



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 23, 2018 In the Municipal Hall in Open Forum

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

Staff: Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer

Public: Elaine Storey
Anne Letz
Sandra Panagopoulos
Dave Harper
Carol Harper
Debbie Devald
Art Blomquist
Patty Tawiyaka

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

Agenda:

Resolution 05-23-153 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Ray
"Motion to adopt the agenda"

Carried

Delegation:

Elaine Storey provided an update on the activities of Autumn Services. She introduced the members of the Autumn Services Board who'd accompanied her to the Council Meeting. Elaine Storey's role is that of Autumn Services program coordinator.

Autumn Services has been a not for profit organization since 2009. They have operated the Autumn Services Centre at 312 McMillan Avenue since 2013. Achievements include having printed and mailed out over 100,000 copies of the Fraser Connector. This is a free community paper that is printed in the Autumn Service Centre. This Fraser Connector is intended to connect people and is not limited to only households that can afford to subscribe.

Mrs. Storey reports the Centre has enjoyed over 100,000 visits since 2013 or approximately 25,000 visits per year.

During this same period, Autumn Services has successfully applied for and received approximately \$100,000.00 in grant funding. They have also raised between \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00 through fundraising activities. Elaine explained Autumn Services has struggled to achieve a point where their core funding is sustainable. They remain dependent on grant funding to support operational costs. Volunteers play a significant role in the function of the Centre. Keeping services affordable is the goal. This year Autumn Service will again enjoy the benefit of two summer students through the Canada Summer Jobs program.

Elaine Storey stated she would like Council to be aware of what Autumn Services does for the community. She explained that although we are not isolated in Fraser Lake, we are rural. We don't have the amenities that would normally be available in larger centres. Autumn Services tries to bridge the gap; assisting locals with a range of services. People need help with activities such as navigating technology or filling out government forms. Volunteers at Autumn Services provide that assistance.

Autumn Services renovated their current space from the ground up. Mrs. Storey describes that work as a labour of love. Most of the furnishing are community donations.

Autumn Services coordinates workshops and seminars. A couple recent examples include a workshop on Mental Health First Aid. They also organized several seminars on developing a "Will".

Autumn Services is always looking for opportunities to fundraise through small events. Examples included the *Starters and Enders Dinner* held last year. Last year's summer students organized that event which featured appetizers and desserts. Another example was the turkey dinner held last June. The dinner was an acknowledgement of *Elders Abuse Awareness week*. The turkey dinner was a well attended event. A second turkey dinner was held at Christmas. The venue was moved from Mouse Mountain School to FLESS to access to the kitchen and larger gymnasium at FLESS.

Mitigating social isolation and loneliness is a focus at Autumn Services. Social isolation has a significant impact on a person's health. Most people don't start out with the intention of isolating themselves but it happens. Aging often contributes to this problem. When a person's hearing or eyesight begins to fade, they often feel less comfortable in public settings. They often respond by avoiding them. It creates a lot of anxiety, which in turn results in health impacts. The Autumn Service Centre works to bring people together for learning, fun activities and fellowship.

Pamphlets have been developed to promote the services provided by Autumn Services.

In 2015 Autumn Services was granted a *Better at Home program* through the United Way. The *Better at Home program* supports seniors through home visits, assisting with transportation, providing light house keeping, yard work and snow removal. Cost associated with snow clearing this past winter had a significant impact on the *Better at Home* budget. The local program has 70 registered clients. These clients reside in and around Fort Fraser, Endako and Francois Lake.

Mrs. Storey feels the Community bus and the Highway 16 bus have had a significant impact. She believes ridership will continue to increase.

Autumn Services hosts the Community Market during winter months.

They provide referrals when people come in with questions that require a higher level of expertise. They have worked to develop a list people to whom these folks can be referred.

The Food Share program is well used. Elaine commended Lori and Bobby Hurry for their generous support of the program. Autumn Services is able to support the Food Share program by waiving the price of soup & bun for those of limited income. Mrs. Storey commented they do give away a significant amount of stuff for free. She feels it's great for the community. She would like to see a broader variety of food being presented through the Food Share program. They have contemplated having a food drive in conjunction with the Fire Department. Contributions from gardens are more prevalent during summer months when home grown fruits and vegetables are available.

Autumn Service's Vision is to continue to provide the community with all their needs for social and food security. Elaine clarified that Autumn Services is a gathering place for more than just seniors. Families often come with seniors. They are all welcomed.

Elaine Storey stated Autumn Services has three requests from the Village.

