

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held MAY 11, 2016
In the Municipal Hall in Open Forum**

Those in Attendance: Mayor Lindstrom
Councillor Reyden
Councillor Jantz
Councillor LePoidevin
Councillor Storey

Staff

Elizabeth Litke Director of Finance
Vern Hilman Director of Public Works
Fire Chief James Cochran

Delegations

Cory Naphtali - KPMG
Claudette Gouger - New Gold
Bobby Hurry / Lori Hurry - Hurry Help
Sylvia Hendriksen / Dave Hendriksen - Super Valu
Kosta Sanis/ Greg Herbert - Endako Mine

Mayor Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed those in attendance

Agenda:

Resolution 05-11-161 M/S Councillor Jantz/ Councillor Reyden

“Motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of the correspondence from the Regional District regarding ‘Community to Community forum’ and the correspondence from Cranbrook regarding the community challenge to donate money to the Fort McMurray fire relief. As well the addition of Sylvia Hendriksen as a delegation”

CARRIED

Delegation:

Cory Naphtali – KPMG presented the audited 2015 financial statements. It was a 'Clean Audit opinion. KPMG would like to thank the staff for their hard work. Mr. Naphtali went thru a PDF that outlined the financial position of the Village of Fraser Lake. (See attached report)

Claudette Gouger - New Gold Black Water Project provided an update on the Blackwater Project. The focus for 2016 is exploration, monitoring water quality (this is ongoing all year), reclamation of the old drill pads and roads from previous exploration. They also plan to plant 10,000 seedlings. The environmental assessment process is moving along. The public consultation period was open this past January and February resulted in a number of comments. New Gold will be working on responding to those comments and suggestions. New Gold is hoping to obtain their environmental certificate by late 2016 or early 2017. New Gold continues to engage First nations and local communities – working with these groups to ensure their people are prepared for the hiring process. New Gold is working with Aboriginal Communities to assist them in obtaining the necessary skills and education and they are prepared for economic and business development. The Blackwater project will hire 1000 to 1500 people for the construction stage and 500 for the operation of the mine.

Sylvia Hendriksen provided an update on the closing of SuperValu. She has spoken with her district manager and there is no going back. The store is closing June 18th. Loblaw has been planning this closure for a year and with the closure of the mine there is no interest in continuing operations. It has been losing money for a few years now. The business has been up for sale for a while but nobody is interested. After this coming weekend (May 14/15) they will begin discontinuing stock and not getting in new stock except for milk, bread, eggs, some meat, some produce and a few other essentials. Over the last few years people have used the store more as a convenience store to pick up essentials until they are able to go elsewhere to do their shopping.

To get a new store up and running, Mrs. Hendriksen estimates it would cost about \$350,000. After the store is closed, all the fixtures will be sent to the land fill. Sylvia is willing to help someone else start up a new store but adds a new store would need community support. She added, this closure will be hard on our seniors, persons of lower income. The staff at Super Valu will also be impacted by this closure.

Minutes:

Resolution 05-11-162 M/S Councillor Reyden / Councillor Storey

“Motion to adopt the Regular Meeting minutes from the April 27th meetings with correction; Regional District Area C has conducted an alternative approval process and it passed”

CARRIED

Business from the Previous Meeting

Sewer Drop tank installation and the Water Metering for Commercial Water sales will be discussed in New Business

Business Arising from the Minutes:

None

Council Reports:

Councillor LePoidevin – attended the NCLGA in Dawson Creek. He toured the Wind Farm, the Northern Lights College and the Site C Hydro Project. They were all very interesting. He had an opportunity to meet a number of interesting people and make some valuable contacts.

