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CAROLYN GRANT

PESTICIDE EXEMPTION GRANTED

After a bit of discussion, Council voted four to three this week to give first three readings to allow an exemption to the Cosmetic Pesticide Bylaw for lawnbowling greens.

The motion was voted against by Councillors Brent Bush, Paddy Weston and Bob West-Sells.

The application came from the Kimberley Lawn Bowling organization, who requested that they be given the same consideration as golf courses, who are exempt from the bylaw.

While those opposed argued that it was weakening a good bylaw, and that there are non-pesticide alternatives available, including turf building through organic means.

The issue was whether Council considered the lawn bowling greens similar to golf greens.

Coun. Bush said no, they were much smaller and therefore lend themselves to organic methods.

Coun. Mick Henningson said that lawn bowlers don't want dandelions on their greens any more than a golfer.

"They deserve to have as good a green as a golfer," he said.

Mayor Jim Ogilvie said that other communities with similar bylaws do exempt bowling greens and it was an error on Kimberley's part not to include them when the bylaw was originally drafted.

CITY HALL FIX UP

The City granted a contract to Border Holdings of Kimberley for \$63,260 to install accessible washrooms and a stair lift to City Hall. Accessibility to the second floor Council Chambers has always been an issue and installation of the lift will allow disabled persons equal access to Council.

The City also granted Border Holdings the contract to paint the exterior of the Civic Centre. They had hoped to have enough money to paint the exterior of City Hall as well, but the quote came in more than expected.

SANI DUMP FOR KIMBERLEY

A location has been chosen for a sani-dump for Kimberley.

It will be located adjacent to the RCMP parking lot, across the river from the Aquatic Centre.

The site already has lights, power, water and sewer and is easily accessible.

Mayor Jim Ogilvie said it was by far the best site of all that were looked at.

LETTER FROM MINISTER

Council received a letter from the Minister of Environment Terry Lake, in answer to a letter sent by Ogilvie on the urban deer issue.

The Mayor said the letter contained nothing new, and certainly nothing promising any provincial money to support the cull.

The Mayor was distinctly unimpressed.

"When he tells us we have to eliminate attractants, that tells me he doesn't know much about what's going on.

"And an anti-feeding bylaw? We've had one for years."

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