

General Membership Meeting
Lumby & District Health Services Society
February 26, 2018

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Whitevalley Community Hall

Minutes

Members Present: Beth Baker, Diann Bastian, Hank Cameron, Rick Fairburn, Catherine Hertgers, Diana Lock, Lori Mindnich, Rosemarie Neufeld, Julie Pilon, Ev Reade & Heather Serafin

Guests: Jenny Pinsonneault, Sonja Harkness

Staff Present: Barb Dyck & Lyndsay de Jong

A. Jean Latval, Chairperson called the General Meeting of the Lumby & District Health Services Society to order at 10:08 a.m. Quorum present.

B. Agenda motion of approval for the following:

- I. Agenda February 26, 2018
- II. Minutes November 27, 2017

Rosemarie Neufeld motioned to accept the agenda and minutes, seconded by Ev Reid.

CARRIED

C. New Business – Chairperson

Kevin Acton:

True Leaf Medicine International Inc., a North Okanagan based medical marijuana production company will be kicking off the first phase of construction of a 16,000 square foot hydroponic grow building and a 9,000 square foot building that will house laboratory services, extraction and post-production processing.

True Leaf Inc. purchased 40 acres of land from the Gudeit's, which has positioned them for growth and to potentially become one of the largest medicinal cannabis facilities in British Columbia. Construction is expected to be completed in summer 2018, with a first crop produced in the fall. It is anticipated that the first phase will include annual production of 2,500 kilograms of dried cannabis once the facility passes Health Canada's inspection and the Company becomes a licensed producer. If all goes well in the next few years, production will be tripled.

The project is expected to employ approximately 100 workers during construction and create 35 full and part-time jobs at the start of operations. Employment afterwards depends on the company's growth. The main contractor is from Calgary. They plan to hire people locally, as it will be more financially economical for them.

Lumby only has one piece of agricultural land. Grow ops are not allowed in the agricultural land. They would have to be licensed by Health Canada and issue a building permit. Growing is agricultural but the producing and selling is business. There will be no issues of the marijuana smell or lights beaming out of the building. It will be completely sealed off. City of Richmond has declined the production and sale of recreational marijuana.

The province of BC is going to set up independent marijuana retail lounge outlets. You will also be able to buy online and have it mailed. It will not be sold with alcohol or cigarettes. Marijuana will be sold and distributed on its' own.

True Leaf will not be able to sell on their property. It will be sent to the coast for testing and distributed from there.

Any production facility, even if there is a dispensary near, they will not be able to sell it to that dispensary. It will be sent to a central location to be inspected.

Rick gave information regarding True Leaf and the production of pet food. True Leaf Pet™, Return the Love™ is a division of True Leaf Medicine International Ltd. They are a global purpose-driven, plant-based health care brand for

pets which produces and distributes hemp-based pet products that help pets live a long and healthy life. True Leaf Pet™ has experienced remarkable growth since coming into the market in 2015. The True Hemp™ hemp-based chews, oils and sticks are now available in over 1500 stores across Canada, United States, New Zealand, as well as in select countries across Europe.

Will the building plans be for public viewing? It is still in development stages with architects. Once it is on the council's agenda, it will be available for public viewing (as long as there are no variances).

True Leaf Inc. signed a waiver for flooding. They are very well aware of the issue. Their waste will be 1/10th of normal. If there is a store front, you will not be able to see inside. The owners of the stores have a thirty page application, which takes four to nine months to be approved. Along with the application, the applicants are scrutinized by investigation of their financial statements, health records, etc.

Ev asked what the implications of impaired driving under the influence of marijuana and it will be the roles of the RCMP. The RCMP requires very vigorous training that is completed in the states. They are asking for funding from the Government.

Housing: The village of Lumby has passed the final rendition of new housing bylaw. Cottage houses, secondary suites, mobile homes, townhouses, condos, etc. Tiny homes have not been approved as of yet.

Monashee Mews needs employees. They are having issues finding employees.

D. Announcements

1. AGM Meeting May 28, 2018 @ 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Hall B & C beside the kitchen.

E. Community Report

Poverty – Jean Latval:

Community groups to move together. Whitevalley has received money to hold meetings. If we do not hear anymore comments can be sent in to the Government by March 31. They are looking for comments regarding poverty in our community and would also like examples of other communities. Sonja Harkness is following through and will be facilitating a collaborative meeting with participants who are directly involved with poverty. Various inputs from the community are required.

Director Recruitment – Rosemarie Neufeld:

Jean, Elinor, Evelyn and Catherine are up for nominations. By April 30th at 4 pm one needs to pay 1 dollar. Membership fees are due one month before the AGM. Christine McNeil added her name to the list.

Geoff Vick:

All is well with ambulance service. Recently the work load had doubled for Lisa, our community paramedic and possibly looking at increasing the hours. There was an avalanche at Keefer lake where it buried ten people. Thankfully no one was injured. Geoff put a memo into the telecommunications company and requested more towers.

Heather Searafin:

Heather conducted a survey on youth and where they are right now. Four classrooms were drawn in Lumby. The survey was confidential with no names on them. One would never be able to identify who the kids were that participated. It will take approximately one year to collect the data.

Meningitis outbreak had her very busy. It is declared over. Approximately 78% were immunized.

Mike Takahashi:

The Lions are doing well. They continue to support the Health Society.

Rick Fairburn:

There has been a lot of discussion on Kevin's topic. It's a big issue that is going to cost local government a lot of money for enforcement. In lieu, they are looking for funds from federal government.

Rick had a good meeting with the Interjurisdictional Development Team for the Okanagan Rail Trail. Tourism and economic development is huge. Things are moving along nicely and the Village is cooperating. Regarding the development of Silver Star; the Board has allowed them to proceed.

Rick has been going through budgeting for the district. Lumby community services function 320 grant services. \$15,922.00 dollars has been approved.

Rosemarie:

The date (and route) for the Walk, Roll & Run (WRR) has been changed to June 24, 2018. The goal for this year is to raise \$40,000 to help with replacement of x-ray machine. It will take three years of fundraising to replace. The *Learn to Run* course coincides with WRR. The Meat Draw was set for May 19th. The date still needs to be confirmed.

There have been date changes for the members and directors meetings. All members have been sent the revised meeting dates and times.

Julie Pilon:

Council is going through motions regarding cannabis. We do not know all of the implications of it.

At the end of March, recommendations and implications will be in for the flood plain mapping and assessment project.

Hank:

Over the last ten years we have done many projects on Cherry Creek and Hansen Park. They diverted the water to a natural wetland and braced areas that were eroding. There are measures you can take to mitigate, but only so much you can do. Hank met with Jennifer Scrubb, Executive Director for Ministry of Health in Vancouver. Creston has a very efficient way of recruiting and we may be able to collaborate with them. New software has been developed so one can review it remotely. If the community classification is changed to a 'C', Lumby would receive more of everything.

Jenny:

Sonja Harkness is the new Executive Director for Whitevalley Resource Centre. She has big shoes to fit but is doing great. Jenny is working with Lisa to complete initial referral process visits for seniors.

Melanie:

Feel free to ask about True Leaf Inc. Lumby bought that agricultural land (at the beginning of town) to help mitigate flooding. Splotsin First Nations would like to work with together to develop some form of wetlands. Catherine stated it is farmland and asked if it would be used for farming. It was purchased to mitigate flooding so that is unknown at this time. They would love to see some form of agricultural research facility. There has been interest from the elementary and high school to teach the kids how to farm and grow their own food. The land is 84 acres, however 2 acres was ditched for flooding last year. The province is reactive to the flooding. They do not like to be proactive. Reactive is their mandate. Words to the village last year were "you should have let it flood". The response would be different if we had million dollar homes along the creek. We have the convergence of 3 creeks in our community.

F. Attachments

- Agenda- February 26, 2018
- Minutes – November 27, 2018
- Attendance Sheet – February 26, 2018
- Community Reports – February 26, 2018

G. Meeting Adjourned – 11:15 am moved by Ev Reade and seconded by Judy Phillips.