electronic meetings, the local government must also provide notice of electronic meetings, and provide the appropriate facilities and equipment to give the public the opportunity to hear, or watch and hear, the participation of Council. City staff have been working to equip the City's chamber to meet these requirements.

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### **Development Variance Permit For Pinewood Elementary Approved**

Council endorsed an application for a Development Variance Permit from School District #5 to vary the City's zoning bylaw, to vary the fencing regulations for Public Institutional Zones in Section 4.11 of the zoning to increase the maximum allowable



for a new fence at Pinewood Elementary School.

The fence is proposed along the northern and western property lines of the playing

field. In addition to the proposed fence, the applicant is proposing the install privacy slats in the fencing to make it more appealing to the neighbours and to cut down on noise.

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## Development Variance Permit - Proposed Lot B - CD-1 @ Wildstone Approved



Council approved a development variance permit request from Wildstone Monday, to reduce the required interior side yard setback for proposed strata lots to enable the subdivision of two-family dwellings along a common party wall and property line.

Staff had no concerns with the reduced side yard setback variance for two-family dwellings within the Cluster Development District of Wildstone Golf Development lands. The

proposed variance will add flexibility for individual builders to construct dwellings within the strata development, and provide some variation for buyers.

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## Resolution Moving Street Sweeper Purchase Back Into 2020 Budget

A decision was made at the April 27th Council meeting to move the proposed purchase of the Street sweeper from the essential list of projects for 2020 and to defer the project to 2021.

Upon further examination the repairs to this vehicle in 2020 is approximately \$12,000.00 to date to get the existing sweeper back up and running added to the already high weekly cost of maintenance of this vehicle. Coupled with the high repair cost the delivery of a new sweeper takes anywhere from 6 months to a year. This delay would affect Public Works' ability for the cleaning of the winter sand in the spring of 2021 in preparation of the road line painting.

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## For New Cell Tower From Freedom Mobile



Council voted Monday to not support the proposal by Freedom Mobile to locate a cell tower, ancillary infrastructure and access road on City owned lands at 2025 8th Avenue South.

Freedom initially approached the City in 2018 and at the direction of Administration, they prepared preliminary plans and completed public consultation in 2020. Consultation included direct mail notification of all property owners within 120 metres of the property, notification in the local paper and a public open house held on February 4, 2020. In addition, the City received a letter and a petition not supporting the proposal on April 14, 2020.

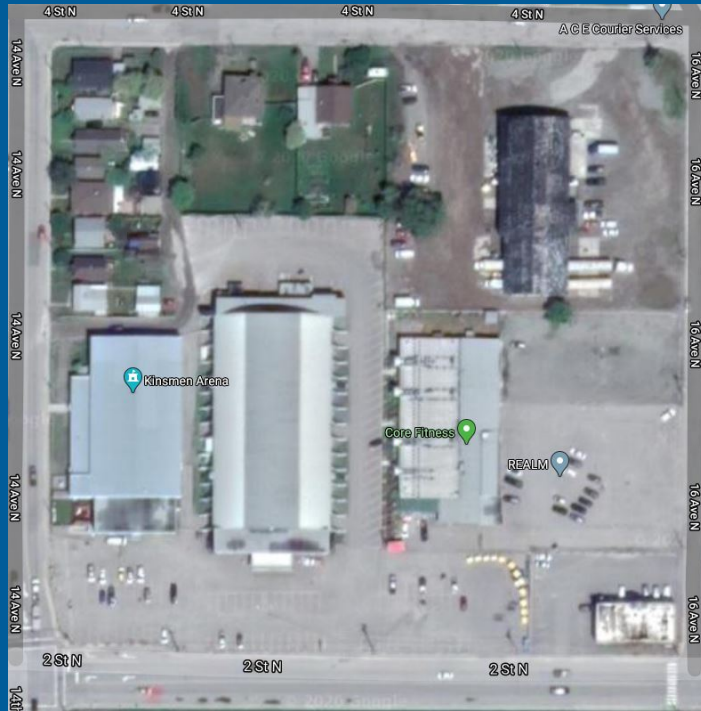
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## Council To Request RDEK Remove Yellow Bins @ Memorial Arena



Council directed staff Monday to contact the Regional District of the East Kootenay to initiate the removal of the yellow bin program from the Memorial Arena.

In December 2019, the RDEK was successful in securing funding and opened the new recycling depot at the Cranbrook transfer station. The Memorial site has remained opened, however we are experiencing more challenges at the site. There has been a significant increase in very messy conditions at the site. Users continue to stack recycling and garbage beside the bins.



Additionally, it costs \$321/tonne for all the material collected under the yellow bin program, whereas the RDEK receives \$120/tonne for the material it collects at the transfer station, resulting in an combined savings of \$441/tonne. It is estimated that approximately 200 tonnes pass through the Memorial site annually. This would equate to approximately \$64,000 in yellow bin costs, and a lost revenue cost of \$24,000 if that material had been diverted to the new transfer site. Overall saving of \$88,000 annually, that is shared by the taxpayers in the Central subregion.

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## Administration Update

- Development Guide
- UBCM Community Resilience Initiative Grant – Fuel Treatment Projects
- BC Transit – COVID Measures
- Recreation Update (Community Services)

## Correspondence

- Jessica Kazemi, Cranbrook Farmer's Market Manager dated April 20, 2020 re: Support for Cranbrook Farmer's Market
- Kandace Ker & Olivia Besanger dated May 5, 2020 re: 2020 Graduation Banners



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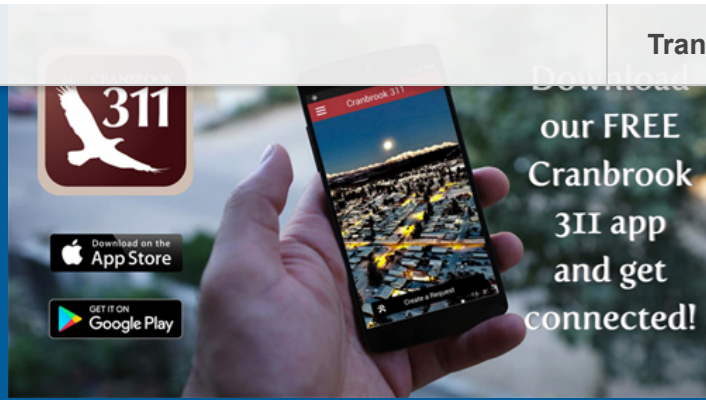
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**Regular Council Meeting  
Monday May 25 @ 6pm**

**Regular Council Meeting  
Monday June 8 @ 6pm**



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