

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 14, 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  
Vern Hilman, Director of Public Works  
Jennel Harder, Recreation Director

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

**Agenda:**

Resolution 09-14-265 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Storey

“Motion to adopt the agenda with amendments, adding the Budget  
Variance Update and Recreation Director’s report”

Carried

**Delegations:**

None

**Minutes:**

Resolution 09-14-266 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin / Councillor Storey

“Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated August 24,  
2016”.

Carried

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

None

### **Council Reports:**

Councillor LePoidevin reports he attended the meeting with Nadleh and Stellat'en. He felt the meeting went well. He would like to see more interaction between our community, Nadleh and Stellat'en.

Councillor Lepoidevin recently reconnected with Patrick Lucas. He's a Professional Planner is working on an Aboriginal Youth Mountain Bike program. Patrick Lucas advises there is grant money available for trail development. Councillor Lepoidevin would like to get something like this program going in our area and to develop activities for all ages.

Councillor Storey attended the meeting with Nadleh and Stellat'en. Councillor Storey felt the meeting we well and noted the gifts presented from the Village were appreciated. The meeting was a good first step for our communities.

Councillor Storey attended the Youth mental health BBQ on September 9<sup>th</sup>. A large number of students from FLESS attended. There were each provided with a goodie bag that contained information about mental health, local services and how these services can be accessed.

Councillor Storey stopped by the BC Transit booth at the Farmer's Market. Since it was coffee day at Autumn Services, she was able to convince one of the attendants to attend Autumn Services. A number of surveys were completed and the seniors that were present learned about the proposed Transportation Service.

Councillor Reyden attended the Tri Council meeting. In the 12 years Councillor Reyden has been on Council, this was the first meeting of its kind for him. Councillor Reyden looks forward to good things coming from these relationships.

Mayor Lindstrom attended the Tri Council meeting. This meeting was a big step on the part of each community. In the past, it has been difficult to get everyone in the same room at the same time. This was a positive event. Mayor Lindstrom thanked Councillor Storey for her work on this initiative.

Mayor Lindstrom attended the Northern Mayor's Caucus this past Friday. A big topic at the conference was reconciliation. It is recognized we were not the cause but that we have a part to play in rebuilding relationships.

Mayor Lindstrom has both NDIT and OBAC scheduled this Friday. OBAC has scheduled a speaker to discuss what to do with the fiber that is typically being left in the bush and burnt. Mayor Lindstrom feels we need to reduce burning of debris. According to OBAC, we only use about 50 % of the tree. There is value in the fibre that is being left behind and fall burning has a negative impact on our Air shed.

Resolution 09-14-267 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin  
"Motion to receive Councillor Reports"

Carried

**Accounts Payable & Payroll:**

Resolution 09-14-268 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Storey

“Motion to adopt the Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$187,981.37”

Carried

**Correspondence List:**

Resolution 09-14-269 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Storey

“Motion to receive the Correspondence List”

Carried

**Business from the CAO:**

CAO Holland presented a request from Nature BC to place an “Important Bird Area” sign at the shore of Fraser Lake in White Swan Park. Fraser Lake has been designated as an Important Bird area or ecosystem for Trumpeter Swans, American Widgeon, Canada goose and other waterfowl. A rendition as presented by IBA Canada was presented to Council.

Mayor Lindstrom noted Vanderhoof has a bird watching area that draws people from all around.

Resolution 09-14-270 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

“Motion to put up an IBA sign in White Swan Park”

Carried

**UBCM Business:**

Northern Health has extended an invitation to Mayor and Council to meet at UBCM. CAO Holland asked Council if there were matters they would like to discuss with Dr. Charles Jago and CEO Cathy Ulrich or could concerns be addressed through our local contact, April Hughes.

Mayor Lindstrom indicated a concern about the service hours of the Fraser Lake Medical Clinic. It was noted, the reception staff don't answer the phone until 09:00 am. A concern was also voiced about the operation of the lab. The lab runs from 09:00 am until 10:30 am. If a patient is last on the list and 10:30 arrives, they are asked to come back tomorrow.

Councillor Reyden felt it was important to meet with Northern Health at UBCM to voice our concerns about Physician recruitment and retention. Councillor Reyden noted the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

Direction from Council was to arrange a meeting with Northern Health at UBCM.