Councillor Storey –attended the NCLGA in Dawson Creek. She was able to go a day early and attend the “Healthy Communities Forum”. Northern Health is working on their strategic plan to 2021. The theme of their plan is partnering with communities. Communication with Northern Health is the number one priority for communities and Northern Health. In Dawson Creek they are helping to crack down on smoking and on Haida Gwaii they are working on a collaboration with First Nations. The Northern Health Forum was very informative and brought together a number of Health Sectors. Councillor Storey also participated in the Tumbler Ridge / Chetwynd Circle Tour and found this to be very informative. Overall the NCLGA was very informative and well presented. The AGM sessions were educational and Councillor Storey would like to see the Village of Fraser Lake bring forward a couple resolutions next year. She would also like to review and discuss resolutions going to NCLGA prior to the event so that council knows where they stand as a group.

Councillor Reyden–Nothing to Report

Councillor Jantz – attended the NCLGA. Councillor Jantz was really impressed with the Northern Lights Community College Energy House. It is a R&D project for students. They study solar voltaic and solar thermal energy, Geo Thermal, and a Bio fuels. Dawson Creek Wastewater plant was also toured. This plant is quite innovative; processing wastewater to potable, almost drinkable water. Since the Peace Region relies on surface water for potable water, supplies, this system converts wastewater to clean water that can be used by industry for fracturing.

On Monday the Fraser Basin Council was here – we need to support them and water conservation. Unfortunately there was not a large showing at the open house.

Mayor Lindstrom attended the BC Mayors Caucus before attending the NCLGA. During the event, Mayor Lindstrom participated in an Energy tour during which water was a significant topic of discussion.

Enbridge is looking for support for a three year extension on meeting their requirements for the "start of work" . The Northern Gateway project has met 208 out of 209.

Resolution 05-11-163 MS Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Storey
"Motion to receive the Councillor reports"

CARRIED

Accounts Payable:

Resolution 05-11-164 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Jantz
"Motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$97,164.89"

CARRIED

Correspondence List:

Resolution 05-11-165 M/S Councillor Jantz / Councillor Reyden
"A motion to receive the Correspondence List"

CARRIED

Business from the CAO:

- 1) Update on Mouse Mountain Days. A discussion was held regarding the hostages of hospitality initiative. This year July 1st is a Friday. Typically, Mayor and Council host the hostages for the whole weekend. This past year, it was quite difficult to locate persons who were willing to participate in the program. The second point for consideration is the length of time we will entertain them.

A brief discussion was held. It was decided we will still entertain Hostages of Hospitality for Thursday Evening and Friday. Their room will be paid for on Friday evening and they will be free to continue on their way Saturday Morning. The theme for this year will be "Celebrating 50 years" it is the Villages 50 year anniversary since our incorporation.

Resolution 05-11-166 M/S Councillor Jantz / Councillor Storey
"A motion to receive the business from the CAO"

CARRIED

Staff Reports:

Fire Chief James Cochran presented a power point on the new "Playbook" for firefighters. The Playbook is the new training standard for firefighters in BC. Fire Chief Cochran provided information on the levels of service correspond with levels of training as set out by the

Playbook. There is an expectation, the Village will declare the level of service that will be provided to the community based on the level of training the Fire Department staff and volunteers have been able to train too. This service level is to be identified through a bylaw or policy and approved by Council. He recommends a declaration of exterior operations. This is based on our current level of training and the limited manpower available to the department. As training progresses and should we see an increase in the number of volunteers, we may be able to upgrade our service level to interior operations. All fire fighters will be trained to the highest standard possible. The purpose of the declared level of service is to identify what level of service can be expected under normal circumstances. External operations is the typical service standard for small volunteer fire department operations.

Resolution 05-11-167 M/S Councillor Jantz/ Councillor Storey
"Motion to receive the Fire Department Report"

CARRIED

Reading List:

Resolution 05-11-168 M/S Councillor Jantz / Councillor Storey
"A motion to receive the Reading List"

CARRIED

Regional District has proposed a 'Community to Community forum' in June, 2016. The correspondence suggests the meeting will be held in Burns Lake, B.C. Council would like administration to inform Burns Lake that we are interested in attending. When a date and location has been set, Council will provide a list of who is available to attend.

