



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 27th, 2019 In the Adult Learning Centre

Those in Attendance:

Council: Mayor Storey
Councillor LePoidevin
Councillor Watt-Senner
Councillor Fennema
Councillor Jenkinson

Staff: Rodney Holland, Chief Administrative Officer
LeEtta LaFontaine, Recreation Director

Public: Norm DeLong

Mayor Storey called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Agenda:

Mayor Storey called for a motion to adopt the agenda and the declaration of any new business.

CAO Holland noted a Supplemental Agenda had been provided to Council along with attachments.

Resolution 03-27-110 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to adopt the Agenda with the addition of the supplemental agenda"
Carried

Delegation:

None

Minutes from the Previous Meetings:

Resolution 03-27-111 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor LePoidevin
"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 13th, 2019 with requested grammatical amendments"
Carried

Resolution 03-27-112 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting held March 4th, 2019"
Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

None.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor LePoidevin had a meeting last week. He intends to discuss the meeting later.

Councillor Watt-Senner reports she attended the Regional District Economic Development Seminar on March 14 & 15th. The presentation was excellent. She discussed the meeting with CAO Holland and will liaise with EDO Christie to determine if there is information that's useful to his position. Councillor Watt-Senner feels this meeting should have been offered to Economic Development Officers; because it pertains more to that position.

Councillor Watt-Senner noted the Chamber of Commerce held their meeting on March 20th, 2019. She decided not to attend as a means of managing her budgetary allocation. She posed the questions of whether it would be better to relinquish this Council Appointment. EDO Christie attends each of these meeting. She felt it may be best if EDO Christie were to submit a report on the activities and initiatives of the Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Watt-Senner attended the Regional District meeting on March 21st, 2019. The following were topics of interest:

Interior Forestry Revitalization

The committee wants to know what the group priorities are? Some of the ideas discussed were slash piles, fiber utilization, grading of the lumber and keeping the fiber in our area as opposed to shipping it overseas. The group feels Canada is losing a chunk of economic viability with the raw log exports.

Wildfire protection and mitigation was discussed. This is an important initiative that will work to enhance community safety. The group would like to be pro-active versus re-active.

Broadcast burning is regaining favour.

The utilization of burnt timber is a concern. Currently there are 1.2M cubic metres of burnt timber in the forest that is marked for Canfor. The fire damage to this wood is unknown and needs to be assessed. The stumpage fee will need to reflect the value of the timber.

Cariboo were discussed. What is happening in the South, the future tenures of lumber licensees for big business and First Nations.

MLA Rustad attended the meeting to discuss the hospital in Fort St James. The hospital district is developing their business plan and are looking for a 20% contribution from Regional Health Authority. Following the construction of the Fort St. James hospital, Vanderhoof's hospital will be revitalized.

The discussion with MLA Rustad included the condition of northern roads and highways; the many bumps and pot holes in our communities. MLA Rustad has stated he doesn't know if there will be highway funding.

The RD discussion included the LNG extension. LNG possesses internal resources to address medical and emergency response services. LNG does not want to impose significant challenges for our communities.

Councillor Watt-Senner stated the high stumpage fees in British Columbia are causing downtime in our sawmills. This results in decreased shifts. The shrinking fiber supply and increases to softwood tariffs are compounding these challenges.

With regards to the soft wood lumber file, there has been no progress. There was a delegation sent to the United States. The delegation was led by the East. Curiously, British Columbia wasn't included in this delegation. Since British Columbia is one of the biggest producers of soft wood lumber, with 50 per cent of the market share, questions are being asked why our Province was not represented.

Councillor Jenkinson had nothing to report.

Councillor Fennema March 15th met with MP Nathan Cullen along with Mayor Story and CAO Holland. MP Cullen announced he will not run in the next Federal election and at this time will not run Provincially. We discussed the projects our community is working on; Community Forests, Infrastructure, bank closure and more.

Mayor Storey reports meeting with MP Nathan Cullen on March 15th. She commented how she has appreciated working with MP Cullen. She stated he will be missed. The discussion with MP Cullen included our resolutions relating to water hazards and the rural living allowance. Mayor Storey asked if MP Cullen had heard anything about these concerns. MP Cullen stated the Federal Government wasn't keen on the Water Hazard Resolution. MP Cullen was also not able to add much on the Rural Living Allowance.

