

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 9, 2016
In the Municipal Hall in Open Forum**

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

Staff: Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer

Public: Cathy Scott
Christie Arnason
Garry Watson
Shane Hendriksen
Patrick Lucas
Jason Barr

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

Agenda:

Resolution 11-09-319 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Storey

“Motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of Cathy Scott and Christie Arnason to the delegations list and the deletion of Deborah Broadhead from the delegation list”

Carried

Delegations:

Cathy Scott and Christie Arnason – Community Paramedicine:

Cathy Scott and Christie Arnason presented on the Community Paramedicine program in British Columbia. This program has been rolled out to 72 communities, including Fraser Lake. Prior to their involvement in this program Christie Arnason was a nurse in our community and Cathy Scott was a paramedic. Since joining the program, both paramedics have received additional training for this new role.

The goal of this program is to bridge healthcare gaps, reduce 911 medical calls and in-hospital time. The Fraser Lake program funding provides two Primary Care paramedics for twenty hours

each per week. At this time, Christie Arnason and Cathy Scott are working together, however, as the program establishes itself, Mrs. Arnason and Ms. Scott will likely work shifts that provide a broader coverage throughout the week.

The Community Paramedicine program is led by Northern Health. Patients receiving this service are identified by Northern Health. There is no self-referral. Typically, a physician recommends the patient to Northern Health, however, it is also possible for family members to make a request through their family doctor to Northern Health. At this time, the Fraser Lake program is serving 10 patients. The Community Paramedicine program is broad based and works alongside other health care providers to address health issues before they become acute and requiring hospitalization. This is a four year test program that has already seen good results in other parts of the province.

A general question and answer period followed. This program will provide house calls to private homes or Silver Birch Lodge for follow up activities. Eligible patients are referred to Northern Health by a physician. The area covered is from Willowvale Road to the east and Priestly Hill to the west.

Mayor Lindstrom thanked Christie Arnason and Cathy Scott for their presentation.

Shane Hendriksen – Fraser Lake Minor Hockey:

Shane Hendriksen presented on behalf of Minor Hockey; hoping to address the lack of change facilities for female hockey players at the Fraser Lake Arena. There are a growing number of female hockey players involved in minor hockey. This year there are 60 boys and 15 girls involved in Fraser Lake Minor hockey. From Monday to Friday, the existing change rooms are adequate, however, on weekends the four available change rooms are not. Aside from our local girls, many of the out of town teams include female players. Shane Hendriksen would like to see the Village install a dressing room for female players. He proposes the installation of a trailer off the washrooms at the southeast corner of the arena to utilize the washrooms that are already there. Hendriksen stated it has been his experience that as many as 12 to 15 girls are involved in any weekend tournament.

A general discussion followed. The room currently used by our female hockey players will only accommodate 3 girls. It is believed one dressing room could be used by female players on opposing teams.

Patrick Lucas and Jason Barr – Mountain Bike trails:

Patrick Lucas is a Community Planner with extensive experience around community and mountain bike trail development. Mr. Lucas is working on the Northern BC Trails and Mountain Bike Initiative. Mr. Lucas advises hiking trails and mountain bike trails attract tourism. Mr. Lucas is looking for ways for all of the northern communities to work together to attract more people to our area. The development of mountain bike trails could be a significant economic

driver. He provided the examples of Whistler, B.C. and Rossland, B.C. where both communities experience a significant economic benefit from cycling tourism.

Mr. Lucas works with aboriginal youth, developing trail planning and development capacity. Over the next couple of years, Mr. Lucas hopes to work with local First Nations. He would like to hold a couple of mountain bike riding clinics to engage local youth and develop enthusiasm for the sport. A second part of Mr. Lucas' plan is to assist aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities to obtain funding to train people in our communities to plan and develop trails. Patrick Lucas has already met with interested persons from Nadleh and Stellat'en. Patrick feels there is good interest to learn more about this initiative.

Mayor Lindstrom commented that a couple years ago there were discussions about connecting Fort St. James and Fraser Lake via an existing trail. Although the initiative was primarily directed toward ATV and snowmobile users, such a trail could also be used by cyclists.

Patrick Lucas responded ATV trails and Mountain bike trails are often quite different. However, an important point to consider when planning or developing new trails is to have trail user discussions early in the process.

Jason Barr of Vanderhoof, B.C. was introduced. Jason runs an initiative called "Ripping the North". He has been quite active in Vanderhoof and Fort St. James, helping to develop trails in those communities. He stated trail development and developing a culture around mountain biking takes years. Jason Barr advised successful communities have someone who is passionate about the sport and trail development. That person typically spearheads the project. In Jason's experience, developing the trails is the easy part. Finding volunteers to maintain and clear trails is often much more difficult.

