

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 8, 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	Patti Ann Plowman Garry Watson Elaine Storey George Pettie
Delegations	Patti Ann Plowman Boys Golf Provincials – Grant in Aid George Pettie Southside Lots

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

Agenda:

Resolution 06-08-188 M/S Councillor Jantz/ Councillor Reyden

“Motion to adopt the agenda as presented”

Carried

Delegation:

Mrs. Pattie Ann Plowman spoke on behalf of the FLESS Boys Golf Team. There are 5 students on the team. They qualified for Provincials recently after competing in Quesnel, B.C. This past weekend they travelled to Christina Lake, B.C. to participate in Provincials where they placed 6th overall. Mrs. Plowman describes these students as good ambassadors for our community. When out of town, they promote Fraser Lake and Molly Hills golf course. The members of team

have been actively fundraising, however, they have a \$1,700.00 shortfall. A grant in aid submission has been made to the Village. The team has not requested a specified amount and would appreciate any donation the Village is able to provide. Any remainder will be split amongst the students and their families.

Mayor Lindstrom thanked Mrs. Plowman for her presentation. He advised Mrs. Plowman Council tries our best to support student teams going to Provincials.

Mr. George Pettie began his representation to Council by voicing his concern about the grocery store. Mr. Pettie has been in conversation with Cameron Olma, owner of the Fraser Lake Mall. It is Mr. Pettie's understanding, Cameron Olma has been diligently seeking a new tenant for the grocery store. Mr. Pettie feels we require a substantial store. He does not want to see a band aid solution. The closure of the grocery store creates a challenge for local businesses and notes it is hard to attract new workers to our community in the absence of a grocery store. Mr. Pettie is willing to assist with the development of a new grocery store. He would like to see Council respond to this as an emergency situation and suggests the Village purchase freezer and refrigeration equipment to enable a grocery store start up.

In addition to his concerns about the grocery store, Mr. Pettie owns two properties in the Southside Subdivision. A number of years ago he paid close to \$100,000.00 for these properties, which was reasonable at the time. With the new pricing of the Commercial lots in the Southside Subdivision, Mr. Pettie is concerned his properties have been de valued. Mr. Pettie adds he gave up a portion of his property to accommodate the road allowance when the subdivision was developed. Mr. Pettie would like the Village to sell him lots 1 & 2 for \$1.00 and to remove the three year development clause. Mr. Pettie feels this would be fair compensation for the devaluation of his two lots.

Mr. Pettie finished his submission to Council by repeating his earlier statement that help was needed to get a grocery store going in the community and Mr. Pettie would like to see the Village purchase the mechanical equipment.

Mayor Lindstrom advised he has been speaking with Cam Olma; owner of the Fraser Lake Mall. Mr. Olma has been speaking with a number of grocery chains and there may be a couple of potential takers. It is just as likely our community will need to address this need on our own.

Mr. Pettie advised he knows the Village has been working hard to address this concern and he encourages Council to tell the people what the Village has done to this point.

Minutes:

Resolution 06-08-189 M/S Councillor Reyden / Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to adopt the minutes from the May 25th Regular Meeting of Council".

Carried

Council Reports:

Councillor LePoidevin advises there have been questions about the grocery store. Members of the community are looking for a solution.

Councillor Storey attended the meeting of the Age Friendly Community Task Force earlier today in Vanderhoof, B.C. Vanderhoof Mayor Gerry Thiessen and April Hughes of Northern Health hosted the event. Group discussions included barriers and gaps in our communities. Food security and transportation were significant concerns. Councillor Storey stated our community appears to be on the right track with the services being provided in our community. She advises a number of people are interested in what's happening at Autumn Services and intend to visit the centre to see firsthand the services being provided.

Representatives of Northern Health attended the Age Friendly Community Task Force meeting and shared information about what they are doing within the Health Care Field and in the restructuring of Northern Health.

Councillor Reyden attended the Library meeting on May 31st. Council Reyden advises the library has a new board of directors and he is optimistic about their plans for the future of the library.