- The first is to receive funding from the proceeds of the Community Forest when it becomes operational.
- The second request was for the Village to waive the Water, Sewer and Garbage levy. Autumn Services feels they would be able to do more with the funds they raise if they did not have the Water, Sewer and Garbage expense.
- Finally, Autumn Services is also interested in the Adult Learning Centre. Mrs. Storey advised they have indicated their interest in the School District 91 property but has been frustrated by the lack of response. Autumn Services would like to expand into a bigger area. Mrs. Storey feels this property, which is located at 298 McMillan Avenue is an important community building because of the services that are operating from that location.

The rent for their current facility has been reduced by the landlord. Autumn Services is in a position where they have run out of money. Unfortunately, Autumn Services has not been successful in several grant applications. They are not sure what the immediate future holds.

Sandra Panagopoulos spoke about her investments in her building; 312 McMillan Avenue. She advises she's reduced the rent for Autumn Services to the bare minimum. She would like the Village to waive the utilities for Autumn Services.

Councillor Reyden commended Autumn Services for what they do.

Anne Letz made the comment that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men suffer from social isolation. Social isolation has many negative health impacts. When people come into the centre, they are healthier and happier. Ms. Letz feels it would be a shame for the centre to close.

Councillor Ray thanked Autumn Services for their work in the community. He referred to a family member who frequents the centre. That person has a lot of good things to say about the centre and the services provided there.

Anne Letz noted pot luck suppers are held the last Sunday of every month. These dinners are well attended. These dinners are a good opportunity for socialization.

Councillor Ray inquired about Autumn Services plans for the School District building.

Elaine Storey feels better use can be made of the building as a whole. She would like the building purchased by the Village or gifted to Autumn Services. Elaine believes the School District has the ability to gift the property to the a non-profit but they appear to be hesitant to do so. Mrs. Storey would like to see Autumn Services managing the building.

Mayor Lindstrom thanked Elaine Storey and the Autumn Services Board members for their presentation. Mayor Lindstrom promised to get back to Autumn Services on how the Village can help.

Minutes:

Resolution 05-23-154 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Ray

"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 2, 2018"

Carried

Resolution 05-23-155 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 3, 2018"

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Storey requested amendment to the 2nd paragraph on Page 3 of 8 from the Special Meeting held May 2, 2018. Her request was to strike “of the employees”.

Resolution 05-23-156 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Ray
“Motion to receive business arising”

Carried

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Storey has been busy with NCLGA and a report for the Better at Home program. Councillor Storey noted a commitment in the Better at Home report is to provide Mayor and Council with an update on the program. She notes 589 services have been received since the initiation of the program in Fraser Lake. There are 65 registered clients receiving support. The program is currently \$1,300.00 over budget. The provincial office has been asked to assist.

Councillor Storey attended the 2018 NCLGA Conference in Fort Nelson, B.C. She was elected to the position of 2nd Vice president. Councillor Storey felt the conference was worthwhile. Councillor Storey is headed to Victoria this Saturday in her capacity of 2nd Vice President. NCLGA has arranged meetings with Provincial Ministers on May 27th and May 28th.

The Business and Volunteer appreciation banquet is this Friday. Councillor Storey has invited MLA John Rustad. She hopes he will hand out a few awards. 259 tickets have been given out to date. There are 38 awards to be presented.

Councillor Ray organized 2 days of sandbagging to assist residents on Dahlgren Road over the past week. The first day, Councillor Ray drove a bus load of students out to Francois Lake. The students were happy to be helping someone out. Then on Monday May 21st, he took a couple of new teachers and 5 students back to Dahlgren Road. Councillor Ray stated it was a really rewarding experience for both himself and his students.

Councillor Ray was in Williams Lake with his student Golf Team. They won zones for the 4th year in a row. Councillor Ray is proud of the team’s accomplishments and commented on the level of talent of the various team members. The team will be in Osoyoos, B.C. June 3rd, 4th and 5th for Provincials. This will be the last year with this team as most of the team members will graduate this year.

Councillor Ray invited the two new teachers at FLESS to his house for a social dinner. Both teachers are enjoying themselves in Fraser Lake and will be coming back next year. Councillor Ray had the opportunity to discuss their likes and dislikes of Fraser Lake. He enjoyed their feedback on what it will take to attract young professionals to our community.

Mayor Lindstrom met with Brian Frenkel regarding our Community Forest. Mr. Frenkel has extensive experience in Forestry. He was a log buyer for L&M Lumber, Vanderhoof. He has

agreed to assist the Village with our Community Forest Management Agreement as we move toward operational status.

Mayor Lindstrom commented that Mr. Frenkel complimented the Village on our approach.

