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(b) Verbal Report from the Chief Administrative Officer - Re: Goose Lake Range Park & Adjacent Property Access *(CC. 90(1)(f)&(2)(b)(iii))*

The CAO advised that the Township is in receipt of complaints in relation to access to First Nation land from Stepping Stones Road and from the Goose Lake Range Park Road under the License of Occupation (LoO) via the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO). The Township is not in receipt of any access permits to the lands adjacent to the road that is governed under the LoO. The procedure for obtaining access to highways is included in the Township of Spallumcheen Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 2085, 2022, as amended from time to time, under section 18.3.

Discussion:

- A member of Council noted concerns with four (4) accesses off the Lane (right-of-way).
- The Township is of the understanding that it was the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) that approved the accesses.
- The Chief Administrative Officer confirmed that the Township does not have any approvals from the Township for access from the Township's right-of-way.
- A member of Council noted that there needs to be an access permit approval process through the Township prior to accesses being permitted.
- A member of Council noted that based on the Township's bylaw only two (2) accesses should be permitted as they are not separate titles, and therefore two (2) should be required to be removed and contiguous with the fence to deter unauthorized access.
- The CAO advised there could be two off of Stepping Stones Road, which have historically been there, and a maximum of two (2) off the lane (right-of-way).
- Provision 18.3 (b) was discussed as to why a property needs two (2) access points.
- The CAO advised that it is due to the farming component of the Township's rural community that requires the Manager of Operations to allow more than one (1) access per property.
- A member of Council noted that the maximum two (2) accesses should be contingent on the size of a property.
- A member of Council noted that it is based on historical use that has permitted past access.
- A member of Council sought confirmation that no access permit applications have been received, noting that it is a concern. The CAO confirmed that applications have not been received. A member of Council noted the proper procedure needs to be followed.
- A member of Council noted that if there was a subdivision being set up there may only be one access as they would be required to build their own road.
- There were challenges for the RDNO communicating with the adjacent property owners to the west on First Nation land.

- If the Township was to open the road would require the Township Council adopting a road opening bylaw.
- Unapproved access gates could be removed.
- The RDNO as the entity that has the License to Occupy would need to apply and be approved by the Township.
- A member of Council noted this is something that the RDNO will need to remedy.
- A member of Council noted that there is access from OKIB lands down by Okanagan Lake.
- A member of Council noted that due to an increase in pedestrian traffic signs should be considered reminding motorists to share the road.

IC 131/2025 LeMaire/Van Tienhoven: THAT the Township of Spallumcheen Council provide the Regional District of North Okanagan a letter advising that they have until August of 2026 to remove the two (2) newly installed gates located in the middle that provide access onto their license of occupation area advising that the Township of Spallumcheen did not approve these two (2) new accesses from the Okanagan Indian Band property where there is already two access points onto the Township's roadways.

CARRIED
(Amended via Resolution No. IC 009/2026 at the Jan.19.26 Meeting)

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Verbal Report from the Chief Administrative Officer – Re:

SEVERED

The Manager of Operations, Tyler McNeill, left the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Verbal Report from the Chief Administrative Officer – Re:

SEVERED