Mayor Storey voiced her concern about not having a member of Council at FCM to represent or promote our resolutions. She would like to see a member of Council attend FCM each year. Mayor Storey feels FCM provides our Council access to the larger venue and different contacts. Discussion with MP Cullen included our Community Forest and Paramedics.

Resolution 03-27-113 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor LePoidevin
"Motion to receive the Councillor Reports"

Carried

Accounts Payable:

Resolution 03-27-114 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor LePoidevin
"Motion to adopt Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$94,860.41"

Carried

Councillor Watt-Senner and Councillor Jenkinson asked for more information about the repairs to the old firetruck.

CAO Holland explained the repair installed a new master cylinder into the brake system on the truck.

Councillor Fennema asked for more information about the chemical tote cost; cheque #28024.

CAO Holland explained water plant chemicals are delivered in a tote. A significant deposit accompanies these totes. Once the chemicals are used, the totes are returned for a rebate.

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

The RDBN Fraser Lake and Area D Television Rebroadcast Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1855, 2019

This service began in 1976; before cable or satellite television services were widely available. The service continues to current day. The Regional District collects a levy for this service from property owners of Area D and the Village of Fraser Lake. As an unrestricted or unfiltered service, it is available to anyone who wishes to access it. There are no processes to institute a user-pay regime. The RDBN collects \$34,500 but intends to increase that levy over time to collect up to \$55,000.

The RDBN has conducted the first three readings of their bylaw. Because the Bylaw will impact property owners in Fraser Lake, the Regional District would like our support.

Mayor Storey asked if there were any stats on how many people use this service or if there was any way to tell?

CAO Holland stated there is no way of knowing. This is an unrestricted service which means you do not register or pay a subscription fee. If you have the appropriate antennae, you can access the signal. All persons within the broadcast range have access to the broadcast.

Mayor Storey asked Councillor Watt-Senner if this is on the floor at the Regional District?

Councillor Watt-Senner stated she was unaware of it being discussed.

Mayor Storey asked if every community was getting one of these?

Councillor Watt-Senner replied they are all being charged for the service. John Illes, RDBN CFO approached her and said we were one of the last communities to support the bylaw. Mr. Illes asked Councillor Watt-Senner to reach out to CAO Holland for our area support.

Councillor Fennema asked who would be collecting this funding?

CAO Holland explained the Village of Fraser Lake collects this levy on behalf of the Regional District at the same time we are collecting property tax. The tax statement sent out to property owners sets out which levies are being collected. This service forms part of the Regional District levy.

Councillor Jenkinson felt this service may be beneficial to tourism. This could be one more niche service Fraser Lake could advertise to tourists. He also felt seniors in our area would benefit from the service.

Mayor Storey and Councillor LePoidevin agreed.

Resolution 03-27-115 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to provide Council's support to the RDBN Fraser Lake and Area D Television
Rebroadcast Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1855, 2019"

Carried

NCLGA—Community Leadership Award nominations

The Village can nominate ourselves for this award. It is an annual opportunity to talk about the innovative things our community is doing. These would be highlighted at NCLGA. A member of Council would be expected to present on our initiative.

Mayor Storey said she'd already replied to this. She prepared a submission, nominating our Local Government under the social responsibility category. She noted there had been a deadline of March 15th. Mayor Storey stated anyone from local government can apply. Her submission highlighted our work on the Tri-Council meetings.

Northern Health IMAGINE Grant – Funding Opportunity

Each year, Northern Health provides the opportunity for funding through their IMAGINE Grant. Up to \$5000 is available for initiatives that support active, healthy living. Our community has benefited from this funding in the past.

A Healthy Communities Committee supports this process. The committee consists of CAO Holland, EDO Christie, Recreation, Councillor LePoidevin and April Hughes of Northern Health. The Healthy Communities Committee has discussed this funding opportunity and proposes an application to purchase skating assists for the arena and snowshoes. Snow shoes are currently borrowed from the high school.

CAO Holland noted this is 100 per cent funding. The proposal has been developed to meet the \$5,000 funding. There is no cost to the Village.