Mayor Lindstrom attended the *Welcome Home* celebration in Nadleh Whut'en. The celebration welcomed the Lejac Residential School survivors back to the community. Thirty- seven, past Lejac Residential School students, were celebrated. Mayor Lindstrom estimated there were 150 people in attendance. The central theme of the event was to learn from the mistakes of the past and to vow to never repeat them. There were some very good speakers at the event. The community feels they need to look ahead rather than dwell in the past. It was a positive event.

Mayor Lindstrom attended the 2018 NCLGA conference. Mayor Lindstrom, Councillor Storey and CAO Holland met with Northern Health. Mayor Lindstrom was not surprised by the answers received. Discussions centered around the rotation of doctors and the lack of a Public Health Nurse. CEO Cathy Ulrich stated she was unaware there was no Public Health Nurse in Fraser Lake.

Mayor Lindstrom will be attending the Regional District Meeting tomorrow. On Friday evening, he will be attending the Volunteer and Business Recognition awards. This Saturday Mayor Lindstrom will attend the Resource Benefits Alliance meeting in Terrace. Then on Sunday, he'll attend the Bicycle Rodeo at the Arena.

Resolution 05-23-157 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Ray
"Motion to receive Council Reports"

Carried

Accounts Payable:

Resolution 05-23-158 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray
"Motion to adopt accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$131,029.77"

Carried

Councillor Reyden asked for more information on cheque 27320 for \$3073.60 to Premium Truck and Trailer.

CAO Holland explained there were two payments made to Premium Truck and Trailer for the repair of the heater in the Rescue Truck. The second payment was a duplication. A refund of \$1089.96 is forthcoming; bringing the total payment down to \$1983.64.

Correspondence List:

None

CAO Reports:

Waste Water Discharge reporting:

With the significant snowfall accumulations of this past winter and the quick thaw this spring, our Waste Water Treatment facility experienced a significant influx of water. Our Public Works personnel were busy keeping culverts and catch basins open and functioning. Several ice jams caused surface water to flow out of ditches and into manholes leading into our sanitary sewer system. Two such events were located and corrected. This significantly reduced the amount of water entering the wastewater system, however, our staff have little influence on the most significant contributor to the spring time influx of water into our Waste water treatment facility; residential sump pumps. The lack of frost in the ground allowed melt water to percolate into the ground. That water found its way into basement sump pump wells. Many residents have plumbed their sump pump discharge into the sanitary sewer line by way of the plumbing stack in their homes.

At the beginning of March 2018, our Wastewater Treatment system was receiving and processing approximately 350 cubic meters of effluent each day. By the end of March, that number was well over 1000 m³. In April, the significant volume of ground water and effluent entering our Waste Water Treatment system required a similar rate of discharge to maintain the integrity of our lagoon dykes. We exceeded our permitted volume of 1180 m³ on 20 days in April 2018.

Residential sump pump discharge should be exhausted into the ditch or storm sewer. As a Village led initiative, providing residents with an alternative to discharging into the Sanitary Sewer would be very expensive. As proposed by McElhanney Engineering, the 4th lagoon project is the most effective alternative.

Earlier in 2018 Council approved an application to the Rural Dividend Fund to offset the cost of planning and designing of a 4th lagoon for the Sewer Treatment Plant. The 4th lagoon would act as an overflow lagoon to meet the higher volumes of effluent and ground water during spring freshet and significant precipitation events. The Rural Dividend Fund is currently under review and Administration is not aware of any pending intakes. The proposed Planning and Design project was estimated by McElhanney Engineering at \$42,000.00. Council has already authorized \$32,000.00 from the Community Works Fund. The remaining \$10,000.00 was to come from the Rural Dividend fund. Administration has looked for other sources of funding to supplement the contributions of the Community Works Fund. Administration requested authority to amend the previous resolution to spend the additional \$10,000.00 from the Community Works Fund, thus, increasing the Community Works Fund expenditure to \$42,000.00 for this project.

Mayor Lindstrom comments that this spring excessive amounts of spring water run off is not limited to the Fraser Lake area. Spring flooding is wide spread. There must be some consideration of those environmental conditions.

CAO Holland agreed. At NCLGA, northern CAO’s met to discuss issues in their communities. All the northern communities are challenged by spring run off or freshet. Administration feels our Public Works personnel have done a good job managing this issue. However, we are aware of the issue and have a possible solution to the problem. Although the 4th lagoon may not be the only solution, this is the proposal identified by McElhanney Engineering.

A discussion followed. The expectations around management of Waste Water are becoming more stringent. It is important to demonstrate due diligence. We want to develop a shelf ready project that allows the Village to pursue funding for construction of the 4th lagoon in 2019.

