

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 22, 2016  
In the Municipal Hall in Open Forum**

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

Staff CAO Holland

Public Shirley Moon  
Wayne Ray  
Trevor Tapp  
Mark Parker  
Richard Cannon  
Dini Foote  
Ruth Schmidt  
Garry Watson

Delegations Shirley Moon, Wayne Ray, Trevor Tapp, Mark Parker  
Nechako Valley Cattlemen's Association  
  
Richard Cannon, Dini Foote, Ruth Schmidt  
Fraser Lake Historical Society

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

**Agenda:**

Resolution 06-22-204 M/S Councillor Jantz/ Councillor Storey

"Motion to adopt the agenda as presented"

Carried

**Delegation:**

Mrs. Shirley Moon presented on behalf of the Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association. The beef industry has a significant presence in our area; second only to Forestry. In 2015, there

were \$39 million in cattle sales through the BC Livestock Sale Yard in Vanderhoof. The Beef producers and their families contribute to the social and economic well-being of our area. Ranching families are involved in community activities, sports groups, church activities and our schools.

Demand for beef is on the rise. There is room for Nechako Valley beef producers to contribute to the growth of the Canadian herd and to meet the growing market demands.

With urban sprawl impacting the southern portion of the province, cattle ranching is moving north. Our soil compositions and grasslands are high quality and very good for raising cattle.

A current challenge facing the Cattle industry relates to access to wood shavings. Shavings are used for bedding and soil amendments. As a bedding, they help cattle through cold winter weather by insulating them from the cold ground. Shavings are also used during calving season to keep calves dry and warm. Cattle that are properly bedded use less energy to stay warm, they gain more weight from the feed provided and they tend to stay cleaner and healthier. Once soiled, these same shavings are spread on fields. In the past, wood shavings were a by-product of lumber production, however, they held little or no value to mills. Cattle producers were able to make use of this material. More recently, with the development of pellet and bio energy industries, there is a demand for these products. This has impacted the Cattlemen's Association access to these important wood shavings. Wood shavings are now sold to the highest bidder. The cattlemen's association has a contract with Pac-Bio for 10,000 tons of shavings per year, however, that contract is scheduled to expire in August 2018.

The Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association is concerned about the security of their wood shavings supply. They are currently paying approximately \$580.00 per load; up from \$300.00 a couple of years ago. If the beef industry is to grow in this area, this obstacle must be addressed. The Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association is advising Council of this challenge in anticipation of future support on this issue.

Richard Cannon, Dini Foote and Ruth Schmidt of the Fraser Lake Historical Society attended to discuss the operations of the Fraser Lake Visitor's Centre and Museum. The Historical Society hopes to re-establish a core of volunteers to run the Visitor's Centre. Their initial plan is to staff the centre from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily with volunteers.

Richard Cannon stated in years past the Historical Society was responsible for the operation of the centre. The rules seemed to change several years ago. He would like to see a return to the days when the Historical Society mans the Visitor Centre.

Mayor Lindstrom advised this was a good conversation. Unfortunately, it would not be possible to complete the conversation this evening. He suggested there was a possibility to develop an agreement around who does what.

Dini Foote mentioned the need for better key access. Past key control was inefficient and an issue for volunteers opening the Visitor Centre on weekends.

Councillor Jantz advised the key control procedure was not intended to inconvenience the volunteers.

The following discussion suggested our summer student would open the Visitor's Centre in the morning and remain until the volunteers arrive at 10:00 am. Summer students will assist in supplementing hours of operation from 08:00 am to 10:00 am, Monday to Friday. These hours of business are required to support the "I" designation on our highway signs. Our students do not work weekends so the Visitor Centre hours will be 10:00 am to 4:00 pm to coincide with the volunteers.

#### **Minutes:**

Resolution 06-22-205 M/S Councillor Storey / Councillor Jantz

"Motion to adopt the minutes from the June 8, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council".

Carried

Resolution 06-22-206 M/S Councillor Storey/ Councillor Jantz

"Motion to adopt the minutes from the June 8, 2016 In Camera Meeting of Council"

Carried

#### **Council Reports:**

Councillor LePoidevin advises community members continue to be concerned about the grocery store. Councillor LePoidevin noted he was interviewed by CKPG as a business owner. The reporter asked about the closure of the mine and grocery store and any trickle down affect impacting local business. Councillor LePoidevin advised that business in a small town is a tough gig. Small towns will never have everything and with people going out of town to shop for groceries, there are fewer people in town to support local business. This interview was televised on the CKPG evening news.

Councillor Storey listened in on the Coastal Gaslink call. Coastal Gaslink is planning to develop a self-sufficient camp at Lejac. Councillor Storey advised the first Food Share Meeting was held. She thanked Mayor Lindstrom and CAO Holland for attending. The Vanderhoof & District Coop have donated a new fridge and freezer to this initiative. Mayor Lindstrom and his wife made the first donation to the program.