Resolution 03-27-116 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Fennema

“Motion to apply to the Northern Health IMAGINE Grant for \$5,000 to purchase skating assists and snowshoes in support of winter recreational activities”

Carried

Councillor Jenkinson stated he would like to see the purchase of a few bicycles to rent out. He felt this would complement the proposed bicycle repair station.

CAO Holland noted the Village was not successful in our application to BikeBC to construct and equip the bike repair station.

CAO Holland also noted Northern Health may have a second funding opportunity later in the year. The P4H program has typically provided funding up to \$7500.

2019 Capital Grant Projects

CAO Holland noted several of the proposed 2019 Capital projects are eligible for grant funding. The grant funding is an important aspect of these projects; allowing the Village to accomplish more on our restrained capital budget.

To ensure our applications are submitted in a timely fashion, Administration is asking for Council’s support to make the following applications. CAO Holland noted, staff have already met with potential funders to discuss our proposals and to elicit their constructive feedback pre-application.

Administration would like Council’s support for the following grant applications:

- 1) Chain Link Fence around wastewater dump station – Project cost \$17,325
NDIT \$12,128/ NKDF \$2,599

Resolution 03-27-117 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Jenkinson

“Motion to apply to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for \$12,128 to erect chain link fence around our Wastewater Dump Station to establish an economic development opportunity where commercial contractors can dispose of wastewater from rural residences and the Lejac LNG camp for a fee”

Carried

Resolution 03-27-118 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Fennema

“Motion to apply to the Nechako Kitimaat Development fund for \$2,599 to erect chain link fence around our Wastewater Dump Station to establish an economic development opportunity where commercial contractors can dispose of wastewater from Rural residences and the Lejac LNG camp for a fee”

Carried

- 2) Arena & Complex lobby LED lighting upgrades – Project cost \$4,600
NDIT \$3,220/ NKDF \$690

Resolution 03-27-119 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Jenkinson

“Motion to apply to NDIT for \$3,220 to upgrade the arena and complex lobby lighting to LED to support the sustainability of our Recreation Centre and improve the appearance and safety of our arena and complex lobby to make these areas more appealing and more marketable”

Carried

Resolution 03-27-120 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to apply to the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund for \$690 to upgrade the arena and complex lobby lighting to LED to support the sustainability of our Recreation Centre and improve the appearance and safety of our arena and complex lobby to make these areas more appealing and more marketable”

Carried

- 3) Boat Launch Parking lot gravel/levelling – Project cost \$11,760
NDIT \$8,232/ NKDF \$2,058

Resolution 03-27-121 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to apply to NDIT for \$8,232 to improve our boat launch parking lot through the purchase and application of gravel. As our community boat launch attracts residents of surrounding communities and tourist, improving the appearance and public access of our boat launch facility will support tourism and our local economy”

Carried

Councillor Jenkinson inquired about the buttress between the lake and the parking lot and if there was a concern of someone falling off?

CAO Holland explained there will be another level of concrete with no post barrier added.

Resolution 03-27-122 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Jenkinson

“Motion to apply to the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund for \$2,058 to improve our boat launch parking lot through the purchase and application of gravel. As our community boat launch attracts residents of surrounding communities and tourist, improving the appearance and public access to our boat launch facility will support tourism and our local economy.”

Carried

- 4) Ball Fields upgrade. Addition of red clay to both infields – Project cost \$36,000
NDIT \$13,600/ NKDF \$18,000

Resolution 03-27-123 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to apply to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for \$13,600 to improve the appearance of our baseball diamonds through the addition of red clay. This

improvement will attract ball players and ball tournaments to our community which will bolster our economy.”

Carried

Resolution 03-27-124 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Fennema

“Motion to apply to the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund for \$18,000 to improve the appearance of our baseball diamonds through the addition of red clay. This improvement will attract ball players and ball tournaments which will in turn bolster our economy”

Carried

- 5) FLESS Tennis Court rehabilitation – Project cost \$4,500
NDIT \$3,150/ NKDF \$675

Resolution 03-27-125 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Jenkinson

“Motion to apply to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for \$3,150 to rehabilitate the tennis courts through paint, nets and lines. These improvements will support active lifestyles, assist with resident retention and support our local economy”

Carried

Resolution 03-27-126 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Jenkinson

“Motion to apply to the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund for \$675 to rehabilitate the tennis courts through paint, nets and lines. These improvements will support active lifestyles, assist with resident retention and support our local economy.”

