

# Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 5:30 pm

Mayor S. Storey presided. Councillors present were C. LePoidevin and A Fennema.

Staff present was Economic Development Officer D. Christie.

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 pm.

Agenda:

Mayor Storey called for a motion to adopt the agenda and asked for the declaration of new business.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 08-24-273

Carried

# **Delegations & Guests:**

Judy Mooney presented on the need to add two additional park benches in the community.

Mrs. Mooney feels two additional benches need to be added, one between Silver Birch and the Medical Clinic, and the other by the Chowsunket Intersection to cross highway 16.

Mrs. Mooney mentioned that seniors that walk to the medical clinic from Silver Birch in some cases need to rest before making it to the clinic, and for others that walk from the northside of the highway to the clinic also need a spot to rest. The grassy area next to where the trail meets Chowsunket Street close to highway 16 would be an ideal spot.

Mrs. Mooney mentioned that this has been brought forth to recreation staff and during the Age Friendly community consultation process in the past, however there has been no movement on this.

EDO Christie commented that the Village was starting an Active Transportation Study this fall, which will require community consultation and in discussions with Mrs. Mooney she is available to participate. This study will include resting spots.

Mrs. Mooney is happy to be a part of the Active Transportation Study, however, wants a commitment from Council to add the suggested benches.

Mayor Storey mentioned that this is a reasonable request and request staff to find out costing and add this to the 2023 project list for consideration. Councilors LePoidevin and Fennema agreed.

Mayor Storey thanked Mrs. Mooney for her presentation.

# Regular Council Minutes, June 22, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2022, be adopted as presented on this day and that such Minutes as read set out all the business before Council that day and fully and properly record all the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Resolution 08-24-274

Carried

# <u>Special Council Minutes,</u> <u>June 17, 2022</u>

MOVED/SECONDED that the Special Council Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2022, be adopted as presented on this day and that such Minutes as read set out all the business before Council that day and fully and properly record all the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

**Resolution 08-24-275** 

Carried

# **Business arising from** the Minutes:

None

# Reports on Council Activities:

# **Councillor LePoidevin**

Councillor Lepoidevin served at the pancake breakfast and attended the July 1 festivities. He also spent some time with the hostages.

#### **Councillor Fennema**

Councillor Fennema served at the pancake breakfast, judged the parade entries, spent some time with the hostages and attended the July 1 festivities. She would like to thank everyone who was involved with the July 1 firework display. She has never seen such a great show and heard lots of great comments from people.

#### **Mayor Storey**

Mayor Storey would like to thank everyone who was involved with the July 1<sup>st</sup> fireworks display. She agreed with Councillor Fennema and has never seen such a great show. The water fireworks were amazing. A discussion ensued around the time the fireworks are set off, and could they be done earlier? She spent some time with the hostages, served at the pancake

breakfast and attended other festivities. Thank you to all staff for a well organized event.

MP Taylor Bachrach will be in the community on Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm at Senior Duggies Restaurant, open to Council, staff, and the public to stop by.

Mayor Storey attended a meeting today called the Fraser Lake Community Transition Meeting with Ministry staff from Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, Advanced Education and Skills Training, Social Development, Work BC. Service Canada, Village staff, Stellat'en First Nation, Regional District of the Bulkley Nechako, Vanderhoof's Mayor Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof staff and West Fraser. West Fraser provided the group with updates regarding the shift reduction at the Fraser Lake sawmill. The mill will be reducing their work week from two shifts at 80 hours to one shift at 50 hours starting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. This change will create up to 11 new positions on the one shift but will see a reduction in workforce by 60 positions. The number of impacted positions was going to be around 77, however due to retirements, the addition of the 11 positions on day shift, they already had job vacancies and staff that are quitting, the number of positions impacted will be around 60. Mayor Storey asked West Fraser what the percentage of employees being impacted were from Fraser Lake, Regional District and other. She was told 63% from Fraser Lake, 17% from Vanderhoof, 15% from the Regional District, 3% from Endako and 2% from other areas. This equates to 37-38 people from Fraser Lake, 10-11 from Vanderhoof, 9 from the Regional District, 1-2 from Endako and 1-2 from other areas. The majority of people impacted are from Fraser Lake. A discussion amongst Council ensued about how many people would take the bridging option and or just retire. There are concerns around the bridging program, and if people can afford to go on this program. Mayor Storey mentioned the above numbers from West Fraser are only estimates at this time, and they are working through everything now, and they would supply more concrete numbers by September 9th. Mayor Storey also mentioned these numbers are direct jobs only. With West Fraser's 39% reduction in production, down stream jobs will also be impacted, i.e., Finger joints, trim blocks, wood chips, sawdust. This will impact Vanderhoof and Prince George as well. The impact to West Fraser's forestry contractors (equipment operators, truck drivers) is still currently unknown. The group that met today, will meet again the week of September 19th.