Councillor Jantz participated in the Coastal Gaslink work bee at White Swan Park. The event was well attended by community volunteers. Councillor Jantz thanked the good work of our Public Works crew. He feels the new playground was a terrific addition to our waterfront park. Councillor Jantz speculates this playground equipment could very well will turn into a landmark on the lake. As a project, Councillor Jantz felt this initiative was really worth doing. Councillor Jantz noted this project was a joint venture between the folks at Coastal Gaslink, Success by 6 and our Village.

Mayor Lindstrom was contacted by April Hughes of Northern Health. Concerns have been raised about group appointments with doctors at the Fraser Lake Medical Clinic. April Hughes would like to assure Council, Northern Health is aware of the concern. Mrs. Hughes would like to meet with Council to provide information about the different formats for appointments with our local doctors. It was acknowledged not everyone is comfortable with group sessions. April Hughes would also like to update Council on Northern Health's effort to recruit doctors to our community.

Mayor Lindstrom received a phone call from CR radio. Mayor Lindstrom provided a brief over the phone interview that has since been on the radio.

Thursday afternoon Mayor Lindstrom received a phone call from a member of the Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce. An offer was made to put a bus into Fraser Lake to help our community obtain groceries. Mayor Lindstrom was assured, the Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce was not trying to take business out of Fraser Lake. They were simply wondering what they could do to help our community fill the gap. Mayor Lindstrom and the Fraser Lake Chamber of Commerce president, Marilynn Reyden attended the Vanderhoof Chamber of

Commerce lunch meeting on Friday. The meeting was productive. Mayor Lindstrom thought it was a pretty good offer of assistance from Vanderhoof.

Mayor Lindstrom participated in the work bee at White Swan Park. The event was a lot of fun. A lot of sand was moved and those who participated appeared to enjoy themselves.

Mayor Lindstrom noted there was business from a previous meeting relating to aerator shafts. Councillor Reyden was interested in learning more about the ongoing replacement of these shafts.

CAO Holland advised the aerator shafts used at our sewer lagoons have been an ongoing problem. In 2015 two Public Works employees were sent to Smithers to learn how Smithers Public Works manages their waste water aerator shaft assemblies. Smithers is regularly obtaining 5 to 6 year lifespan for their assemblies, while we are obtaining 1 to 2 years. Although we have adopted many of the practices that are providing success for Smithers, we continue to have problems with our aerator assemblies. We are using stainless steel shafts. We have two shafts that are in trouble and in need of replacement. This initiative intends to continue our adoption of the practices of the Smithers Works Dept. They use steel shafts, so, we intend to purchase 6 new steel shafts and change out our stainless steel shafts. These steel shafts are significantly less expensive. The purchase of all 6 steel shafts equates to less than the cost of two stainless steel shafts. It is intended to be a cost saving measure.

Resolution 06-08-190 MS Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Storey
"Motion to receive the Councillor reports"

Carried

Correspondence List:

Resolution 06-08-191 M/S Councillor Reyden / Councillor Storey
"A motion to receive the Correspondence List"

Carried

Business from the CAO:

Boys Golf Team, Grant in Aid:

CAO Holland advised Mrs. Plowman has completed a grant in aid application. This competition occurred this past weekend. The Fraser Lake Boys golf team came in 6th place. This year the Village budgeted \$3,500.00 for grant in aid. There is \$1,325.00 remaining.

Resolution 06-08-192 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Jantz
"Motion to award the Boys Golf Team with a grant in aid of \$300.00"

Carried

Carried

Summer Student employment

CAO Holland advised during our budget discussions this spring, Council committed to hiring 4 Post Secondary Students and 2 High School students for the 2016 year. At the same time, Council supported application to the Canada Summer Jobs program. It was suggested, Council would re-evaluate the number of students hired this summer should we be successful in our Canada Summer Jobs application.

The four post-secondary students have been hired. The notification from Canada Summer Jobs was late. Believing we were not successful with the Canada Summer Jobs application, two high school students were offered a job through Public Works. We have since received notice of our success through Canada Summer Jobs. This funding provides the Village with a surplus of \$10,800.00. In our application to the Canada Summer Jobs program we were required to provide job descriptions for the positions that would be supplemented. This included a high school recreation student and a high school Office Admin/Visitor Centre student. In order to take advantage of the supplemental funding, Council is being asked to support the hiring of two additional high school students; one recreation student and one Office Admin/Visitor Centre student. On average, each high school student cost \$4,100.00 for their two months of employment. Hiring the recreation student and Office Admin/Visitor Centre student will expend \$8,200.00 of the \$10,800.00 received from the Canada Summer Jobs grant.