Carried

- 6) Chip Seal Highway 16 corridor walking trails – Project cost \$45,000
NDIT \$15,750/ NKDF \$22,500

Resolution 03-27-127 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema

“Improving the appearance, function and accessibility of our walking trails will have a significant impact on our ability to attract tourism and to retain residents. Motion to apply to Northern Development Initiative Fund for \$15,750 to chip seal of our walking trails; improving their appearance and accessibility”

Carried

Councillor Jenkinson queried if it was possible to add to this to do White Swan Park walkway?

CAO Holland stated it would need to be calculated out and considered in terms of available funding. This project supports active transportation which is an acceptable use of Community Works Funding. Administration will see if chip sealing the walking trail through White Swan Park can be accommodated.

Resolution 03-27-128 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Jenkinson

“Improving the appearance, function and accessibility of our walking trails will have a significant impact on our ability to attract tourism and to retain residents. Motion to apply to the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund for \$22,500 to chip seal of our walking trails; improving their appearance and accessibility”

Carried

- 7) Installation of a Solar Array on the roof of the Arena – Project \$130,000
Clean BC Communities Fund \$95,329/ NDIT \$15,000/ NKDF \$9,836

Resolution 03-27-129 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Jenkinson

“Motion to apply to the Clean BC Communities Fund for \$95,329 to install a Solar Array on the roof of the arena to reduce our community’s dependence on carbon-based energy by developing an alternative energy project. This project will result in one of our largest facilities becoming net zero and provide leadership to our community in the use of alternative energy sources”

Carried

Councillor Fennema asked about the performance of a solar array during the winter months?

CAO Holland explained modern solar array produce internal heat which keeps the snow melted off the panels. Although the solar angle does reduce output during winter months, the system is expected to produce electricity year around. CAO Holland went on to add this is a net metering system. Our arena will remain connected to the BC Hydro power grid. The solar array is intended to supplement the supply received from BC Hydro; with the hopes of zeroing our consumption from the grid during high production periods of the year. This proposal includes a battery back up that will have the capacity to run our arena for 36 hours in the event of a power failure. This will keep our arena ice in tact; which in turn would save the Village significant time and money in the event of a power failure.

Resolution 03-27-130 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to apply to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for \$15,000 to install a Solar Array on the roof of the arena to reduce our community’s dependence on carbon-based energy by developing an alternative energy project. This project will result in one of our largest facilities becoming net zero and provide leadership to our community in the use of alternative energy sources”

Carried

Resolution 03-27-131 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema

“Motion to apply to the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund for \$9,836 to install a Solar Array on the roof of the arena to reduce our community’s dependence on carbon-based energy by developing an alternative energy project. This project will result in one of our largest facilities becoming net zero and provide leadership to our community in the use of alternative energy sources”

Carried

Councillor Fennema asked about the predictability of these grants?

Mayor Storey explained with NDIT chances for funding are good because when compared to other communities the Village hadn't been applying for much. NKDF, on the other hand, it depends on how much grant money they have available to allocate. She didn't know about the Clean BC Grant.

CAO Holland explained the Village has applied previously to Clean BC. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful. The Solar Array does not only reduce costs, it also works to meet our carbon-action-reduction initiative program commitments to reduce our GHG emissions and reduce our dependency on carbon-based energy.

Mayor Storey thanked EDO Christie for his hard work filling out grant applications.

Last ice of the season

The ice plant has been turned off for the season. As of Sunday, March 24th the arena will transition to summer use.

BC Provincial Nominee Program – Entrepreneur Immigration

Administration provided an overview of the project. The application date has been extended for another two weeks. Local governments participating in the program play an active role. CAO Holland recommended Council considers providing Community Futures with a letter of support. In terms of application, CAO Holland questioned whether the community has the capacity for the program.

A discussion followed.

Resolution 03-27-132 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Fennema

“Motion to provide a letter of support to Community Futures for the BC Provincial Nominee Program—Entrepreneur Immigration”

Carried

Northern Capital and Planning Grant

CAO Holland shared the announcement from the Province. The Village of Fraser Lake has been awarded \$2,607,000 through the Northern Capital and Planning Grant. CAO Holland noted this is the first time in the history of Fraser Lake, that the Village of Fraser Lake has had this capacity to address our infrastructure deficits.