Councillor Storey has been speaking with representatives of School District 91 about their building on McMillian Avenue. SD91 is receptive to the idea of further discussion. They have taken note of the Village's interest in the building.

Councillor Storey attended the Community meeting with Vanderhoof Coop. Councillor Storey feels the Coop is doing a great job and she felt the people in the room were relieved after hearing about Vanderhoof Coop's proposal to assist our community by delivering groceries on Wednesday. The Coop attended Autumn Services and provided a similar presentation to persons there as well.

Councillor Storey advised the "Youth Ambassador" event is a go. Two students have signed up for the event. This year, the event will include a dessert bar; not a full dinner.

Councillor Storey has been asked to participate on the Child Mental Health Committee as a representative of Council. The committee was developed to assist youth in our community to

access mental health services. This committee meets once a month at the Autumn Services building.

Councillor Reyden advises he's fielding the same questions about the grocery store.

Councillor Jantz added he too has been involved in discussion about the grocery store. These discussion revolve around what will work and what won't. Councillor Jantz voiced his concern for the older seniors. Grocery shopping for this population is as much about social interaction as it is about purchasing groceries. Ordering groceries from the Coop will be a big challenge for our seniors.

Councillor Jantz also noted the loss of the Meals on Wheels program with the changes at the Legion are an additional pressure for our seniors.

Councillor Jantz has submitted a proposal to B.C. Housing for a senior housing development. Councillor Jantz has been in discussion with a project planner. Assuming funding is received, development of the design standards is the next step.

Mayor Lindstrom agrees the community is focused on groceries. Mayor Lindstrom would like to send out a huge thank you to the Vanderhoof & District Coop for their offer to deliver groceries to our community. Mayor Lindstrom reiterated, the Coop was not offering to deliver groceries to take business away from our town. The Coop has been very sensitive to this issue. They would prefer to see locals shop locally. This initiative is simply to assist community with access to groceries in the interim.

Resolution 06-22-207 M/S Councillor Jantz/ Councillor Storey  
"Motion to receive the Councillor reports"

Carried

**Accounts Payable & Payroll:**

Resolution 06-22-208 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Jantz  
"Motion to adopt the accounts payable and Payroll in the amount of \$149,765.97"

Carried

**Correspondence List:**

Resolution 06-22-209 M/S Councillor Jantz/ Councillor Storey  
"A motion to receive the Correspondence List"

Carried

**Business from the CAO:**

The RDBN has scheduled the Community to Community forum for July 7, 2016 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. The event will take place at the Old Church in Smithers, BC. Registration of attendees is required.

Mayor Lindstrom and Councillor Storey will be attending.

The rezoning package for south side lots impacted by the relocation of our Visitor Centre was presented. Lots 4 & 5 plus the parcel of land north of Langley Street presently identified as "park" on the subdivision map will be rezoned from Highway Commercial (C2) to Public & Institutional (P2). The parcel of land identified as "park" on the south side of Langley Street is currently zoned light industrial. This will be corrected through the proposed rezoning amendment from M1 to P1: Park and Open spaces. Correcting the zoning of the park area south of Langley Street addresses the requirement under the local government act for 5% park land.

Meeting requests are being offered for UBCM 2016. The opportunity to meet with Premier Christie Clark and Minister Peter Fassbender have been offered. Mayor Lindstrom noted UBCM is very busy and it's easy to become over obligated with these meeting requests. Council would like to meet with Premier Clark.

LED Lighting. CAO advised two quotes have been received for this project. The details of the project were reviewed. Projected electrical energy savings range from \$5,900.00 to \$9,400.00 per year. CAO Holland advised the Village has received grant funding from NDI in the amount of \$30,000.00. BC Hydro rebate will be at least \$18,000.00. The remaining \$13,407.00 can be obtained from either the 2006 MFA Unexpended Arena borrowing fund which holds a balance of \$45,000.00. Potential funding is also available through the Community Works Fund Agreement. The Community Works Fund Agreement is a conditional Provincial Grant with a standing balance of \$241,976.78.

Resolution 06-22-210 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/ Councillor Storey

"Motion to expend \$13,407.00 through the Community Works Fund Agreement for LED lighting in the arena"

Carried

Resolution 06-22-211 M/S Councillor Jantz/ Councillor Storey

"Motion to receive the CAO Reports"

Carried

**Staff Reports:**

CAO Holland presented the Annual SOFI report on behalf of the Director of Finance. This is an annual report which identifies Village employees who receive more than \$75,000.00 per year in

remuneration and suppliers with whom we conduct more than \$25,000.00 in business. This report is forwarded to the Province for their review.