CAO Holland presented an invitation to meet with representatives of TransCanada at their reception at UBCM. Mayor Lindstrom and Councillor Lepoidevin had already registered for the reception. Administration will register Councillor Storey for the event.

CAO Holland presented an invitation to meet with representatives of the Canadian Energy Producers Association (CEPA) for a UBCM reception. Mayor Lindstrom and Councillor Lepoidevin had already registered for the reception. Administration will register Councillor Storey for the event.

CAO Holland presented an invitation from Chevron to meet at UBCM regarding the Pacific Trail Pipeline project. Council would like a meeting arranged.

CAO Holland presented an invitation to meet with representatives of Terus Construction Ltd. Pittman Paving is a member of this group and we regularly do business with them for summer paving projects. Administration will register the Mayor and members of Council for this event.

CAO Holland presented an invitation from the Municipal Insurance Association of BC. The invitation is to attend the AGM, followed by a reception. It was noted, this could be a good opportunity to learn more about the workings of MIABC. Administration will register the Mayor and Council for this event.

CAO Holland presented an invitation from Minister Shirley Bond and Minister Peter Fassbender for the "Open for Business Awards" event on Monday September 26<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Lindstrom would like to attend this event. Administration will register Mayor Lindstrom.

CAO Holland advised Council he participated in a conference call with the Resource Benefits Alliance. The organizers plan to hold another conference call with Elected Officials sometime next week. The hope is to ensure a consistent message is being presented to the Premier and Ministers during UBCM. Much of the Province enjoy the benefits of an additional source of revenue. Examples include the Fair Share Agreement in the Peace Region and the Columbia River Basin agreement for the Kootenays. Northwestern BC has never had the benefit of a resource sharing agreement. Municipalities in the Northwest require new sources of revenue to remain sustainable and to offset our infrastructure deficit. The RBA is not just about Natural Gas revenue sharing, it also includes revenue sharing for forestry, mining, hydroelectric and other industrial activities such as Alcan or the Port of Prince Rupert.

Resolution 09-14-271 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Storey  
"Motion to receive the CAO report"

Carried

#### **Staff Reports:**

Director of Public Works, Vern Hilman presented a written report to Council.

Vern Hilman presented his proposal for Welcome Signs at both the east and west ends of town. Mr. Hilman suggested the silhouettes of the fisherman and the hikers provide a reflection of the lifestyle enjoyed by our community. The dimension of the signs would be 16 feet X 8 feet to provide a significant impact for travelers entering our community along the highway.

A general discussion followed. Council was happy with the proposal. Councillor Storey felt there should be a "welcome" or "good bye" on the sign in the Carrier language.

This year we will purchase the metal for the signs and the metal fabrication will occur over the winter. Each sign is expected to cost \$6,500.00 to \$7,500.00 when completed. This initiative will be completed in 2017.

Vern Hilman presented a project list to update Council on the work completed this past summer. Key topic included the advancement of our Asset Management plan. With the assistance of our summer students, we have been able to locate, record by way of GPS coordinates and map all of our curb stops, man hole covers, sewer lines, hydrants and catch basins. Mr. Hilman added all of the curb stops serving the Mine Apartments are now working.

Mayor Lindstrom asked about the patches of asphalt that were dug out to access the Mine Apartment curb stops and whether these areas needed to be repaved. Mr. Hilman stated they would be repaved in the future after the soil had re settled.

A significant amount of ditching has been completed in the community; Park Drive, Molywood and Simon Fraser Road. Public Works hope to install at least one of three catch basins in the ditch along Park Drive before freeze up. The ditch on Park Drive is catching the ground water that was previously keeping the road bed wet.

The Public Works staff have been busy with the many summer maintenance activities including maintenance of the sewer lagoon aerators, responding to complaints of sewer line blockages, completing crack sealing at the Airport and cutting trees off the airport fence, installation of the new doors at the Arena and Recreation Complex.

This past summer our Summer Students were tasked with daily sanitation of our outhouses and public washroom facilities. We had a number of very positive comments about the cleanliness of our washrooms and the maintenance of our community for tourists.

Our summer students worked at widening our walking trails in our recreation area. It is our hope to be able to set two sets of Cross Country ski tracks through the trail system this winter.

New RV sites were constructed down at White Swan Park earlier this summer. A privacy berm has also been added to the site.