A discussion ensued amongst Council regarding if any fibre will be shipped out of this area to Quesnel, Williams Lake, or Chetwynd for processing. Mayor Storey mentioned this is a concern for the Village, Regional District and Vanderhoof with no real answer at this point.

Mayor Storey said with the current economic market in the area, and vacant positions, we are in an employee's market. EDO Christie has done some work on this and has identified over 300 vacant positions with-in 100 kilometers of Fraser Lake from small business to large industry. She is

confident those who will be impacted can find local employment quickly. Mining in the area is expanding and has a lot of vacant positions right now. WorkBC will be expanding their hours in the community and will be offering training programs. Service Canada will look at coming to the community around October 11<sup>th</sup> to assist those impacted with employment insurance for a quick and seamless transition.

Mayor Storey received a call from Stellat'en Chief Robert Michell regarding their interest in Fraser Lake's Fire Department providing fire protection to their community. Once the Tri-Community Council meetings resume this topic may come up for further discussion.

Mayor Storey attended meetings regarding Fraser Lake recycling and the transfer station with Regional District Director Mark Parker and Regional District staff. The hours at the Fraser Lake Transfer Station have been increased and they are now open seven days per week, 10 am to 6 pm. The current recycling model in Fraser Lake is being reviewed and more to follow soon.

Mayor Storey mentioned there have been discussions with the Regional District to pave the road to the transfer station. A discussion ensued amongst Council on how the Village can advocate to the Ministry for this to be put on their project list and push for them to pave to the airport. Medivacs are using the airport and the road to and from the airport is in rough shape and not ideal to transport patients on.

Mayor Storey commented that she has been very busy summer and there is a lot going on behind the scenes.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

**Resolution 08-24-276** 

Carried

#### Accounts payable:

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$1,674,295.03

Resolution 08-24-277

Carried

#### **Correspondence List:**

Four Rivers Co-operative – Letter of Intent

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Correspondence List.

**Resolution 08-24-278** 

Carried

# **Business from the CAO:**

# **Community Hall Update:**

EDO Christie presented an update to Council on this project. Currently the RFP is active, closing on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Once the bids have been reviewed staff will bring this to Council for review.

Assuming the bids are within the available budget and Council approves, this project will begin any time between September 1 and November 1, 2022.

The project is being managed by the Architectural consultant: Miza Architect. Our previous payments have been for the preparation of construction documents. The project has now moved into the tendering and construction administration stage. As per the earlier proposal, these activities result in additional fees:

Recommendation: Payment of the Tender Fee and Tender Disbursements:

Tender Fees:	\$14,468.00
Tender Disbursements	\$3380.00
Miza site visit: ~	\$2240.00
Polar Engineering site visit: ~	\$1140.00
0 0	Total: \$17,888.00

MOVED/SECONDED to expend \$17,888.00 for the Tender Fees and Tender Disbursements associated with the Community Hall project and to expend those expenses from the project budget.

**Resolution 08-24-279** 

Carried

# <u>Designated Water Line project update – Amendment of earlier resolution:</u>

EDO Christie provided the details of the project. On June 8, 2022, Council passed a resolution to apply to the Canada Community Building Fund in British Columbia for \$6M for this project. The application to the Federal Canada Community-Building Fund has been submitted. To be eligible for this funding, the Village must commit our financial portion of the project.

Costs of construction are increasing almost weekly. The engineer for this project has advised that project costs have likely risen. He has suggested the cost of the project could now be as high as \$9.4 M\$ to \$9.6 M\$.

To ensure the estimate is not outpaced by the increasing costs of construction, he has added a substantial contingency and suggests a maximum cost of \$10.3 M.

On June 8, 2022, Council passed a resolution to apply to the Canada Community Building Fund in British Columbia for \$6M for this project. The estimated cost of the project was \$8.4 Million. The Village committed the additional \$2.4 M from the Community Forest Reserve to ensure the required funds are available for completion of this project.