Resolution 05-23-159 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

“Motion to expend up to \$42,000.00 from the Community Works Fund to complete the planning and design of the 4th lagoon for our Waste Water Treatment Facility”

Carried

Janitorial Services:

Our janitor is retiring. She has been our cleaning lady for the past 5 years. She’s done a great job. A new, more comprehensive job description has been developed.

Administration asked Council to consider the method of advertising this job posting. Administration would like to advertise this position on the Village Facebook Page and Website and to post the advertisement around town.

Resolution 05-23-160 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

“Motion to advertise the Janitorial Job Posting on the Village Website and Facebook page”

Carried

Resolution 05-23-161 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Storey

“Motion to adopt the Janitor Job Description as presented”

Carried

CAO Holland asked Council about providing Maureen a parting gift.

Council has directed we supply Maureen a card and \$50.00 in Chamber dollars.

Snow Clearing Request – Autumn Services:

A request has been received from Anne Letz of Autumn Services for Snow Clearing Service. Hurry Help has been providing the service, however, they are no longer able to provide the service.

A discussion followed.

Hurry Help has been providing the service for free. There are private contractors who could provide the service. Autumn Service is in the same building as the property owner. The parking lot was plowed four time in the first 8 days of February 2018. Village capacity to meet this request is a concern. This year there was so much snow, the local contractor was unable to push back the large piles of snow.

Council directed Administration to send a letter to Autumn Services. Although we are unable to provide regular snow plow services, if they find themselves in a bind due to a large pile of snow or similar dilemma, we'll do what we can to assist.

Bicycle Rodeo:

Bicycle Rodeo is scheduled for this Sunday, May 27th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Village arena.

Mayor Lindstrom will attend.

Big Bike – Heart and Stroke:

The Big Bike will be in Fraser Lake on June 11th. This is a fund raiser for the Heart and Stroke Society. Sylvia Legary has been the community champion for this event. She is looking for riders and donations

Councillor Storey commended Sylvia Legary for taking on this activity. She has done a really great job recruiting riders and fundraising.

Texas 4000:

A request has been received from the Texas 4000 organizers. The Texas 4000 is a fundraising activity. This is an annual bicycle ride from Texas to Alaska to raise awareness and funds for Cancer Research .

The Texas 4000 team have stopped in Fraser Lake. The organizers have asked the Village to host the group by providing a place to sleep overnight. The Fire Department and Royal Canadian Legion have offered to fund raise to provide dinner and breakfast to the Texas 4000 team. This is a \$500.00 donation.

Administration is proposing the Village provide access to the Arena hard surface and the change room washrooms and showers. The riders are accompanied by an equipment vehicle. They bring their own cots and sleeping bags.

A discussion followed.

Mayor Lindstrom has offered his building on Nadina Street if the Arena is not adequate.

Resolution 05-23-162 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Storey

“Motion to host the Texas 4000 riders by providing access to the Arena hard surface and dressing room showers”

Carried

Resolution 05-23-163 M/S Councillor Ray/Councillor Storey

“Motion to receive CAO Reports”

Carried

Staff Report:

None

Reading List:

Resolution 05-23-164 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray

“Motion to receive the Reading List”

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Ray noted he’s received a couple comments about the Good Neighbour Bylaw. Several people have voiced concerns about the parking restriction that limits parking on the street to 48 consecutive hours.

Councillor Reyden asked about the functioning of the potable water tap at the Sani Dump. Councillor Reyden received comments from several people while he was volunteering at the Visitor Centre.

CAO Holland noted there are two water faucets at the Sani Dump; a non-potable water hose and a potable water supply. Both fixtures provide the same potable water, however, the faucet closer to the Sani Dump is typically used to wash off RV sewer components. The potable water faucet is not functional. We have ordered parts to fix the line. Unfortunately, acquisition of the required parts has been frustrating.

Councillor Ray noted there had been discussion of instituting a pay system for our Sani Dump. He asked how that was going.

Mayor Lindstrom wondered about the security of the payment box if payments were not collected daily.

Council would like to obtain a steel or aluminum box to initiate a \$2.00 fee for use of the Sani Dump. Our Public Works crew would be responsible to collect the donations at the end of each day; Monday to Friday.

Councillor Ray led discussion of the three requests made by Autumn Services .

Councillor Ray felt the request for funding from the Community Forest is early. He feels the services provided by Autumn Services are important, however, he would prefer any decisions about funding were not specific to one organization or another.

A discussion followed.

