

Town of Riverview

COUNCIL REPORT FORM



Presented to: Mayor and Town Council

Presented by: Colin Smith, CAO

Date: September 9, 2019

Subject: Business Arising from Minutes of August Meeting – History of Chocolate River Station

BACKGROUND

At the August 12, 2019 council meeting, Town Council asked that staff prepare a presentation for Council on the history of the Chocolate River Station. Recently residents, both for or against the potential development that includes that property, have been asking members of Council questions on the status of the current facility and wanted further information on why the Town's strategic plan provides direction for the Town to consider selling that property.

Council members indicated that it would be beneficial that an overview of the facility's history be provided at the next public Council meeting so that the background information could be provided to individuals who were interested. A lot of this history has been discussed in previous Council meetings, but this would be an opportunity to provide Council and the public with an update.

A presentation has been prepared that will provide Council:

- A brief review of the initial concept, which originally was for the Town to build a tourism centre on the east side of the Gunningsville Bridge;
- A summary of the revised plan, which relocated the concept in the vacated old Fire Station;
- An overview of the Ad-Hoc Committee of Council's analysis of the Town's management of that facility, that was completed in 2012/13;
- A summary of the Town's challenging history as a commercial landlord at that location (and other locations);
- A refresher on the direction Council provided in the Town's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan;
- A quick overview of the financial performance of the facility; and
- Clarifying information to a number of the misconceptions that individuals have raised with the Town related to Cordova's proposed development for that site.

After the presentation overview, there will be an opportunity for discussion.

CONSIDERATIONS

Legal: N/A

Financial: n/a

Policy: N/A

Stakeholders: n/a

Strategic Plan: Planning for the Future – Town to sell surplus properties and facilities

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Communication Plan: n/a

Recommendation of Staff

For Information purposes – in response to a request from Council.