Jason Barr intends to meet with Nadleh and Stellat'en in January or February 2017. He would be happy to meet with interested persons from Fraser Lake as well. He would like to begin the process with a couple of small trail development projects and a couple of Mountain Bike clinics. The Mountain Bike Clinics typically run for six weeks and involve one day a week where Jason teaches riding skills and then goes for a ride with the clinic participants.

Mayor Lindstrom thanked Patrick Lucas and Jason Barr for their presentation.

Minutes:

Resolution 11-09-320 M/S Councillor Reyden / Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated October 26, 2016."

Carried

Council Reports:

Councillor Lepoidevin has been speaking with Patrick Lucas over the past two weeks and is interested in this initiative. He believes it could be good for the community. Councillor Lepoidevin also attended the Halloween festivities at White Swan Park and helped man one of the BBQs. The event was well attended by community members. Councillor Lepoidevin was happy to see the many kids and adults out socializing and enjoying the evening. By the end of the night, all 380 hot dogs had been cooked and served.

Councillor Reyden was also at the Halloween event at White Swan Park. He enjoyed the fireworks and complimented the Fire Department for their work.

Councillor Storey was also at White Swan Park for Halloween. She echoed Councillor Reyden's compliments of the Fire Department and the fireworks display. Councillor Storey added, the members of Council manning the BBQ's also did a great job.

Councillor Storey participated in a meeting with M.L.A. John Rustad earlier today. The main topic of discussion was the potential disposal of the School District building at 298 McMillan Avenue. The Village of Fraser Lake would like to acquire the building. Minister Rustad is supportive of our municipality obtaining the Learning Centre. Councillor Storey noted this is an important building for our community. It provides space for CNC, Progressive Employment (Work BC) and Nechako Valley Community Services. If acquired, the building would also provide important public space for community members and community groups.

Mayor Lindstrom attended the meeting with M.L.A. John Rustad. Mayor Lindstrom appreciated Minister Rustad's commitment to addressing our concern that this building remain a community owned building.

Resolution 11-09-321 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to receive Councillor Reports"

Carried

Accounts Payable & Payroll:

Resolution 11-09-322 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to adopt the Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$133,196.42"

Carried

Business from the CAO:

Senior Snowplowing. CAO Holland presented a letter provided by Debora Broadhead regarding snow clearing of Senior's driveway. Ms. Broadhead is asking the Village to clear snow from the

driveway of all residents who are over 65; regardless of home ownership. CAO Holland referred to existing Village policy that requires recipients of our snow clearing services to be over 65, owners of the property and residing in the residence at the time this service is being provided. Under the existing policy, seniors renting a property are not eligible for this service. When this program first started, there were approximately 20 seniors receiving this service. Over the past 30 years, the number of eligible residences have grown to 94. Although this service is provided after all other snowplowing responsibilities are addressed, there is no cost recover involved in this service.

A general discussion followed. Council felt the program should be evaluated for sustainability. Mayor Lindstrom brought the discussion back to Debora Broadhead's request. Mayor Lindstrom noted the applicant did not own their home. CMHC is the owner of the residence and if the homeowner is unable to clear their snow, the landlord should be responsible for the service.

Councillor Reyden suggested we run an article in the next Newsletter to ask those people with the ability to take care of their own driveway to take their name off the Senior Snowplow list. He noted, with 94 residences to plow, if that number keeps rising, senior's snowplowing may not be a sustainable program.

Resolution 11-09-323 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Storey

"Motion to place an article in the Newsletter about Senior's Snowplowing"

Carried

Grad Transitions. CAO Holland presented the request from Barbara Zang of FLESS for a representative from the Village to attend the Grad Transitions on December 7, 2016 from 08:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Councillor Storey volunteered to attend.

Breakfast for Learning. CAO Holland presented dates the Breakfast for Learning would like servers from the Village. Breakfast is served between 08:00 am and 08:45 am.

November 10th – Councillor Lepoidevin volunteered

November 24th – Councillor Storey volunteered

December 8th – Mayor Lindstrom volunteered

December 22nd – Councillor Lepoidevin volunteered. However, if not available, a staff member will serve on this date.

Move the Museum project wrap up. CAO Holland advised Council, the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund provided a 50 percent advance payment or \$50,000.00 on their grant award for this project. None of this money was spent in the development of the "Move the Museum" project. Now that the project has been cancelled, the Village is obligated to return the money.

Resolution 11-09-324 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Storey

“Motion to write a cheque in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund to wrap up or settle our account with NKDF relative to the *Move the Museum project*”

Carried

A general discussion followed about what to do with the Visitor Center/Museum building now that we are not moving it. There are existing structural and maintenance issues that would have been addressed with the relocation of this building.

Councillor Storey stated she would like to see the building upgrades that were scheduled to occur under the bigger project proceed. This includes replacement of the doors and windows to achieve better energy efficiency and aesthetics.