Cranbrook issued a challenge to other municipalities to donate a \$1000 to the Fort McMurray Municipality to assist the community in their recovery efforts.

Resolution 05-11-169 M/S Councillor Jantz / Councillor Storey
"A motion donate \$250 to the Canadian Red Cross in support of the Fort McMurray evacuees."

CARRIED

New Business:

Councillor Storey advises West Fraser is hosting a seniors BBQ at Autumn Services on Friday. Constable Carter and his family have been transferred and will be leaving Fraser Lake. He and his family have been very active in our community. A going away party is scheduled for this Sunday between 12-4 pm for the Carters. Everyone is welcome to attend. June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day; Councillor Storey would like the Village of Fraser Lake to join in and declare World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Councillor Storey would like Council to have a

team building day to discuss the new legislation on council appointments to Non-profit Societies and our current council appointments.

Councillor Jantz announced that he will be leaving the community some time later this year. A date has not been set, Councillor Reyden has agreed to take on Councillor Jantz's role on the Fraser Lake & District Seniors Citizen Home Society committee to provide a level of continuity for the Society's work on the senior housing project. Councillor Reyden has accepted the appointment.

Councillor Jantz enquired as to the status of our evacuation plan (in light of the current situations in other communities). Fire Chief Cochran informed council that he has updated our Emergency Response plan. Fire Chief Cochran will present the updated plan to council at the next meeting.

Mayor Lindstrom attended the recent Northern Gateway Community Advisory Board in Prince George, B.C. Northern Gateway has met most of the conditions that were required for the project to go ahead. Enbridge is requesting a 3 year extension on the requirement that they begin construction in 2016. They are asking for our support of this extension request. Mayor Lindstrom told Council, Enbridge is not asking for support of the project, simply support of their request to the National Energy Board for an extension of their sunset clause. Enbridge indicates they want to ensure the project is done correctly and they are requesting the additional time to ensure the Northern Gateway project is creditable and ready from implementation.

Resolution 05-11-170 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Jantz

"Motion to write a letter to the National Energy Board supporting Enbridge Northern Gateway's request to extend their sunset clause on their Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity"

CARRIED

Sewer Drop Tank installation. Council would like 2 quotes for a poured in place tank.

Water Meter and key pad. This initiative was discussed in the April 27th Council Meeting and is being brought back for discussion with Mayor Lindstrom. This initiative is intended to better manage the outflow of potable water from our system. Currently, there are commercial water haulers who are removing water from our system at no cost. There are also residential water users who are not on our system and removing water at no cost. This installation will legitimize the supply and sale of water to both users. Persons wishing to purchase water from the Village will be able to open an account with the Village or pay for a single purchase.

Resolution 05-11-171 M/S Councillor Jantz/ Councillor Lepoidevin

"Move to proceed with the water metering for commercial access; administration is authorised to expend \$17,700 for the Community Works fund."

CARRIED

Bylaws

Resolution 05-11-172 M/S Councillor Jantz/ Councillor Storey

“Move the adoption of Bylaw 776, 2016 Village of Fraser Lake Tax Rate Bylaw through the fourth and final reading.”

CARRIED

Next Meeting of Council:

Resolution 05-11-173 M/S Councillor Reyden / Councillor Storey

“That the next meeting of Council be held on May 25th 2016 at 5:30 pm”

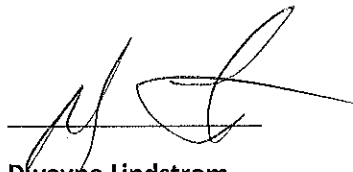
CARRIED

Resolution 05-11-174 M/ Councillor Storey

“That the meeting adjourn 7:48 pm”

CARRIED

Certified Correct



Dwayne Lindstrom
Mayor



Rodney J Holland
Chief Administrative Officer