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(c) Verbal Report from Chief Administrative Officer - Re: Goose Lake Access Road Update
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Previous information provided at the June 16, 2025 Closed/In Camera Meeting of Council:

- With access to Goose Lake Range the land is a dedicated highway available to the public. Council can manage the budget and determine the level of service.
- If only legal access to Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) access must be provided, which Council is aware of.

- A member of Council inquired if the Township must provide one (1) legal access as there are multiple accesses granted by the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO).
- Highway access is contingent on the Township's legislation (bylaws/policies). Access and subdivision approval are contingent on the subdivision bylaw.
- A member of Council noted that there are families that are certificate holders to the OKIB lands (Certificate of Permission). Mr. Manhas advised it's the same process for Road access.
- The CAO advised that the Township could take away the road agreement from the RDNO and just develop the road.
- A Member of Council advised that a copy of the agreement and RDNO information needs to be provided to the Township's lawyer. The RDNO staff were involved in the fencing/gates along the road. Need to follow up with our lawyer after he's received the information to be reported back to Council.
- Yes the landowner can fence, but do need to consider the court system with regards to development requirements.
- It is an improved public road and it could be forced to improve unless Council has a bylaw restricting use (close and open).

The Township has received 13 Complaints from 4 different properties and 2 FOIPPA requests since January 2025 related to one of the following topics:

- Allegations that the people living in temporary housing on OKIB lands pose a disturbance, health & safety and fire hazard
- Allegations of speeding and unsafe behaviour/harassment from contractors
- Allegations that the Township intends to move the Wastewater Treatment plant to OKIB or RDNO lands adjacent to the Goose Lake Access road and/or dump bio solids from the wastewater treatment plant onto those lands without consultation
- Allegations that the road leading to Goose Lake is a private access lane for the homeowners on Stepping Stones Cres and that the Township had no authority to sign a License of Occupation nor provide access to OKIB property owners.

Discussion:

- Members of Council noted a resident meeting may assist.
- It was clarified that the complaints have come from 4 properties in Spallumcheen with the majority coming from 2 properties accounting for 35% of the complaints received in total in 2025.
- The CAO advised that one of the information applicants has noted they have submitted an Ombudsperson inquiry. Staff feel as though they have exhausted the information requirements and the RDNO has been involved with responses as well.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

9. DECLASSIFICATION OF MATTERS FROM IN CAMERA:

10. ADJOURNMENT