

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 26, 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
Elizabeth Litke, Director of Finance

Public: Sharon Tower
John Allen
John Stafford
Garry Watson
Elaine Storey
Ron Embry
Dave Leslie
Linda Morley

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

Agenda:

Resolution 10-26-302 M/S Councillor Storey/ Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to adopt the agenda as presented"

Carried

Delegations:

Sharon Tower – OBAC

Sharon Tower presented as a representative of the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition; providing a brief history of OBAC and an update on recent activities of the coalition. The Omineca Beetle Action Coalition represents local governments from Valemount to Smithers, B.C. The coalition was initiated in 2005 with the intent to develop strategies to overcome or mitigate the impacts of the Mountain Pine Beetle infestation. Over the past 10 year, OBAC has developed a number of strategies for communities in the north. Forty nine

percent of the economy in the north is forestry dependent. The long term impact of the Mountain Pine Beetle on fibre supply is expected to cause the closure of 5 or 6 northern mills in the next 5 to 8 years. This could result in the loss of as many as 20,000 jobs in the Cariboo and Nechako regions.

Decisions by Industry have been unpredictable, with very little consultation with communities. Diversifying our economies takes time. OBAC is working to develop strategies to respond to the economic developments that will occur when the forest based economy takes a downturn. OBAC has been successful providing the Local Government of the north with a collective voice when speaking with the Province. Ms. Tower admits OBAC has been less successful addressing the issues of Tourism and Social Systems, however, OBAC has had significant influence on the initiation of the Rural BC Project. This project saw the appointment of a Minister responsible for rural development, the creation of the Rural Dividend Fund and a Rural Advisory Committee. Other accomplishments included advocacy for Small Scale Salvage Logging, and establishment of the Regional Wildfire Committee.

It is OBAC's belief, the need for a body like OBAC continues, to bring people together for discussion, regional collaboration and to provide a strong voice when speaking with the Province. If OBAC is to continue, funding is a concern. They do not have a long term funding agreement with the Province and in a recent request for long term funding, the Province denied their request. The conversation with the Province continues. Ms. Tower advises our next challenge will be the closure of a number of northern mills. We need to continue to collaborate on a solution to these economic challenges. Ms Tower will forward the powerpoint presentation on the Mountain Pine Beetle impact on Annual Cut. She also suggests we have a look at the Community Transition Template which is located at [Community Toolkit.ca](http://CommunityToolkit.ca)

Mayor Lindstrom asked about OBAC's response to the growing Spruce Beetle infestation. Ms. Tower advised a Spruce Beetle Summit was held in Prince George October 18 & 19th, 2016. Significant topics discussed were the lessons learned from the Mountain Pine Beetle infestation and the importance for Communities to be vocal about their values when dealing with the Province. As a northern community, we live amongst our resources. We need to be clear about our expectations about resource use in the future.

A general discussion followed.

Councillor Reyden asked if there was anything OBAC needed from the Village. Ms. Tower responded nothing at this time.

Councillor Storey commented she thought the Strong Collective Voice was an important attribute of the coalition and that it needed to continue.

Ms. Tower referred Council to a 2015 UBCM resolution B67 relating to Mountain Pine Beetle Impacted Communities.

John Allen – Northern Health

John Allen presented as a representative of Northern Health. Mr. Allen works out of the Fraser Lake Medical Clinic. He would like access to a space to start a “Men’s Shed” in Fraser Lake. This program started in Australia in 2007. The program is designed to provide men with a place to gather. It gets them out of their homes and keeps them active. It provides social interaction and allows men to use the skills they have developed over a lifetime to help themselves and community members. John Allen stated there are men in almost any community who have retired early, are unemployed, have been widowed or divorced and would benefit from this program. A Men’s Shed was started a year ago in Vanderhoof. It now has over 70 members. The membership is comprised of men from all socio economic groups. It provides them with a place to discuss issues, share the companionship of the group and to undertake activities or projects that help the community. The group has constructed docks, outhouses, stairs and picnic benches. They’ve had a good response from industry and local businesses with a number of donations of material and supplies. John Embry was introduced and spoke on the value of the program. Mr. Embry is proud of the work of the members of the Vanderhoof Men’s Shed, stating they are committed to helping the community in quiet ways. Mr. Embry would like to help Fraser Lake develop a Men’s Shed if there is a need.

John Allen works in Fraser Lake every Wednesday. Northern Health has hired another mental health clinician to work out of the Medical Clinic.

Mayor Lindstrom thanked Mr. Allen and Mr. Embry for their presentation. Mayor Lindstrom stated he thought this was a great idea.