LED lighting has been installed at the Arena. This will result in significant savings and a reduced consumption of electricity. The bleachers have been fixed up; painted and repaired. New rubber matting was installed into two of the four change rooms.

Thirteen of the fifteen water meters have been installed. Training has been completed. The results have been very positive. In at least one instance, where very high water consumption occurs, the property owner has been provided feedback on their water consumption. The information was well received.

Various projects have been completed around the community: the library roof, soffit and siding, the Village Office railing and brick work, an exhaust fan in the generator garage bay.

This past June, a parking lot was constructed adjacent to the ball fields. This parking lot will require more gravel in 2017 but it is functioning well in its current condition.

Some of the soil from our ditching has been used to start the construction of our sledding hill near the skateboard park. Public Works will add to the hill as material is available.

Williams Petroleum will install the key pad and water meter at the Arena next week. This will provide the Village with a means of managing water use by persons who are not connected to our water system.

Cariboo Divers will be in the community on September 21<sup>st</sup> to complete inspection of our water tower and the sewer outfall in the lake.

Recreation Director Jennel Harder presented Council with a written report that provided a recap of her recreation program over the past 6 months. Jennel has enjoyed her time as our Recreation Director. She modeled her summer program after the 2015 summer program. Jennel noticed a need for more activity for older participants so she started the Outdoor Activity Club (OAK). Summer activities also involved an educational component to provide participants with a better understanding of the contributions of Industry to our community. This included a tour of Endako Mine. It was very well received and the folks at Endako Mine provided a great tour.

Director of Finance, Elizabeth Litke presented a budget variance report to update Council on the current state of Village Finances. Overall, our expenditures are being contained within our planned budget. We are financially healthy. Elizabeth noted RD Director Mark Parker provided the Village with an additional \$4,000.00 from his RD Grant in Aid fund toward our Rescue Truck.

Resolution 09-14-271 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Storey  
"Motion to receive staff reports"

Carried

**Reading List:**

Resolution 09-14-272 M/S Councillor Reyden / Councillor Storey

“Motion to receive the Reading List”

Carried

Councillor Storey asked if the notice relating in Radon Testing would be placed in our next Village Newsletter. CAO Holland confirmed it would.

**New Business:**

Mayor Lindstrom noted he had received several complaints about the pot holes on Chowsunket Street at Highway 16. Mayor Lindstrom asked if there was something that could be done about them.

Director of Public Works, Vern Hilman advised Mayor Lindstrom those pot holes had been filled recently but the repair did not hold. He will look for a longer lasting solution.

Councillor Storey advised the School District Building on McMillan Avenue will be going up for sale. Councillor Storey would like to see that building transferred to the Village for community use purposes. There are at least three tenants using the building; CNC, Nechako Community Services and Progressive Employment. Each of those tenants are important to the community and loss of the building may displace these tenants. The remaining space in the building would be an ideal place for a seniors centre.

Councillor Storey asked Council to consider writing a letter to School District 91 and asking them to transfer ownership of the building to the Village of Fraser Lake as a community space.

Resolution 09-14-273 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to write a letter to School District 91 asking them to consider donating their building at 298 McMillan Avenue to the Village of Fraser Lake for community purposes”

Resolution 09-14-274 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Storey

“Motion to receive new business”

Carried

**In Camera:**

Resolution 09-14-275 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to move the meeting In Camera at 7:49 pm under sections 90.(1)(c) of the Community Charter which says part of a Council Meeting may be closed to the public”

Carried

Return to Regular meeting of Council at 08:20 pm

Resolution 09-14-277 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Storey

"Motion to offer our Recreation Director, Jennel Harder permanent part time employment for an average of 25 hours per week"

Carried

**Next Meeting of Council:**

Resolution 09-14-278 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/ Councillor Storey

"That the next meeting of Council be held on August 24, 2016 at 5:30 pm"


Carried

Resolution 09-14-279 M/ Councillor LePoidevin

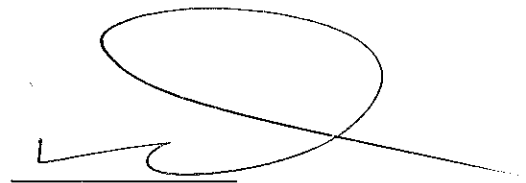
"That the meeting adjourn 8:20 pm"

Carried

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**Dwayne Lindstrom**  
Mayor



**Rodney J Holland**  
Chief Administrative Officer