Resolution 06-22-212 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Lepoidevin  
"Motion to adopt the 2015 SOFI report"

Carried

CAO Holland presented Fire Chief James Cochran's recap of the 2016 Fire Chief's conference he recently attended in Richmond, B.C. Council commented it was a good report

Resolution 06-22-213 M/S Councillor Jantz/Councillor Reyden  
"Motion to receive the Fire Chief's report"

Carried

#### **Reading List:**

Councillor Jantz noted the letter from Northern Health. The letter refers to April Hughes and Northern Health's interest to have more regular communication with Council.

CAO Holland advised Mrs. Hughes is currently away on three weeks holiday and will be back early July, 2016.

Resolution 06-22-214 M/S Councillor Jantz / Councillor Lepoidevin  
"A motion to receive the Reading List"

Carried

#### **New Business:**

Councillor Storey commented about the clutter at the CN Railyard adjacent to White Swan Park. She would like to see it cleaned up. The materials or scrape that are accumulating are unsightly and taking away from White Swan Park.

Councillor Storey would also like to see Council write a letter or send a card to each of the graduating student, congratulating them for graduating.

Councillor Storey enquired about the Village's ability to deal with run down or dilapidated properties in town. She has received a complaint about one house on Francois Drive from a Telus employee who felt the building was a health hazard.

CAO Holland advised the Village does not have a bylaw to address such an issue. The provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have minimum housing standards that require

residential properties to support physical and mental health. The province of British Columbia has not enacted such regulation. Council may consider the development of a bylaw with similar minimum housing expectations for our community.

Councillor Jantz noted the structure being discussed is private property. If the interior is in such bad or non-hygienic condition, First Responders should refuse to enter.

Councillor Reyden enquired about the July 2016 Village Newsletter. CAO Holland confirmed it was ready to mail out.

Councillor Reyden asked to see the resolution relating to the transfer of land to Silver Birch Lodge as he would like to know what the Village is paying for.

Councillor Reyden heard an announcement while listening to the radio. Northern Health has announced 13 new physicians. He would like to know where these physicians will be employed. It was thought this would be a good issue to discuss with April Hughes.

Councillor Jantz noted pot holes have again formed on Highway 16 east of Chowsunket Street. These potholes are re occurring. Councillor Jantz would like administration to contact YRB to report this concern and to ask they be filled.

Councillor Jantz noted calcium was applied to the gravel roads in the Village earlier today.

Councillor Jantz noted MLA John Rustad has been talking about the provincial government funding a temporary bus from Fraser Lake to Vanderhoof. This bus will assist those who are unable to travel on their own for groceries. Councillor Jantz stated his support for this proposal and suggested the bus should occur at least once per week.

Further to the presentation by Richard Cannon, Dini Foote and Ruth Schmidt, Councillor Jantz would like to see volunteers work the Visitor Centre over the weekend. Our students should open the Visitor's Centre from 08:00 am to 10:00 am on weekdays. Councillor Jantz noted it's good to see the return of our community volunteers. They should be asked to cover the hours of 10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily.

Mayor Lindstrom is scheduled to meet with Minister John Rustad on Friday morning. Mayor Lindstrom's goal is to obtain a provincially funded bus for two days per week. The meeting on Friday morning is scheduled for 10:30 am at MLA John Rustad's office in Vanderhoof.

Councillor Jantz attended the Graduation Ceremonies at FLESS and awarded the Village bursary. Kaylie Duncan was the recipient of the \$1,000.00 bursary and she was very happy about receiving the scholarship.

Resolution 06-22-215 M/S Councillor Jantz/Councillor Storey  
"Motion to receive New Business"

Carried

**Bylaws:**

Resolution 06-22-216 M/S Councillor Jantz/Councillor Lepoidevin  
"Move the first and second readings of the Village of Fraser Lake Re Zoning Bylaw No. 777, 2016"  
Carried

Resolution 06-22-217 M/S Councillor Jantz/Councillor Lepoidevin  
"Move the first and second readings of the Village of Fraser Lake Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 778, 2016"  
Carried

Resolution 06-22-218 M/S Councillor Jantz/Councillor Lepoidevin  
"Move the first three readings of the Village of Fraser Lake Emergency Program Bylaw No. 779, 2016"  
Carried

Resolution 06-22-219 M/S Councillor Jantz/Councillor Lepoidevin  
"Move the first three readings of the Village of Fraser Lake Fire Department Service Level Bylaw No. 780, 2016"  
Carried

**Next Meeting of Council:**

Resolution 06-22-220 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin / Councillor Storey  
"That the next meeting of Council be held on July 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 5:30 pm"  
Carried

Resolution 06-22-221 M/ Councillor LePoidevin  
"Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm"  
Carried

Certified Correct

  
Dwayne Lindstrom  
Mayor

  
Rodney J Holland  
Chief Administrative Officer