Council agreed this is an exciting announcement.

Councillor Compensation Bylaw proposal

CAO Holland explained Council benefits are established through Bylaw. CAO Holland provided Council with the 2018 Council Compensation Bylaw for reference and the proposed 2019

update. In the March 4th Special Meeting of Council, Council asked administration to proportion the meeting allowance allocation; with the Mayor being provided a larger portion to reflect her level of activity. With \$30,000 in the budget for Meeting Allowances, Administration has proposed the Mayor have access to an allocation of \$10,000 and each Councillor have access to an allocation of \$5000.

The 2019 Council Compensation Bylaw was reviewed. Council has asked that it be brought back for first readings at the next Council meeting.

Resolution 03-27-133 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor LePoidevin
"Motion to receive the CAO Reports"

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

Resolution 03-27-134 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive the Reading List"

Carried

New Business:

Councillor LePoidevin commented on the free camping in White Swan Park. He feels the campsite takes away from other campgrounds near Fraser Lake.

Councillor Fennema agreed. She stated she's heard negative comments regarding the free camping as well.

Councillor Watt-Senner believes an overnight fee would bring value to staying in the Park.

Mayor Storey stated she has no issue with the free camping. Its restricted to two nights and it brings people into the community.

Councillor Jenkinson agrees with Councillor LePoidevin. However, he also sees the benefit and niche opportunity for Fraser Lake with free camping.

A discussion followed. Some of the ideas included receiving donations from campers.

Mayor Storey asked CAO Holland for his thoughts on the issue.

CAO Holland explained he didn't agree with the free camping initially, however, he has since changed his mind. The complaints from local campground operators are not new. The previous council was sensitive to their concerns; limiting overnight stays to two nights and by placing a large sign on the back of the white brick building advertising the other resorts in our area. Most of the local campgrounds boast being booked solid for at least a year in advance. Our municipal campground is not competing with those resorts. This campground was developed as an economic development initiative. It was intended to get people to turn off the highway. It does that, at very little cost. As for collecting fees or donations, administration would need to consider how that would be accomplished. Having a staff member stay late to collect fees may not be economical.

Resolution 03-27-135 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Jenkinson

"Motion to install a donation box at White Swan Park for campers to voluntarily use"

Carried

Watt-Senner would like to reduce the council carbon footprint by keeping Council packages digital. She would also like to have the Welcome to Fraser Lake signs refreshed for this year and to investigate a new one for next year.

Mayor Storey shared there had been a plan for a new sign; however, it was quashed due to cost. She asked CAO Holland to bring the plans to the next meeting for perusal.

Councillor Watt-Senner agreed.

Mayor Storey agreed they need some surface restoring.

Discussion of different ways to revamp the Welcome signs took place.

Mayor Storey has heard negative comments about the large electronic signs. They are in a terrible place right now making the message hard to read.

Councillor Jenkinson wanted council to know that he had sent a letter to CAO Holland and the works yard for the great job cleaning and preparing the inside of the Curling Rink.

Resolution 03-27-136 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin

"Motion to receive New Business"

Carried

In-Camera:

Resolution 03-27-137 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner

"Motion to move to the Regular Meeting of Council In-Camera under Section 90(1)(n) of the Community Charter at 7:40 pm"

Carried

Return to regular meeting at 8:19 pm.

Next Meeting of Council:

Next Council Meeting on April 10th at 5:30 pm at the Adult Learning Centre.

Adjournment:

Resolution 03-27-139 Councillor LePoidevin
"Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm"

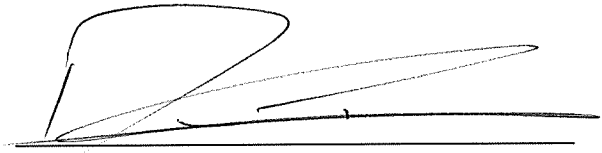
Carried

Certified Correct:



~~Sarrah Storey, Mayor~~

ACT CRAIG LEPOIDEVIN



Rodney J Holland, Chief Administrative
Officer

per Dave Christie