Councillor Storey advised Autumn Services would like to offer a place to start the Men’s Shed. The Autumn Services building is available for a Men’s Shed Wednesday mornings.

Linda Morley

Mrs. Morley is a resident on Murray Street. She is concerned about the safety of school children walking to and from Mouse Mountain School. There are no sidewalks on Murray Street. In the mornings and afternoon, there is a lot of vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the road as parents, school buses and children make their way to or from the school. The problem is further complicated by parked vehicles. As a result, the young children headed for the school are often seen walking on the road or scurrying out from behind or around parked cars. Mrs. Morley would like to see sidewalks installed along the streets leading to and from the school to give the pedestrians a place to walk where they are distanced from the traffic.

Mayor Lindstrom advised Mrs. Morley the Village Council shares her concern. This initiative was considered, however, at the time the finances were not available. Mayor Lindstrom thanked Mrs. Morley for her presentation to Council.

Minutes:

Resolution 10-26-303 M/S Councillor Storey / Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated October 12, 2016 with the correction of removing Councillor Jantz from the minutes.”

Carried

Council Reports:

Councillor Lepoidevin: Nothing to report this meeting

Councillor Reyden attended the Fraser Lake & District Senior Citizen Home Society meeting this past Monday evening. FLDSCHS President Kerry Jantz will stay on as the Society president. Vice President Garry Watson will continue to assist Kerry Jantz. The FLDSCHS thanked the Village of Fraser Lake for our assistance with the land transfer and for paying the legal and property purchase tax on behalf of the Society.

Councillor Storey attended the luncheon meeting with representatives of Rio Tinto Alcan. Councillor Storey felt the meeting was interesting and she enjoyed meeting the new Regional Manager; Gareth Manderson.

Councillor Storey attended the Nadleh grand opening. She enjoyed the day and found Nadleh's new facility to be very nice. Councillor Storey felt the whole day was well organized, the speakers were great and the food was enjoyable. The plate that had been presented to Chief Larry Nooski at the last tri community meeting is displayed in Nadleh's artifacts centre. Councillor Storey attended the CYMUSA meeting. The association is working hard to develop resource guides.

Councillor Storey attended the Community Coop meeting organized by Shellie Gleave. Councillor Storey commented how Shellie Gleave has done a good job rounding up people to talk about how a Coop would work here. This initiative has the potential to create jobs and provide educational opportunities.

Mayor Lindstrom attended the Rio Tinto meeting as well. He felt it went well. It was good to see Gareth Manderson's interest in our community and the surrounding area. The Nadleh Government House Grand Opening was a great event. Their new building is impressive. It will bring their Community ahead in leaps and bounds. Their artifacts room was great. The gymnasium facility is second to none. The people of Nadleh are excited to get this building working. Mayor Lindstrom also commented that when it came time to eat, the elders and people from the residential schools went up to eat first. Mayor Lindstrom appreciated the respectful nature of that gesture.

Resolution 10-26-304 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to receive Councillor Reports"

Carried

Accounts Payable & Payroll:

Resolution 10-26-305 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Storey
"Motion to adopt the Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$77,415.17"

Carried

Correspondence List:

Resolution 10-26-306 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Storey
"Motion to receive the Correspondence List"

Carried

Business from the CAO:

CAO Holland provided Council with a list of upcoming events:

The Premier's BC Natural Resource Forum, scheduled for January 31 to February 2, 2017 at the Prince George Civic Centre is open for registration. Mayor Lindstrom is interested in attending. He would like to be registered for the Forum and would like a room booked at the Coast Inn of the North.

The LGLA is scheduled February 1 to 3, 2017 in Richmond, B.C. This conference is intended for newly elected members of Council. Councillor Storey would like to attend the conference and would like to hold a place for our newly elected Councillor. Hotel accommodation is at the Radisson Hotel, Richmond, B.C.

UBCM 2017. Hotel accommodation near the Vancouver Conference Centre is in short supply. UBCM posted the accommodations that were set aside for this years conference. All of those rooms have already been reserved. CAO discussed alternatives. Mayor Lindstrom and Councillor Reyden would like a room reserved for them at the Hyatt Hotel.

NCLGA 2017 will be held in Terrace, B.C. at the Multiplex. The event is scheduled for May 3 – 5, 2017. There are several new hotels in Terrace, B.C. The Best Western is already booked up. Mayor and Council felt the new Holiday Inn Express in Thornhill would be appropriate.