Mayor Lindstrom stated he would like to see what other projects are needed over the coming year before making a decision on these upgrades.

OBAC Funding. CAO Holland presented a request from Sharon Tower of the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition asking Council to consider allocation the 2016 \$5,000.00 collaboration funding available to each municipality through NDIT to OBAC. CAO Holland advised Mayor and Council all of these dollars are already committed for collaborative initiatives between RDBN and local municipalities.

Direction from Council is to send a letter to OBAC advising of our current position.

NDIT Festival and Events grant funding. CAO Holland advised that NDIT has surplus funds available in their 2016 Festivities and Events funding. NDIT has invited municipalities to apply in advance for 2017 events. CAO Holland advised Council this funding was used in 2016 to assist with our expenses related to the July 16 & 17th Music Festival. This funding is intended to support festivals and events that bring people into our community.

Resolution 11-09-325 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to apply to NDIT for up to \$2,500.00 through the Festival and Events grant funding”

Carried

Wastewater wetland. CAO Holland advised Canada/B.C. have announced a new funding opportunity under the Cleanwaterwastewater Fund. The purpose of the fund is to improve water quality by improving our methods of managing wastewater. The announcement of the Cleanwaterwastewater fund provides access to \$373.6 million.

In 2010 our Village took steps to explore a waste water marshland. The idea was to reduce or eliminate our discharge of wastewater into Fraser Lake by confining our treated effluent to a marshland. The marshland would provide an environment where aquatic plants could

metabolise nutrients and other materials in our effluent before they enter our water source or aquifer through the soil. At present, our Village is permitted to discharge treated effluent into Fraser Lake. The Ministry of Environment monitors these activities. Our treated effluent is tested regularly and we are consistently within acceptable limits in terms of bacterial count. Although our effluent discharge is not considered dangerous or concerning, we do release a quantity of material that may be encouraging plant growth in the lake. The purpose of conducting further study would be to determine whether we need to alter what we are currently doing.

The new Cleanwaterwastewater Fund provides up to \$10,000.00 to conduct a feasibility study for such projects. With the potential for this funding, CAO Holland collected a significant array of material about our existing infrastructure, previously conducted environmental studies and the most recent invasive aquatic plant study from 2010. These materials were forwarded to McElhanney Engineering for review. The exercise was intended to obtain a quote relating to the cost of conducting a feasibility study. That informal quote was \$35,000.00

A general discussion followed. Council recognizes the importance of this project, however, there was concern about the initial quote and the potential for this project to escalate.

Resolution 11-09-326 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to table the discussion of this initiative"

Carried

Resolution 11-09-327 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden
"Motion to receive the CAO report"

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

Resolution 11-09-328 M/S Councillor Storey/ Councillor Reyden
"Motion to receive the Reading List"

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Lepoidevin noted the existing change room available to the girls is far too small. At the best it can accommodate 3 people. Placing a trailer outside would address this concern.

Councillor Storey noted trailers are available through Atco Structures & Logistics, Prince George, B.C. Council has asked Administration to make inquiries and to bring this matter back for consideration after costs are known.

Mayor Lindstrom noted Remembrance Day is on November 11th. Mayor Lindstrom will be speaking during the ceremony at FLESS and would like to identify someone from Council to MC the wreath laying. This involves announcing the next wreath and the individual or group laying the wreath.

Councillor Storey volunteered to announce the wreaths at the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Resolution 11-09-329 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to receive new business"

Carried

Bylaws:

None

In Camera:

Resolution 11-09-330 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Reyden
"Motion to move the meeting In Camera at 7:35 pm under sections 90.(1)(c) of the Community Charter which says part of a Council Meeting may be closed to the public if the subject being considered relates to labour relations or other employee relations"

Carried

Return to Regular Meeting:

Return to Regular meeting of Council at 08:01 pm

Resolution 11-09-334 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Storey
"Motion to offer the job of Fire Chief to Joe Pacheco at an annual salary of \$73,000.00 plus the standard amenities offered to a starting Fire Chief"

Carried

Resolution 11-09-335 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to advance Zion Cruz from Level 1 rate of pay to Level 2 rate of pay"

Carried

Next Meeting of Council:

Resolution 11-09-336 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/ Councillor Storey

“That the next meeting of Council be held on November 23, 2016 at 5:30 pm”

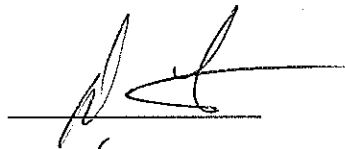
Carried

Resolution 11-09-337 M Councillor LePoidevin


“Motion that the meeting adjourn 8:04 pm”

Carried

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Dwayne Lindstrom
Mayor

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Rodney J Holland
Chief Administrative Officer