MOVED/SECONDED to amend resolution 06-08-248 to apply to the Canada Community-Building Fund in British Columbia for \$6M to complete the designated water line project at an estimated cost of \$10.3 M and to commit \$4.3 M from the Community Forest Reserve to ensure the required funding is available for completion of the designated water line project.

Resolution 08-24-280

Carried

# **Housing Needs Assessment:**

The Village of Fraser Lake has been successful in our application to UBCM for \$15,000.00 to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment for the Village.

In preparation for our application, two groups were contacted for advice and budget proposals: SPARC BC and City Spaces. Both entities proposed a budget of \$20,000.00 for this work. SPARC BC further assisted the application process by providing a written proposal.

MOVED/SECONDED to award the Housing Needs Assessment to SPARC BC.

**Resolution 08-24-281** 

Carried

#### **Active Transportation Study:**

EDO Christie explained the Government of Canada has awarded the Village of Fraser Lake with \$50,0000.00 in funding to develop our Active Transportation plan. With this funding, an Active Transportation Plan will be developed through stakeholder engagement, planning and design. With this plan in hand, the Village than becomes eligible to apply for capital funding that could cover up to 60 % of the cost of projects that build new or enhance existing active transportation infrastructure to promote active transportation or enhance user safety and security.

To create the required workplan for the application, the Village engaged Urban Systems as they have expertise in these matters.

To be eligible for this funding, the Village is also required to enter an agreement with the Federal Government.

MOVED/SECONDED to award the development of the Village of Fraser Lake Active Transportation plan to Urban Systems.

Resolution 08-24-282

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to enter into an agreement with the Federal Government and authorizing CAO Holland to sign the Active Transportation Fund Agreement on behalf of the Village of Fraser Lake.

**Resolution 08-24-283** 

Carried

# Wharf Maintenance:

EDO Christie advised Council the contractor who was engaged for this project will not be able to complete this work in 2022. The pressure washing and oiling of the wharf will be prioritized for 2023.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Wharf Maintenance.

Resolution 08-24-284

Carried

# Response from BC Hydro:

EDO Christie provided the details of BC Hydro's response to meet during UBCM 2022. The response focused on the three main topics submitted:

- Street Light conversion
- Residential Energy Improvement incentives
- BC Hydro rates

Mayor Storey advised she was able to have a discussion with Mike from BC Hydro and was able to ask some questions prior to the UBCM meeting. The main question was how much we are paying for the LED lights, and when does this expense stop. On April 1, 2024, the fees will be reduced on the new LED fixtures.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the CAO reports.

**Resolution 08-24-285** 

Carried

# **Staff Reports:**

# **Visitor Centre Statistics:**

EDO Christie presented his report on the 2022 Visitor Centre Statistics. As of August 24, 2022, the Visitor Centre was experiencing a 50.97% increase over 2021 and are trending to pre Covid-19 pandemic levels. Tourist this year have been mainly from Europe (France, England, Sweden, Germany) and the eastern United States.

Mayor Storey thanked staff and the volunteers from the Fraser Lake Historical Society for running the Visitor Information Centre.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Visitor Centre Statistics.

Resolution 08-24-286

Carried

<u>UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Operations</u> Centre 2023 Funding:

UBCM Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Operations Centres & Training Funding Stream is available to municipalities that operate Emergency Operation Centres (EOC).

The 2023 Emergency Support Services Funding would be used to purchase 2-way radio systems, EOC training, printer ink, paper, servicing, and print heads for the plotter / EOC printer.

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the 2023 Emergency Operations Centres & Training Funding Stream \$30,000.

Resolution 08-24-287

Carried

# Fraser Lake Curling Rink Upgrade Project Building Permit:

Staff have applied for the building permits to complete phase one of the Fraser Lake Curling Rink / Community Hall project.

Jason Berlin, Senior Building Inspector from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, has advised the fee for the building permit for this project would be \$12,100.00. Mr. Berlin has asked if the Village would be waiving this fee. Past practice has been the Village waives the building permit fees for municipal projects.

MOVED/SECONDED to waive the \$12,100.00 Building Permit for the Fraser Lake Curling Rink / Community Hall Project

Resolution 08-24-288

Carried

#### **UBCM Resource Breakfast Series:**

An invitation has been received for the organizers of the Resource Breakfast Series for UBCM 2022. The breakfast series bring together Mayors, Councillors, representatives of the Resource Sectors and Provincial Government representatives. This breakfast series provide attendees with an updated understanding of what is happening in the various resource sectors.