CAO Holland provided Council with an update on conversations with Karen Andrews of the Ministry of Transportation. CAO Holland attended the Highway 16 Stakeholder meeting in Vanderhoof, B.C. on October 20, 2016. Following the meeting CAO Holland took the opportunity to speak with Ms. Andrews about several highway related issues that are a concern for the Village and our residents when traveling on Highway 16. A brief discussion was held regarding road marking on Highway 16 between Fraser Lake and Prince George, B.C. Ms. Andrews advises this is an issue the MoT has struggled with. In an effort to identify an environmentally appropriate paint source, some of the trial paints have had a very short lifespan after being applied to the road surface.

CAO Holland and Ms. Andrews talked about the rutting that is occurring on the Highway due to the heavy truck traffic. Ms. Andrews advises the MoT plans to pave the problem areas next summer.

CAO Holland spoke with Ms. Andrews about the intersection of Carrier Road S. and Highway 16. The intersection is narrow and if a vehicle is stopped at the stop sign on Carrier Road S. at the highway, it is very difficult for a westbound tractor trailer unit to turn left off the highway. We discussed the construction of turning and/or merge lanes on Highway 16 to address the increased truck traffic to and from the Coop Bulk Fuel plant. The Ministry of Transportation recognizes our Village does not have the in-house capacity to re-engineer the intersection of Highway 16 & Carrier Road South. Ms. Andrews has offered to assist by asking her engineering team to present proposals for a reconfiguration or widening of this intersection.

Lastly, CAO Holland spoke about the potential of a crosswalk between the pathway out front of Silver Birch Lodge and Nulki Road. CAO Holland advised he was concerned with the opening of the grocery store in the Fraser Lake Inn, there would be more seniors crossing Highway 16 at this location. Ms. Andrews has offered to attend Fraser Lake to view each site. November 22nd has been proposed.

The Northern Health IMAGINE grant is again available. Administration is proposing an application for indoor play equipment that will assist the Early Childhood Education program. The proposal is to purchase impact reducing floor mats and one piece of play equipment. The program would move from Mouse Mountain School where it has been challenged for gymnasium time following the amalgamation of Mouse Mountain School and Fort Fraser School. The new indoor play area would be developed in the upstairs of the Recreation Complex and will help to meet the needs of young children, parents and grand parents.

Resolution 10-26-307 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

“Motion to apply for the Northern Health IMAGINE grant in the amount of \$5,000.00”

Carried

The BC Hydro and Tree Canada Community Greening grant is again available. This past spring, our community planted 11 trees through support of this program. For 2017, there is additional funding available due to Canada’s 150th celebration. Administration would like to plant 25 large stock trees in our community; 5 trees on the berm in White Swan Park, 4 trees in the Cemetery and 16 trees along our Highway corridor. The proposed project would include 16 interlocking brick bases for the trees along the highway, top soil and the 25 trees for a total of \$14,610.00.

Resolution 10-26-308 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to apply to BC Hydro through their Tree Planting Program in the amount of \$14,610.00"

Carried.

Resolution 10-26-309 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Storey
"Motion to receive the CAO report"

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

Resolution 10-26-310 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin / Councillor Storey
"Motion to receive the Reading List"

Carried

New Business:

None

Bylaws:

The Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake
Bylaw No. 781, 2016
2017 Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue

Resolution 10-26-311 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Storey
"Move the 4th and final reading of the Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake 2017
Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue, Bylaw No. 781, 2016"

Carried

The Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake
Bylaw No. 782, 2016
Permissive Tax Exemptions

Resolution 10-26-312 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Move the 4th and final reading of the Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake
Permissive Tax Exemptions Bylaw No. 782, 2016"

In Camera:

Resolution 10-26-313 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Reyden

"Motion to move the meeting In Camera at 7:53 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 of Council at 08:22 pm

Next Meeting of Council:

Resolution 10-26-317 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/ Councillor Storey

"That the next meeting of Council be held on November 9, 2016 at 5:30 pm"

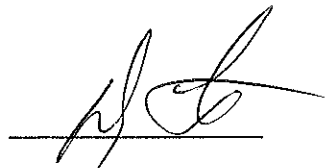
Carried

Resolution 10-26-318 M/ Councillor LePoidevin

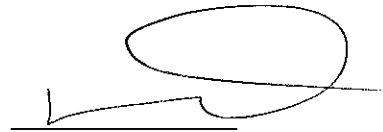
"That the meeting adjourn 8:23 pm"

Carried

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Dwayne Lindstrom
Mayor



Rodney J Holland
Chief Administrative Officer