



**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers
on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 5:30 pm**

**Meeting Called to Order
at 5:30 pm.**

Mayor S. Storey presided. Councillors present were J. Webb, C. LePoidevin and A. Fennema. Councillor J. Jenkinson attended virtually.

Staff present were CAO R. Holland and Intern L. Hartman.

Agenda:

Mayor Storey called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 11-08-339

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

None

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting,
October 25, 2023**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Council Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2023, 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 11-08-340

Carried

**Business arising from
the Minutes:**

None

Councillor Reports:

Councillor LePoidevin

Councillor LePoidevin attended the Halloween event on October 31, where he grilled hamburgers for the public.

Councillor Webb

Councillor Webb attended the Halloween festivities at White Swan Park on October 31. She enjoyed being part of this event and found it was well attended.

On November 8, Councillor Webb attended the Indigenous Veterans Day Ceremony at Stelat'en First Nation. She felt that the event was well received, and the turn out was pretty good. Councillor Webb explained that this day came to be in 1994 after Indigenous Veterans were not recognized on November 11.

Councillor Jenkinson

Councillor Jenkinson has been engaged in conversations with Fraser Lake and District Senior Citizen Home Society (FLDSCHS) President, Diane Harder about the Seniors' Housing project.

Councillor Fennema

Councillor Fennema attended the Halloween celebration on October 31. She thanked her fellow Council members for their hard work.

Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey attended the Halloween festivities on October 31. She thanked the Chamber of Commerce and Village Staff for all their hard work. She also wanted to recognize the hard work of CAO Holland, Fire Chief Pacheco, Dave Christie, and the other members of Fraser Lake Fire Rescue for the fireworks.

Mayor Storey attended a meeting with the Regional District Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN) about wildfires. Potential improvements to the way fires are managed was discussed. It was agreed that communications are key.

Mayor Storey received an update from Coastal GasLink (CGL). They are now demobilizing the Little Rock Lake Camp, and there will only be 25-40 people remaining to do reclamation work. She went on to tell Council that eight compressor stations have been approved under the Environmental Assessment. Assuming the final investment decision for Phase II is approved, the compressor station between Burns Lake and Fraser Lake will have 200 people in the camp.

Regional transportation was a topic of discussion at the recent RDBN Board Meeting. There was a discussion about changing ticket prices. The Village will be contributing slightly more to this program in 2024.

CN Rail brought plans to the RDBN for public consultation, asset management and vegetation control.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Council Reports.

Resolution 11-08-341

Carried

Accounts payable:

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$145,761.70

Resolution 11-08-342

Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

BC Air Access Program – Funding Opportunity – Airport Improvements

The BC Air Access Program is accepting applications for 2024 projects. The intake closes at the end of day on December 22, 2023.

The BC Air Access Program provides up to 90% funding for minor projects that improve aviation infrastructure. In 2023, the Village utilized this funding to install gravel adjacent to the south side of the runway and taxi way. The gravel was placed to slow the deterioration of the asphalt on the runway which was cracking and breaking away as the underlying gravel was washed away. The 2023 project included painting the runway and taxi way markings. Aim point and landing markings were also added to bring our runway into compliance with Transport Canada regulations.

The proposal for 2024 is to apply for a minor project. The project is for the placement of gravel along the north edge of the runway. The same problem is plaguing that area: sand and gravel is being washed away and the asphalt is cracking and breaking off. By placing gravel along the edge of the tarmac and compacting that gravel in place, this will drastically slow the deterioration of the tarmac.

Administration has acquired a quote from a local contractor for the cost of supplying, hauling and compaction of 1,100 m3 of gravel to the airport. The quote is for \$30,700.00 plus tax.

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the BC Air Access Program for a 2024 Airport Runway improvement project that would apply and compact 1,100 yards of gravel along the north side of the runway at a cost of \$30,700.00 and to expend the \$3,700.00 portion belonging to the Village from the Northern Capital and Planning Grant reserve.

Resolution 11-08-343

Carried

RDBN – Regional Housing Capacity Initiative – Request for support

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has proposed a Regional Housing Capacity Initiative. To fund that initiative, they have proposed an application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for funding under the Northern Healthy Communities Fund.

CAO Holland informed Council that should the Regional District be successful, the program would feature a Housing Planner on a three-year term to work with municipalities on housing related initiatives. This could include assistance with updating our zoning bylaw and the development of a development permit bylaw.

MOVED/SECONDED to support the application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Regional District Bulkley-Nechako for the Regional Housing Capacity Initiative.

Resolution 11-08-344

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Business from the CAO.

Resolution 11-08-345

Carried

Staff Reports:

Intern L. Hartman – Celebrate Canada Funding – Funding Opportunity

The Celebrate Canada funding program provides funding to community-based activities celebrating and promoting Canada's cultural, ethnic, linguistic, and geographic diversity.

Every year the Celebrate Canada Grant from Canadian Heritage is available for municipalities to apply for funding up to \$5,000.00 which can be used towards Canada Day expenses. Project-related expenses such as fireworks, entertainment, supplies, and equipment are eligible through this stream. In 2023, the Village was successful in obtaining \$3,840.00 from this fund.

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the Canadian Heritage Celebrate Canada grant funding program for up to \$5,000.00 in support of our 2024 Canada Day celebrations.

Resolution 11-08-346

Carried

Reading List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Reading List

Resolution 11-08-347

Carried

New Business:

Councillor LePoidevin inquired about whether there was Fiber Optic to the Southside and Park Drive yet.

CAO Holland informed Council that CityWest is currently in town, so he is hoping they are working on that. There has been no communication with the Village Office as of yet.

Mayor Storey has been receiving complaints from residents about the large trucks that have been parked on McMillan Avenue behind the splash park. There is a lot of mud forming where these trucks are parking as they have torn the grass up. She wanted to know what could be done to resolve this problem. Mayor Storey suggested a parking bylaw, or signage about not parking overnight.

Mayor Storey attended a meeting on November 8th with a colleague from UBCM. This colleague was heading into an all-day budget discussion meeting. Mayor Storey is hoping that the Village of Fraser Lake can begin our budget discussion meetings earlier this year. She is hoping that the process can be easy this year and not cause headaches for Staff.

CAO Holland informed Council that Staff have started the process which includes identifying projects, prioritizing those lists and seeking quotes. He invited Council to join the next meeting if they would like to.

Mayor Storey received some complaints about the Christmas lights going up on the outside of the shopping centre before November 11th.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive New Business.

Resolution 11-08-348

Carried

Bylaws:

None

In Camera:

None

Next Meeting of Council:

Regular Meeting November 22, 2023, at 5:30 pm

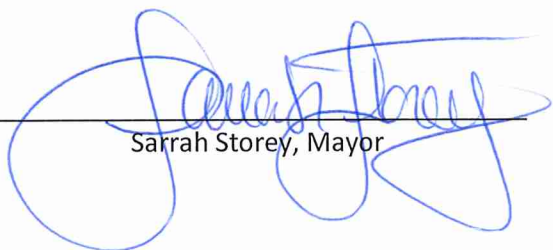
Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the November 8, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 6:10 pm.

Resolution 11-08-349

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarrah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer