



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 9, 2019 In Council Chambers

Those in Attendance:

- Council: Mayor Storey
Councillor LePoidevin
Councillor Watt-Senner
Councillor Fennema
Councillor Jenkinson (via teleconference)
- Staff: Rodney Holland, Chief Administrative Officer
Laura McMaster, Director of Finance
LeEtta LaFontaine, Recreation Director
- Public: Norm DeLong
Sylvia Hendrickson

Agenda

Mayor Storey called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

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

Resolution 10-09-328 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to adopt the Agenda"

Carried

Delegation

None

Minutes from the Previous Meetings

Resolution 10-09-329 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 11th, 2019"

Carried

Councillor Jenkinson requested a copy of the In-Camera minutes because he hadn't received them.

Resolution 10-09-330 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Fennema

“Motion to adopt the minutes of the In-Camera Meeting held September 11th, 2019”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Councillor Reports

Councillor LePoidevin attended UBCM and expressed how informative the conference had been.

Mayor Storey suggested she would like to call a Special Meeting in which to present UBCM reports. She would like Councillor Jenkinson to be able to attend. The Special Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th, 2019 at 10:00 am.

Councillor Watt-Senner suggested this as an annual event following the UBCM conference. Mayor Storey agreed.

On September 13th, Councillor Watt-Senner attended the meeting with Children and Family Services for the presentation on developing childcare options in Fraser Lake.

On September 18th she attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting. Representatives of Coastal Gaslink presented. They talked about the time and money they have invested into the project. They also provided direction around employment opportunities and where to apply. There were questions from those in attendance about investments and contracting with business in the Village of Fraser Lake. Councillor Watt-Senner asked how Coastal Gaslink was meeting their commitments to share the economy of the pipeline with local communities when most of the workers building the Lejac Camp are commuting back and forth from Vanderhoof; rather than spending their nights in Fraser Lake hotels. The representatives of Coastal Gaslink committed to looking into this issue.

At the last Regional District meeting, Councillor Watt-Senner reports Rio Tinto presented. The water in the Kenney Dam reservoir is down 1 ½ feet in comparison to the same period in 2018. The company is engaged in a soil and ground study to determine the long-term accumulative impacts of the reservoir. The impacts of climate change are also being studied and plans are being developed to better manage the water supply in the reservoir.

The landslide at Big Bar on August 3rd was a significant event this past summer. It impacted Rio Tinto operations. They were ordered to suspend their summer temperature water management program to facilitate the instream works that were require downstream. Once the work was complete, discharge from the reservoir resumed. Water temperatures returned to normal levels quickly. This rockslide has had a significant impact on the 2019 salmon migration.

Other RDBN activities of note include the review of their 2018 Emergency Operations Plan.

The RDBN is also considering a request from Coastal Gas Link for a temporary use permit on the Morice River Road. This application is subsequent to an earlier Temporary Use Permit. Concerns related to noise, road maintenance and road safety are the issues of concern. They are asking Coastal Gaslink with their plan of how they will deal with those concerns.

Recycle BC has failed to meet their promise to fund recycling in Fraser Lake, B.C. The Regional District had budgeted to subsidize Fraser Lake recycling for the first 6 months of the year. Recycle BC was to take over the funding subsidy as of July. Without the Recycle BC funding, our local Recycle Depot has been left to self fund recycling of cardboard and paper. This occurs at a loss. To be fair to the local service provider, the RDBN has agreed to continue their funding for the local service and to work with Recycle BC to find a solution.

Councillor Watt-Senner enjoyed the UBCM conference. She felt there was a lot of good, useable information. It was a good opportunity to come together as a group and to learn. She felt it was great the Village was able to fund Council's attendance.

Mayor Storey asked if Coastal Gaslink promised they would use our hotels.

Councillor Watt-Senner commented CGL committed through their Socio-Economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMPT) they would use local facilities in each pipeline segment to share the pipeline economy with local communities.

Councillor Fennema attended UBCM, she felt she learned a tremendous amount during the convention.

Mayor Storey attended the COFI dinner with CAO Holland. She felt they provided great opportunities to speak with Minister Donaldson and his staff about local issue prior to UBCM. Mayor Storey was able to discuss our hope to have three phase power to the airport property for economic development opportunities. Another great conversation was with Susan Yurkovich, President and CEO of COFI. Susan Yurkovich has promised to visit Fraser Lake at some time in the future.

Mayor Storey referred to various mill closures and curtailments in the forest industry. It is her understanding, stumpage is supposed to go down \$5 but, nothing more has been heard about this happening.

Mayor Storey agreed that UBCM was very good. She will provide her report at the Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 16th.

While at UBCM, Mayor Storey travelled to Whistler, B.C. to present to the BC Senior's Living Association. Her presentation set out what we are doing in Fraser Lake to achieve our goal of becoming designated as an Age Friendly Community. Following her presentation, she was happy to receive many positive comments. She was pleased a Northern community was given

the opportunity to share how different we are in the way we do things in comparison to the Vancouver area.

Mayor Storey complimented EDO Christie for doing a great job organizing the small business expo. There was a good turn out of local businesses.

Mayor Storey attended the All Candidates Forum. She noted only four candidates participated in the Fraser Lake event. She felt the event was interesting.

Councillor Jenkinson participated by video conference in two meetings; the pre-UBCM meeting and the meeting with Adam Patrick.

Resolution 10-09-331 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Jenkinson
"Motion to receive the Councillor Reports"

Carried

Accounts Payable

Resolution 10-09-332 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to adopt Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$381,031.46"

Carried

Councillor Watt-Senner asked for more information about cheque #28406 to Brookside Resort for the Highway sign lease. She asked if the Village could change the location of the sign and if the sign could be updated.

Mayor Storey explained the placement of the sign is subject to a ten-year lease. As for the sign itself, that can and should be discussed during the Strategic Planning Meeting.

Discussion.

Councillor Watt-Senner asked for more information about cheque #28389 for the Babysitting and Stay Safe Course.

Director of Finance, Laura McMaster explained this was a course presented through our Recreation program. Fees were collected from participants so the cost of the course to the Village was little to none.

Mayor Storey inquired as to whether the Park Drive Water Main project was completed yet.

CAO Holland explained the paving at the intersection of Francois Drive and Nadina Crescent will not be completed until next year. In terms of finalizing our dealing with the contractor, the hope is to have that process completed within the week.

Mayor Storey asked for more information about the installation of the water intake screen.

CAO Holland acknowledged the cost of installation was more expensive than anticipated. There were other issues we were not happy with either. Those concerns were brought to the attention of the contractor; Cariboo Divers. The project is now complete. The installation was about \$4,700.00 over the expected cost. With the new water intake screen in place, it should be years before this needs to be addressed again.

Correspondence List

None

Business from the CAO

Senior's Snowplowing Program – Annual Review:

Prior to sending out the snow plow placards, Administration would like to determine our policy on Senior's snowplowing. When this program started there were 12 (twelve) seniors on the list for senior's driveway clearing. The number has grown to 100 (one hundred) eligible households. The criteria for the service are sixty-five years of age, your taxes are up to date and the owner is living at the property.

Seniors driveways are the last to be done. All other snow plowing activities are completed prior to senior's driveways. Although this is a free service, complaints are received each year. Most complaints are from seniors who feel their driveways should be done sooner. One hundred driveways are a huge endeavor. The Director of Public Works has estimated the cost of snowplowing the average driveway at \$25.00. We are the only community that is providing this service for free.

A discussion followed. Council agrees this is not a sustainable program; especially in the current state of our economy. The program as it sits does not consider physical or economic capacity. There are several persons who clear their own driveway but there are just as many who could but prefer to make use of the free service.

Councillor Jenkinson asked for Administration's recommendation.

CAO Holland advised the simplest solution would be to hand the program over to the Better at Home program. If Council felt it appropriate to support the program, a modest donation would be appropriate. The Better at Home Program already screens for financial and physical capacity. CAO Holland stated he did not feel it would be appropriate for Village staff to screen Village seniors for eligibility.

Resolution 10-09-333 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to table the Senior's Snow Plowing Program until the next council meeting on October 23rd, 2019”

Carried

Age Friendly Grant – Funding Opportunity:

The province is once again offering up to \$15,000.00 for age friendly initiatives in support of Healthy Living and active Lifestyles. Flowing from the Age Friendly Assessment is the need for benches along our sidewalks and walking trails. Local seniors would like a place to stop and rest. Benches would be placed in strategic locations around town so that more seniors are able to get out and walk and socialize. The \$15,000.00 would buy 10 to 12 benches.

Resolution 10-09-334 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to apply for the \$15,000.00 Age Friendly Initiative Grant for Healthy Living to purchase benches to support an active lifestyle for our seniors”

Carried

Community Bus Garage – Community Works fund top up:

CAO Holland advises the construction of the garage is complete. The project was funded in part by NKDF with a grant of \$39,995.00. The remaining cost is to come from the Community Works Fund. \$50,000.00 was previously allocated from the Community Works Fund. With all the bills in, the actual cost to the Village is \$52,142.38. As a project tidy up, CAO Holland has requested an increase to the authorized from the Community Works fund; increasing the amount to come from the Community Works Fund from \$50,000.00 to \$52,142.38. The CWF has an uncommitted balance just over \$200,000.00.

Resolution 10-09-335 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to increase expenditure of funds from the Community Works Fund for the construction of the Community Vehicle Garage to \$52,142.38 from the previously authorized expenditure of \$50,000.00”

Carried

Municipal Finance Authority of BC – Accepting 2020 Funding applications for Long term borrowing:

CAO Holland brought this borrowing opportunity to the attention of Council. A brief overview of the MFA was provided.

Fraser Lake & District Historical Society – Year end Sani Dump proceeds report:

Following the installation of a donation box at the Sani Dump, the Historical Society was offered the proceeds for use at the Visitor Centre and Museum. Mrs. Schmidt had provided a year end financial report.

Council has requested a year end report from the Historical Society.

CAO Holland noted a donations box has been installed at White Swan Park. Administration would like to know where Council would like this funding to go.

Mayor Storey feels this is different than the Sani Dump. The washroom supplies, canoes, paddle boards and security lighting are all expenses related to the RV Park.

Councillor Watt-Senner suggested the proceeds go into General Revenue for the development of improved security in the park

Resolution 10-09-336 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to direct proceeds from the White Swan RV Donation box to General Revenue for White Swan Park expenditures”

Carried

NCLGA Resolutions – UBCM Results:

Administration provided this for Council’s information. One of our resolutions was endorsed at UBCM. UBCM will bring the other three resolutions to the board for consideration.

Discussion.

Re-naming the Arena – petition presented:

Mike Walsh presented a petition to Administration, with fifty-two names on it. The request is to change the name of the arena to the Fraser Lake Arena. Mr. Walsh would like the traveling public to know where they are.

Councillor Fennema inquired as to why the petition suggests re naming the arena to Fraser Lake and area when the RDBN doesn’t donate anything to the upkeep of the building.

Mayor Storey believes the south end signage should say Fraser Lake Arena in large and visible lettering.

Councillor LePoidevin gave the history of how the arena came to be named the C.H. Foote Memorial Arena. He didn’t feel it would be appropriate to remove the name but felt signage on the Highway end of the arena could include a large sign stating “Welcome to Fraser Lake”

Discussion.

Resolution 10-09-337 M/S Councillor Fennema/Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to look into the cost and design of a sign on the south end of the arena that identifies the Village of Fraser Lake”

Carried

Fraser Lake Regional Training Centre Grand Opening – October 19th, 2019:

The Fraser Lake Regional Training Centre Grand Opening has been scheduled for Saturday October 19, 2019 at 10:00 am. Mayor and Council are invited. The event is expected to last approximately an hour.

YRB – Pre-Winter Stakeholders meeting – November 6, 2019:

Each year, YRB holds a stakeholder’s meeting to discuss highway maintenance concerns. Council members and CAO Holland are invited to attend. Attendees are asked to RSVP.

Councillor Lepoidevin noted the road sand that will be used this coming winter is a smaller size in the hopes of reducing damage to windshields.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure:

We were unsuccessful in our application through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Grant Program. This is disappointing. This application was to fund construction of the 4th lagoon. CAO Holland noted EDO Christie will have a conversation with someone from the ICIGP for feedback on why we didn’t get the grant.

Mayor Storey feels a letter to Premiere Horgan is appropriate. Fraser Lake has been struggling for a long time and now we are going to ask for help.

Strategic Planning:

Administration updated Council on efforts to arrange for a Strategic Planning session in November. Council preferred dates are November 18th or 25th The cost of the session will be \$1000 for the day.

Discussion.

Village Christmas Party:

Scheduled for November 22, 2019 at the Legion.

Resolution 10-09-338 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/Councillor Watt-Senner
“Motion to receive the CAO Reports”

Carried

Staff Reports

Director of Public Works:

Mayor Storey expressed concern regarding the ammonia leak.

CAO Holland explained the alarm sensors are very sensitive, so it doesn’t take much to set it off. Each alarm is treated as an emergency. Our ice plant is inspected and serviced annually and as needed.

Mayor Storey wanted to know if our works crew removed the bears that were eliminated? CAO Holland noted the RCMP don’t have the ability to remove them, so our public works do it.

Mayor Storey inquired about the fence around the cemetery. She had a complaint about a person who has property butted up to the fence who may be letting his dog into the cemetery.

CAO Holland advised the cemetery fence was intact.

EDO Christie provided a recap of Visitor numbers to the Visitor Information Centre in 2019. There has been an increase in visitors signing in; a total of 1711 people. This is still down from 2017, but, up from the 2018 fire season. Most tourists going through don't stop and sign in.

White Swan Campground:

The Park is getting known as a place to stop and to spend a couple of nights in our RV site.

Recreation Active Sunday:

Recreation Director LeEtta LaFontaine spent the last few weeks putting together the Active Sunday brochure. The brochure highlights community workshops or lectures on Sunday. There is a physical activity in the morning, an art activity in the afternoon as well as a couple of lectures.

Mayor Storey asked about participation numbers for summer programming.

Recreation Director LaFontaine stated she felt the sign up for events was last minute, which made it difficult to know if an event was going to happen.

Mayor Storey inquired about the movie license issue that had come up. CAO Holland advised we are not allowed to share a movie license, so, the Village provides the venue and the Library provides the movie.

Discussion.

Resolution 10-09-339 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive the Staff Reports"

Carried

Reading List

Resolution 10-09-340 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive the Reading List"

Carried

New Business

Councillor LePoidevin had no new business to report.

Councillor Watt-Senner asked about the possibility of a new logo for the Village. She would like to start the process.

Mayor Storey explained this might be something discussed at the Strategic Planning session. She noted Burns Lake did a rebranding and it cost the community \$100,000.

Councillor Watt-Senner commented the FLESS PAC group would like to request the Community Bus again for New Year's Eve.

Mayor Storey asked for a letter from the PAC requesting use of the Community Bus for New Year's Eve.

Councillor Fennema had no new business to report.

Councillor Jenkinson had no new business to report.

Resolution 10-09-341 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Jenkinson
"Motion to receive New Business"

Carried

Bylaws

Permissive Tax Exemptions Bylaw No 810, 2019:

Resolution 10-09-342 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to complete the First, second and third reading of Village of Fraser Lake
Permissive Tax Exemptions Bylaw No 810, 2019"

Carried

Mayor Storey noted the Royal Canadian Legion was not on the list of tax-exempt properties. She stated there was discussion around this at UBCM. The consensus is the community itself should be able to make this decision at a community level.

CAO Holland noted West Fraser Sawmills is on this bylaw because they had a forty-year lease with the legion for \$1.00 a year. This lease places the use and control of the property in the hands of the Legion. This makes the property eligible for the Permissive Tax Exemption.

Next Meeting of Council

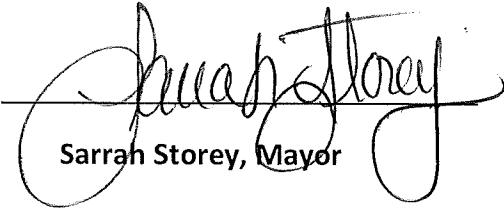
Next Council Meeting on October 23rd, 2019, in Council Chambers.

Adjournment:

Resolution 10-09-343 M/S Councillor LePoidevin
"Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm"

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J Holland, Chief Administrative
Officer