Each community is allocated up to two (2) seats at each breakfast.

A brief discussion followed.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the UBCM Resource Breakfast Series.

Resolution 08-24-289

Carried

# **UBCM Official Opposition Meeting Opportunity:**

The B.C. Liberal Caucus is offering the opportunity to meet with Minister Kevin Falcon, Leader of the Official Opposition and to participate in two round table discussions that are scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday September 15, 2022.

Mayor Storey advised Council that Village staff have requested to partake in this meeting. Specific details have not been confirmed.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive UBCM Official Opposition Meeting Opportunity.

**Resolution 08-24-290** 

Carried

# **UBCM Provincial Minister and Staff Meeting Requests:**

During the UBCM meetings, Mayor and Council have the opportunity to request meetings with Ministers and staff.

Mayor Storey and EDO Christie discussed the matter and the following requests have been made:

Honorable Nathan Cullen – Minister of Municipal Affairs

Honorable Jennifer Whiteside - Minister of Education & Childcare

Honorable Katrine Conroy - Minister of Forests

Honorable Ravi Kahlon – Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

Honorable Adrian Dix – Minister of Health

Honorable Rob Fleming – Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

EDO Christie mentioned that once the meetings have been confirmed this information will be shared with Council.

Mayor Storey advised Council that she received a request through EDO Christie to meet with Northern Health's CEO Cathy Ulrich today and she will accept the meeting invitation.

Councillor Fennema advised Council she has received a request to attend the Municipal Insurance Association of BC meeting at UBCM. She is the Village representative for this group and will be attending.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive UBCM Provincial Minister and Staff Meeting Requests

Resolution 08-24-291

Carried

#### Village of Fraser Lake 2021 Annual Report:

The Village of Fraser Lake 2021 Annual Report has been completed. This detailed report has updates from every department, a progress snapshot from 2019, and the 2021 Consolidated Financial Statements.

Mayor Storey mentioned she has identified a few grammar edits.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Village of Fraser Lake 2021 Annual Report with the edits presented.

Resolution 08-24-292

Carried

# Village of Fraser Lake Asset Management Roadmap:

The Village of Fraser Lake Asset Management Roadmap Report has been completed.

The Asset Management Roadmap provides a long-term plan to prioritize and resource asset management initiatives throughout the organization. Asset management aims to develop a sustainable process to maintain and operate infrastructure assets within the municipality through best practices.

A brief discussion followed.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the Village of Fraser Lake Asset Management Roadmap.

Resolution 08-24-293

Carried

# September 14, 2022, Council Meeting:

Mayor Storey, Councilor Fennema and CAO Holland will be attending the UBCM Annual Conference in Whistler September 11 to September 16, 2022, and unavailable to attend the September 14, 2022, regular scheduled Council meeting.

MOVED/SECONDED to cancel the September 14, 2022, Regular Scheduled Council Meeting

Resolution 08-24-294

Carried

# Northern Development Initiative Trust Letter of Support:

Northern Development Initiative Trust has requested a letter of support from local governments and First Nations in the region to develop a booking platform for passenger transportation.

The Letter of support will be used to advocate the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to co-fund this initiative.

MOVED/SECONDED to provide a Letter of Support to Northern Development Initiative Trust to develop a booking platform for passenger transportation in the region.

**Resolution 08-24-295** 

Carried

#### Village Transportation Service:

As part of the Village's Transportation Funding agreement with Northern Development Initiative Trust, the service can provide extra trips over the scheduled service with the goal of increasing transportation services in Fraser Lake.

Autumn Services also received funding from Northern Development Initiative Trust to purchase a vehicle and operate a transportation service. Autumn Services transportation service differs from the Village's service.

Village staff along with Autumn Services staff have met several times since May of this year to discuss collaboration between the two different services and partnerships with extra trips.

As part of these discussions, both services will partner on special day trips and use both vehicles to increase the capacity. A survey was distributed throughout the community with events from September to December looking for interest and feedback.

Two trips have been scheduled so far from this feedback.

Tuesday August 30, 9am – 1pm – Stellat'en Salmon Festival Open

Ceremonies and community events
Thursday September 1, 9am – 6pm – Ancient Forest

Future trips that are being considered are Festival of Trees in Prince George, Festival of Lights in Vanderhoof, Christmas Play in either Vanderhoof or Prince George.

A brief discussion followed.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Village Transportation Service update.

**Resolution 08-24-296** 

Carried

# Fraser Lake ESS Director Resignation:

On Wednesday August 17, 2022, CAO Holland and EDO Christie received a written resignation from the Director of the Fraser Lake ESS Team, Audrey Fennema.

Mrs. Fennema has agreed to stay in place until a replacement can be found.

EDO Christie updated Council that he has been in conversation with the Regional District ESS Manager Chris on this matter. Upon CAO Holland's return, further action will be planned.

Mayor Storey thanked Mrs. Fennema for being the Fraser Lake ESS Director.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Fraser Lake ESS Director Resignation.

Resolution 08-24-297

Carried

# Complaints:

EDO Christie updated Council on complaints the Village has received over the summer.

There has been a total of six complaints:

Two for overgrown grass / lawns, two for Roosters, one for smoke from a firepit, one for a barking dog, and one for Village summer students not wearing PPE.

A brief discussion followed.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the complaints.

Resolution 08-24-298

Carried

<u>Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Compressor</u> Unit:

The Fire Department has one 20+ year old 5000psi SCBA bottle compressor unit. In 2020, the fire department upgraded their SCBA's from 2200psi to 4500psi bottles. However, the current SCBA bottle compressor unit was not upgraded and struggles to fill the new 4500psi tanks. The unit failed on Sunday August 21st and is currently offline.

Fire Chief Pacheco has been in contact with the repair company Irwin Air who has looked at the unit in the past. In describing the current symptoms of the unit and parts are very difficult to find due to the age of the unit. It is recommended this unit be replaced with a 6000psi system. This system could fill the 4500psi SCBA tanks with no issues and quickly.

The total cost of this project is \$21,993.57 which includes the trade in value \$3,700.00 of the current, non-operating system from Irwin Air. Fire Chief Pacheco has \$18,000 left in the departments Capital Equipment budget. Of which \$13,000 will be used to subsidize this purchase.

MOVED/SECONDED to expend \$8,993.57 from the Northern Capital Planning Grant for a New SCBA Bottle Filling Compressor Unit from Irwin Air.

**Resolution 08-24-299** 

Carried

<u>UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment & Training Grant:</u>

UBCM Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment & Training Funding Stream is available to municipalities that operate a fire department. The intent of this funding stream is to build the resiliency of volunteer and composite fire departments in preparing for and responding to emergencies through the purchase of new or replacement equipment and to facilitate the delivery of training. The grant program closes October 21, 2022 and has one funding stream that covers up to 100% eligible costs up to \$30,000

The 2022 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment & Training Funding would be used to purchase new portable 2-way radios and firefighter full turnout gear sets. The total cost of this projects is \$30,000.

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the 2022 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment & Training Funding Stream for up to \$30,000.

Resolution 08-24-300

Carried

# Diversified Transportation Ltd / BC Bus North Letter of Support:

Diversified Transportation Ltd. operates the BC Bus North Service. Diversified has operated this service since 2018 after Greyhound discontinued services to BC.

BC Bus North is subsidized by the Provincial Government. To continue this service, Diversified has requested a Letter of Support for continued funding from the Provincial Government.

MOVED/SECONDED to provide a Letter of Support to Diversified Transportation Ltd. for continued service of BC Bus North.

Resolution 08-24-301

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Staff reports.

Resolution 08-24-302

Carried

#### **Reading List:**

A discussion ensued amongst Council regarding the House of Commons Transport Committee report on rail safety that MP Taylor Bachrach sent out. One missing component to this report is the railways obligation to keep their rail yards clean of debris. CN's Fraser Lake and Endako properties are filled with used rail ties, plates, spikes, and other material that make these areas look terrible. During the upcoming meeting with MP Taylor Bachrach, Mayor Storey will be bringing this issue forward. She hopes to take MP Bachrach to these locations.

EDO Christie mentioned that he met with CN's CEO Tracy Robinson at a conference earlier this year, and she had committed to having their properties cleaned up. EDO Christie recommended if Mayor and Council see CN at UBCM, this issue be brought forward again.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Reading List.

**Resolution 08-24-303** 

Carried

#### **New Business:**

Councillor Fennema made a motion to add two park benches as presented

by Mrs. Mooney.

A brief discussion followed.

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the Northern Healthy Community Fund for up to \$5000 for the purchase and installation costs of two park benches, one to be installed between Silver Birch and the Medical Clinic and one to be installed by the trail intersection of Chowsunket Street.

Resolution 08-24-304

Carried

Mayor Storey would like to see more park benches around the community as well and the Village could seek accessibility funding for this.