Council endorses the Senior's Drop in Centre as an important service to our residents and seniors in the surrounding area. The Society or Service Provider running the Senior's Centre may change over the years. Support of the Senior's Centre should not be tied to any specific Service Provider. Once the Community Forest is operational and funding is being realized, this issue can be re visited.

The second request related to the Water, Sewer and Garbage levy.

A discussion followed. Concern was raised about the precedence this would establish. Council has asked Administration to review this request and to bring back recommendations to the next Council meeting.

The third request relates to the role Autumn Services in the management of the School District Building at 298 McMillan Avenue; should the Village of Fraser Lake acquire the building; Councillor Ray is concerned about turning over the management of the building to any group if there is a chance they may not be sustainable.

Councillor Ray noted there are a lot of people who benefit from the services of Autumn Services. Councillor Ray would like Council to improve Council's relationship with Autumn Services. Its an important service in our community.

Councillor Storey noted there are capacity issues at Autumn Services. Communications are a struggle. The Centre is Volunteer run and Elaine Storey is busy producing the Fraser Connector.

Councillor Storey would like to see all members of Council included in all correspondence and all invitations.

Mayor Lindstrom reports meeting with April Hughes of Northern Health. Two new doctors have been recruited to the Fraser Lake Medical Clinic; Dr. Curtis and Dr. Morgan. Dr. Morgan will arrive on September 1st. Northern Health is still looking for a 3rd physician.

During that meeting, Mayor Lindstrom asked how the Village could help welcome and retain our doctors. She suggested Council speak with Vanderhoof to see what they are doing to meet, greet and retain new doctors. Mrs. Hughes felt a BBQ or dinner with Council may be a good first step toward making new doctors feel welcomed in to the community.

Mayor Lindstrom attended Vanderhoof earlier today to put the deposit on our columbarium. Mayor Lindstrom had a look at the Columbarium in the Vanderhoof cemetery. It is very similar to the unit we've ordered for the Fraser Lake cemetery. It looks very nice. A 48-niche columbarium will arrive in 10 weeks. Mayor Lindstrom noted that Northern Monumental provides engraving services that enable families to personalize the granite plates on each niche. This will be a good alternative to in-ground burials in Fraser Lake. It will also make for easier maintenance in the cemetery.

Resolution 05-23-165 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Ray

“Motion to Receive New Business”

Carried

Bylaws:

None

In Camera:

Resolution 05-23-166 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

“Motion to move the Regular Meeting of Council to In Camera under Section 90. (1)(e) of the Community Charter to consider a matter that relates to the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements at 7:18 pm”

Carried

Return to Regular Meeting:

Resolution 05-23-168 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray

“Motion to offer School District 91 \$75,000.00 for the purchase of 298 McMillan Avenue (The Adult Learning Centre) with the following conditions: review of the Certificate of Location to the satisfaction of the Village, establishment of a legal easement or other legal remedy by School District 91 for the overhang on the east side of the building to the satisfaction of the Village, successful application to NDIT, NKDF and the RDBN Gas Tax Fund for funding to support this purchase, renovations and energy upgrade, financing, building inspection and review of the tenant agreements/leases for existing tenants”

Carried

Resolution 05-23-169 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray

Motion to apply to NDIT for 70 percent of the purchase price plus the cost of renovations and energy upgrade for 298 McMillan Avenue as an economic diversification initiative, to develop a community gathering space and to provide work space for community support service providers.”

Carried

Resolution 05-23-170 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray

“Motion to apply to NKDF for up to 50 percent of the cost of the purchase price plus the cost of renovation and energy upgrade for 298 McMillan Avenue as an economic diversification initiative, to develop a community gathering space and to provide work space for community support service providers”

Carried

Resolution 05-23-171 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray

“Motion to apply to the RDBN for funding under the Strategic Gas Tax Fund for the purchase, renovation and energy upgrade of 298 McMillan Avenue as an economic diversification initiative and in support of providing a community gathering space that also provides space for important community support service providers”

Carried

Next Meeting of Council:

June 13, 2018 at 5:30 pm

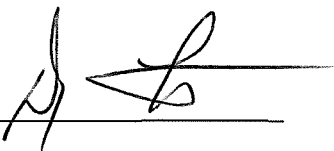
Adjourn:

Resolution 05-23-172 M Councillor Reyden

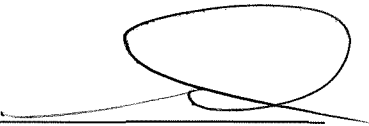
“Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm”

Carried

Certified Correct



**Dwayne Lindstrom,
Mayor**



**Rodney J Holland,
Chief Administrative Officer**