Resolution 06-08-193 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Jantz

“Motion to hire the two students out of the surplus from the Canada Summer Jobs grant”

Carried

Canada 150 Red & White Tulip Garden

This opportunity was brought our attention by Mrs. Janice Tapp. Vesey's Canada will be giving away 150 gardens of 1000 red & white tulip gardens. This is the second year this offer has been brought to our attention. CAO Holland advised this is a great offer. It requires a written submission on our part. If we are successful, who will plant and maintain these tulip gardens?

A general discussion followed.

Resolution 06-08-194 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/ Councillor Reyden

“Motion to apply for a red and white tulip garden from Vesey's Canada”

Carried

Work BC Wage Subsidy Program

CAO Holland advised Council a number of people have mentioned the need for more employment in our community. Our Village currently has unexpended wages due to a long term illness. CAO Holland made enquiries with Work BC. They have a wage subsidy program for persons who are EI eligible. Through their program, Work BC pays half the wage, while the

Village would be responsible for the remainder. A stipulation of the program is we need to hire the employee for a minimum of 6 months. Currently, the Village has 4 months of unexpended wages, so, a 6 month term employee would expend 3 of those 4 months of available funding. A general discussion followed. CAO Holland advised Council this subsidy could be used to address our need for a summer gardeners, leveling of grave plots in the cemetery, wildfire mitigation work around Mouse Mountain and Asset Management activities.

Councillor Storey asked if we could use these same wage dollars to extend the Recreation Director's term of employment.

Resolution 06-08-195 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to table the discussion on the Wage Subsidy program"

Carried

Coastal Gas Link Conference Call

CAO Holland advised Council there will be a conference call with Ian McLeod of Coastal Gaslink on Wednesday June 22, 2016 at 09:00 am. The purpose of the call is to update us on Camp locations and decisions relating to waste water and potable water management.

In ground Septic Tank

CAO Holland advised Council three bids had been received for the built in place septic tank. CAO Holland advised a standardized spec sheet was put out for bid. The lowest bid was Shotgun Construction at \$10,300.00. This infrastructure will facilitate liquid effluent dumping into our sewage system.

Resolution 06-08-196 M/S Councillor Jantz/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to go ahead with the septic tank thru the lowest bid by Shotgun Construction"

Carried

Resolution 06-08-197 M/S Councillor Jantz/ Councillor Storey
"Motion to receive the CAO Reports"

Carried

Reading List:

Councillor Jantz noted the registration for the UBCM Resource Breakfasts were in the reading list. Councillor Jantz stated these breakfast presentations were quite informative and he want to ensure they were brought to the attention of those Council members who would be attending UBCM this year. A general discussion followed. Mayor Lindstrom, Councillor Lepoidevin and Councillor Storey will be attending UBCM. Mayor Lindstrom will attend each of the Resource Breakfasts. Councillor Lepoidevin and Councillor Storey will discuss their preferences and notify CAO Holland for registration.

Resolution 06-08-198 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin / Councillor Storey
"A motion to receive the Reading List"

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Jantz enquired about the availability of water to sprinkle the grass in White Swan Park. It was his understanding we had a raw water source in the park and he feels it would be appropriate to keep the grass green in the park.

CAO Holland advised we do have a raw water hose system in the park, however, it has very low pressure. It is inadequate to supply a sprinkler for watering the grass. Councillor Jantz would like to use of a water pump and rain gun sprinkler in the park.

Councillor Jantz noted, his copy of the Economic Development plan was not double sided so he only received half of the report. He would like a proper copy of the Economic Development plan circulated to Council for their review.

