



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD Wednesday, March 13, 2019
EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING
300 – 8TH AVENUE NW, NAKUSP**

Present were:

Mayor	Tom Zeleznik
Councillors	Joseph Hughes Aidan McLaren-Caux
Absent	Councillor Susan DeSandoli Councillor Janis Neufeld (illness)
Staff	Laurie Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Public	14

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zeleznik called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. AGENDA APPROVAL

	<i>Moved by Councillor Hughes/Seconded by Councillor McLaren-Caux</i>
B070/19	<i>THAT the agenda for the March 13, 2019 Special Council meeting be approved. Carried</i>

B. BUSINESS

- 1. Nakusp Downtown Business Owners**
Discussion of the following issues:
 - **Farmer's Market**
 - **Parking**
 - **Old Firehall**

Mayor noted that Council is here to listen to the concerns of the business owners but that there will be no decisions made tonight.

Downtown Business Owners raised the following concerns;

- Selkirk College uses all the parking in front of Treasure Trove on Sundays; should be required to park behind the building
- Village Council needs to promote the village to bring events to town
- Allowing ATV users on trails would bring revenues to town
- Village needs to have a bylaw officer
- Farmer's market has gotten so large that the vendors and customers are using all of the parking on Broadway on Saturday which hurts businesses
- Businesses pay taxes and farmer's market does not
- Farmer's market has outgrown the area and should be moved to the park where there is plenty of parking and public washrooms
- Some business owners indicated that their business thrives on Saturday mornings while the farmer's market is open and that there is no issue with parking; market is only open for a few hours each week; market brings people to downtown; some of the vendors at the market live and work here and spend their money here
- Suggested that the farmer's market be moved to the empty lot beside Valley Foods
- Vendors at farmer's market should not be allowed to sell retail goods
- Questioned whether it is all local people at the farmer's market
- Broadway should be closed down on Saturdays to accommodate the farmer's market and then the local businesses could participate as well
- Vendors at the farmer's market should pay more for business licenses and all the vendors should be required to have one
- Some business owners indicated the new sidewalk design eliminated parking spaces; others say it did not
- Old Firehall started out to be a soup kitchen but has snowballed and now has food carts which means competition for local restaurants
- Where the farmer's market is located is a safety concern
- Health Inspectors should be called in to inspect farmer's market
- The farmer's market at the Old Firehall is on both Fridays and Saturdays
- No washrooms downtown for farmer's market
- Should be signs for RV parking
- Food vendors should be removed from Old Firehall
- Council could do a survey asking residents if they like the current location of the farmer's market; if it should be moved to the park or if Broadway should be closed down for it.
- Concern about the truck that comes into the village and parks at the Hut every week – noted that it is on private property and it has a business license

Members of Council noted the following:

- Village only responds to written bylaw complaints and will enforce the issue if there is a problem
- Need to look at which organization is best to promote Nakusp
- Having the market downtown brings vitality to the downtown core.

- The farmer’s market at the Old Firehall is simply a user of the space. The Society does not manage the farmer’s market; as a user the market is an income generator for the Society
- Concerns about the market at the Old Firehall should be taken up with the Society’s board

C. ADJOURNMENT

R071/19	<i>Moved by Councillor Hughes/Seconded by Councillor McLaren-Caux</i> <i>THAT the March 13, 2019 Special Council meeting be adjourned at 7:20 PM.</i> <i>Carried</i>
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Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer