

## City of Coffman Cove

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Greetings from City Hall,

It seems like we continue to have a lot going on in the city. (Do we ever have a slow week?) The office continues to be busy, working on the budget, working on the new web portal, and taking care of the day-to-day duties. We appreciate all that you do to keep us on track!

On Wednesday evening Mikkel and Rachelle, with HDR Inc. arrived to do a walk-through of the city's water system intake. This is part of the planning process to determine if the city needs a new intake, and if so, what the options are. As they arrived late Wednesday evening, their work didn't start until Thursday morning. They discovered and confirmed that we do indeed have issues with the existing water system intake. The intake screens are crushed and non-functional, and thus the water needs to be diverted to the catchment basin, which in the past has been perforated to allow it to act as a large screen.

Unfortunately, because the stream has been diverted towards it whenever there is a high flow, it washes gravel into the catchment basin, which then must be shoveled out by hand to keep it from flushing down the intake line to the raw water tank. They are looking at several options and will be sending us their findings and suggestions, then we will be able to provide our input as to which option sounds the best.

Also, on Thursday morning the State Disaster team along with the FEMA team arrived to inspect the damage done by the storm event in late November. They inspected all three sites, asking lots of clarifying questions, and documenting with pictures what we have. As this has now been handed off to FEMA, there will be more paperwork to document that what we have done meets all the necessary paperwork for reimbursement. That said, the culvert replacement will be handled by them, at our request, so we will be sure that the necessary procedures will be handled to assure that it will not be an out-of-pocket project on our part.

These were followed up with the monthly Council meeting which was well attended by the public. Michelle Page led the meeting off with a request for the city to consider a

permit system for fireworks, similar to what Thorne Bay uses. This was followed by numerous Resolutions, and a Non-Code Ordinance and an Ordinance. The minutes for the meeting will soon be found on the city web site for your review.

On Friday, VSW had a pre-bid walk through for the current work that is to be done on the Water Treatment Plant, which is to upgrade the controls and valves in the existing system. This is the result of a grant request that was put in for in 2016 and awarded in 2019 but delayed due to COVID. It is now scheduled to happen this fall.

In addition to all of this we have posted for a new Harbor Master, a new Water/Sewer Operator, and we still have an opening for an additional Maintenance employee.

Spring seems to be here, and things are starting to get busy. Let's all continue to make Coffman Cove a great place to live.

Respectfully, Jack Mulcare