Councillor Jantz has reviewed the Canada 150 Grant. This opportunity is available until June 22nd. It applies to existing recreational facilities. Councillor Jantz would like to encourage Council to consider an application for the elevator in the Recreation Centre. Councillor Jantz has spoken with Richard Cannon of the Historical Society about the need for volunteers for the Visitor Centre.

Councillor Reyden and his wife were walking the trail behind the pump house at White Swan Park. They noted the anchor wire off the utility pole was missing the yellow protective sleeve. Councillor Reyden added there were a number of water bottles on the ground inside the pump house enclosure. Councillor Reyden asked if the Village could clean up the trash and put down some landscape fabric and decorative gravel to clean up the enclosure. Councillor Reyden noted the addition of three new RV sites and commented the park was looking really well kept.

Councillor Storey asked about Lisa Gandier's sign that is parked out front of the Visitor's Centre. The sign is not turned on but why was it parked in its current location?

CAO Holland advised he'd spoken with Lisa Gandier the day she was setting up the sign. She was asked to respond to Council's enquiry before using the sign.

Mayor Lindstrom stated he support these signs. Mayor would like to see our Village using these signs to advertise community events. He would like to see a response from Lisa Gandier before the sign is turned on but it will be a good method of advertising for our community.

Councillor Storey received an email last week regarding "World Elder Abuse Day". Councillor Storey asked the other members of council to join her in declaring June 15th as World Elder Abuse Day.

Resolution 06-08-199 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden
"Motion to proclaim June 15, 2016 as World Elder Abuse Day"

Carried

Councillor Storey has been working with Robert Moore from Success by 6 toward development of a small covered playground near the ball diamonds. Councillor Storey believes this playground is needed to occupy children while their parents participate in baseball. Mr. Moore believe he may have identified a Rubber Mat grant. Councillor Storey added she's spoken with Scott McDougall of Fraser Lake Sawmill about their providing the materials for the shelter over this playground. The Sawmill is quite supportive and on board with this initiative.

Councillor Storey would like some assistance from the Public Works crew completing maintenance to the back stops at the ball fields. Nails are protruding from the siding and the shale in the infield is nearly gone. Councillor Storey is organizing a baseball tournament for the Canada Day weekend. This tournament will bring 15 teams or approximately 120 people into the community.

Councillor Storey is taking steps to start a Food Share program in Fraser Lake. The concept is similar to a Food Bank. The program is looking for a donation of a fridge and freezer. This endeavour will also require a space to operate from. Councillor Storey intends to approach School District 91 to see if access can be obtained to their building on McMillan Avenue.

Councillor Jantz asked Councillor Storey if she was looking for Council's support.

Mayor Lindstrom stated he was supportive of a food bank and that it could be advertised through our Newsletter.

Councillor Storey stated with the closure of our grocery store, the need for a food bank has never been more important.

A general discussion followed around the closure of the grocery store. I was noted, the manager of the Coop has offered to work with anyone who wants to deliver groceries in Fraser Lake.

Mayor Lindstrom reports he received a phone call from the president of the NCLGA. She enquired if there was anything they could do to help relative to the loss of our food store. NCLGA has offered to write a letter of support.

Councillor Reyden noted Alberta EI benefits have been extended in response to their current economic status. Councillor Reyden wondered if it would be beneficial to write a letter asking the Federal Government to extend EI benefits for laid off Mine Employees.

Resolution 06-08-200 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Jantz

“Motion to call an emergency In-Camera Meeting under Section 90(1)(c) of the Community Charter at 7:22 pm.”

Carried

Next Meeting of Council:

Resolution 06-08-202M/S Councillor Reyden / Councillor Storey

“That the next meeting of Council be held on June 22th 2016 at 5:30 pm”

Carried

Resolution 06-08-203 M/ Councillor LePoidevin

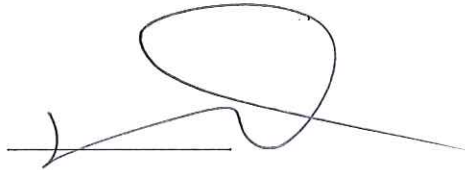
“That the meeting adjourn 8:07 pm”

Carried

Certified Correct



Dwayne Lindstrom
Mayor



Rodney J Holland
Chief Administrative Officer