EDO Christie mentioned that park benches or "Rest Areas" will be looked at during the Active Transportation Study.

Councillor Storey asked about how much money the Village gives the Legion to put on the July 1<sup>st</sup> pancake breakfast and if they need more.

EDO Christie updated Council that the Legion receives \$1500 from the Village to run this event, all the donations received from this event are kept by the Legion. EDO Christie mentioned that for this year, he was approached by a Legion executive after the event was over and told the Legion had run out of food at 9:30am as the \$1500 did not buy as much as it did in the past due to inflation. The \$1500 is to be used for pancakes, eggs, sausages, bacon, juice, coffee, milk, and cream. If other items are purchased outside of this, i.e., fruit and veggie trays, who should be responsible to cover these costs?

A brief discussion followed.

Mayor Storey requested staff meet with the Legion to determine what funding would be required to ensure breakfast ran until 10am in the future, how much in donations was received, what is their operating costs for the event, and report back to Council.

MOVED/SECONDED to increase the donation to the Legion for the July  $1^{\rm st}$  breakfast to \$2000 per year.

Resolution 08-24-305

Carried

Mayor Storey has requested an update from the Director of Public Works Hilman at the next Council meeting on the paving that was completed this year, potholes that were fixed, and if the budget was expended in these areas.

A brief discussion followed.

Mayor Storey mentioned that the new Speed Signs on the highway at either end of the community look great.

EDO Christie provided an update on the project, some minor adjustments are required i.e., lowering them down a bit, and then information gathering to get a baseline for the data. The signs will be turned off for this stage, and will then be turned back on.

Mayor Storey asked about the cemetery and if the drainage that was installed last year worked during the wet season this year. Mayor Storey asked if the cemetery beautification project was going to happen this year.

EDO Christie told Council that in discussions with Director of Public Works Hilman, the drainage worked perfectly this year, there was no standing water and during digs for burials water was not an issue. Limited beautification has happened this year due to the bobcat being out of commission, they were able to refill the trenches from last years project that had settled, and the concrete pad around the Columbarium was poured. Further work is still required.

Mayor Storey asked if Minor Hockey had requested early ice for this season.

EDO Christie commented Minor Hockey had requested early ice, however due to the number of projects this year and equipment breakdowns, staff capacity could not accommodate this request.

Mayor Storey would like to see if this is possible in the future.

Mayor Storey mentioned she was invited to the Integris Open House on Friday August 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm and hoped lots of people from the community come out to support the event. Integris wants to hear what is working well, and what needs improvement.

Councilor Lepoidevin asked if there was anyway to have a ramp or something to the second dock. Currently adults and kids are having to climb over rocks to gain access to the dock which is not safe.

EDO Christie updated Council on the dock project and mentioned that he will ask Director Hilman if anything can be done to make this safer for the remainder of this year. If not, we will barricade this dock off.

Councillor Lepoidevin mentioned where the trail meets the Chowsunket sidewalk if that area could be leveled a bit. He witnesses a motorized scooter that almost tipped due to the steepness while entering the sidewalk.

A brief discussion followed.

Mayor Storey mentioned while at White Swan Park she noticed one piece of the exercise equipment had been damaged. Also, she asked if something could be down with the hole where we have a piece of plywood covering it. There were cones, but they have gone missing. Mayor Storey also asked if staff could look at leveling some of the lawn areas at White Swan Park. She was also wondering if staff could look at adding color changing lights to the Wharf railing as a beautification project.

A brief discussion followed.

Mayor Storey requested staff talk with the Fraser Lake Mall Manager and owner to look at a beautification project where the Community Market sets up and report back to Council.

A brief discussion followed.

Councilor Fennema mentioned that the Federal Government survey on ageism she received was not very user friendly for the survey's target age. She will bring this up to MP Bachrach at the meeting this weekend.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive new business

**Resolution 08-24-306** 

Carried

**Bylaws:** 

None

In Camera:

As per Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter which states a part of a Council Meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

MOVED/SECONDED to move the Regular Council Meeting to In Camera under section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter at 8:04 pm

Resolution 08-24-307

Carried

Return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:22 pm

Next Regular Meeting of Council: September 28, 2022, at 5:30 pm

Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the August 24, 2022, Regular Meeting of

Council adjourn at 8:23 pm.

Resolution 08-24-313

Carried

**Certified Correct:** 

Sarrah Storey, Mayon

Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer