



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 11, 2019 In Council Chambers

Those in Attendance:

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

Staff: Laura McMaster, Director of Finance
Dave Christie, Economic Development Officer
LeEtta LaFontaine, Recreation Director

Public: Norm DeLong

Agenda

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

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

Resolution 09-11-306 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to adopt the Agenda"

Carried

Delegation

Fraser Lake RCMP:

Sgt Jason Rumming thanked Mayor and Council for the invitation to the Council Meeting.

Sgt Rumming introduced himself. He has been with the RCMP just over fifteen years. He spent the last year as the Operations NCO (Non-Commissioned Officer) in Fort Nelson.

His first post was the Sunshine Coast. Most of his service has been in Prince George and area. Fraser Lake is his first command and he's looking forward to the challenge.

Sgt Rumming has been busy familiarizing himself with the communities of Stellat'en, Nadleh Whut'en and the Village of Fraser Lake. He would like to be more engaged with the communities, and to keep the communities informed. The Fraser Lake RCMP have set up a Facebook page and will post updates in a monthly newsletter.

Sgt Rumming introduced Constable Trevor Gutherie; the newest member of the Fraser Lake Detachment. Constable Gutherie has arrived from a small town in northern Ontario; similar in size to Fraser Lake. He is looking forward to being involved in the community. Prior to policing,

Constable Guthrie lived and worked in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario in the psychiatric unit at the hospital. He's been in Fraser Lake for the past month and a half and is finding everyone friendly and welcoming. Constable Guthrie thanked Council for the opportunity to introduce himself and is looking forward to working for the Village.

Sgt Rummig provided a report showing that the number of impaired and the mischief investigations have increased slightly.

Sgt Rummig spoke about detachment staffing. He plans to continue Sgt Slater's quest for RCMP housing units.

Sgt Rummig invited Council members to connect with him anytime over matters large or small.

Mayor Storey asked about the action taken following the second bear sighting.

Sgt Rummig commented the bears are in town because of fruit trees and other available food sources. They will leave when the fruit is cleaned up. Officers have been directed to chase bears into other areas rather than shooting them. The hope is to avoid destroying these animals unless they become a danger to someone. RCMP are asking the public to clean up their yards so the bears will leave the area. One bear had to be put down because it would not go away. The second bear was easily scared away and will hopefully stay away. The detachment members didn't feel this bear was a public safety issue.

Discussion.

Mayor Storey inquired about the vandalism around town and the possibility of an assembly to have a conversation around this.

Sgt Rummig discussed the various incidences of vandalism. He felt they have all been investigated diligently. Citizens were interviewed and communication with the community has been disseminated.

The high school vandalism prompted the installation of a surveillance system.

Discussion.

Councillor Fennema extended her appreciation for the presentation and for looking after the community.

Mayor Storey asked about RCMP housing. She asked who the Council could send a letter of support to in hopes of speeding up the process of purchase. Sargent Rummig gave her the name and information of where to send the letter of support; Superintendent Warren Brown, Commanding Officer of North District and the local MLA.

Discussion.

Minutes from the Previous Meetings

Resolution 09-11-307 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 28, 2019"
Carried

Resolution 09-11-308 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor LePoidevin
"Motion to adopt the Minutes of the In-Camera Meeting held August 28, 2019"
Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Fennema asked about the protocol for revisiting topics tabled to be updated once more information is gathered.

Discussion.

Resolution 09-11-309 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to adopt the Business arising from the Previous Meeting of August 28, 2019"
Carried

Communication Policy Proposal

Councillor Watt-Senner expressed how she felt if, at some point, someone has an opportunity to talk about Fraser Lake positively and in a professional manner, this should be allowed.

Discussion.

Councillor Fennema thanked staff for creating this very thorough and comprehensive policy. It leaves no doubt as to what the expectations of Council and staff are in dealing with all forms of communication internally and externally.

Discussion.

Resolution 09-11-310 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin
"Motion to adopt the proposed Communication Policy"
Carried

Councillor Reports

Councillor LePoidevin had nothing to report.

Councillor Watt-Senner attended the Regional District meeting on Thursday, September 5th, 2019. There were several delegations at this meeting.

Forestry Committee on the Mountain Pine Beetle:

John Kusset and entomologist, Ken White presented on bark beetle activity in the Skeena Region. The presentation addressed monitoring and harvesting, trap trees and small salvage. Mountain Pine Beetle is now in Western balsam and Alpine fir. It's in between 5-10% of the stand of trees. It's a large area being attacked. The mountain pine beetle hitch rides to get to another tree a distance away.

There is supposed to be 2.1M dollars spent on forest health this year. This only covers the cost of the aerial research. Nothing is left to cover the treatment of the trees. The Regional District is taking this plague seriously and are asking for more funding to deal with this infestation.

Transportation Committee:

The recent developments in the forest industry and their impacts on the community of Fort St. James was discussed. Several mills in the Fort St. James area are in the process of shutting down. Other mills are experiencing curtailments in their operations. Fort St. James provides access busing from Fort St. James to Prince George. They would like to expand their current program to provide busing more days per week. Fort St. James doesn't believe people can afford a tax increase because of the mill shutdowns. They would like to establish a tax scheme from a larger area. Fort St. James feels their model of access busing could be used to serve people to Fraser Lake, Vanderhoof and Prince George. The Regional District believe this could lead to some economic growth in Fraser Lake with people coming in from Fort St. James to shop.

Agriculture Committee:

MOTI and the ALR have developed a new policy that will be implemented later this year. The new policy relates to agricultural fill. It allows 1000 m³ of fill onto private property. Quantities over 1000 m³ of fill will require a permit. The application for the permit is through the ALR. As an example, if more than 1000 m³ fill is required for a driveway, the cost of the application for additional fill will be \$1500.00.

The MOTI and ALC want Bylaw officers to enforce this.

The Regional District is against this new policy fee. They have retained legal council to dispute the \$1500.00 cost to do a driveway. A letter is being drafted by the legal team to send to the ALR regarding this matter because most Regional District driveways require more than the allotted 1000² metres.

Waste Management Committee:

The Waste Management Committee meets once a year to go over legal responsibilities. They want to change the frequency for these meetings to bi-annual. Things are changing so quickly in the Regional District, it's not workable to meet once a year. Costs aren't being met for the small recycle places that have contracts with Recycle BC to pay for cardboard or paper. Recycle BC has changed their payment policy which is causing problems. Small recycle business aren't making any money and are not covering their bills.

Councillor Fennema attended the Integris meeting on August 30th. She was impressed with the turnout of people and the questions asked about the Integris commitment to the community.

Mayor Storey was at the Integris meeting at Autumn Services as well. Integris would like to see letters of intent to move accounts from the three communities; Stellat'en First Nations, Village of Fraser Lake and Nadleh Whut'en which will help with their business plan towards considering their move to Fraser Lake.

Mayor Storey is in favour of a letter of intent written by the Village and submitted to Integris Credit Union.

Discussion.

Centerra Gold Fishing Derby on Francois Lake:

Mayor Storey attended this event on September 7th. Centerra Gold was pleased with the turnout for the derby. Approximately 70 participated. There is talk of making the Fishing Derby an annual event. Centerra Gold is researching the levels of mercury and heavy metals in the fish in Francois Lake. Fish caught and turned in during the fish derby are the test subjects. Centerra Gold will share the test results with the Village of Fraser Lake.

NDIT Meeting:

Mayor Storey attended the NDIT meeting on Monday, September 9th. The meeting was over in twenty-six minutes followed by a round table discussion. The closing of CIBC and the sawmill curtailment were the main topics of discussion.

Since the inception of NDIT in 2005, there have been twenty-five projects approved in the Fraser Lake area; including non-profit projects. This number is relatively low as other communities have had between fifty-three to one-hundred and twenty-five projects approved in the same time frame. We had eight more just this year from this new council.

A big thank you to the staff and kudos especially to EDO Christie for the work that he does on these projects. To date the Village has received \$126,000.00 from NDIT, which is good news. We were approved for the \$30,000.00 grant from NDIT for the Solar Energy Enhancement Project installation on the arena.

This year NDIT has supported our community with \$186,000.00 in grant funding.

Sawmill Curtailments:

Ian Grady of Fraser Lake Sawmills contacted Mayor Storey to confirm the sawmill will be going down to four-day week shifts. The scalers will be the most effected by the curtailment.

Resolution 09-11-311 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive the Councillor Reports"

Carried

Accounts Payable

Resolution 09-11-312 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to adopt Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$98,617.30"

Carried

Councillor Fennema requested more information about cheque #28358 for a BCNPHA membership?

Director of Finance McMaster explained this was the Village membership renewal for BC Non-Profit Housing Association.

Mayor Storey asked about cheque #28368 for a Multi-Gas, Gas Detector.

EDO Christie explained the Fire Department has a multi-gas detector that is carried when entering buildings. The filters in the unit must be upgraded after so many uses. The multi gas detector owned by the fire department was obsolete. Replacement filters are no longer available. As a piece of essential equipment, the purchase of new multi-gas detector was required. This falls within the Fire Chiefs equipment budget.

Correspondence List

Resolution 09-11-313 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive the Correspondence List"

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.
No discussion.

Business from the CAO

UBCM Meeting Invitation:

Council members chose which conference meetings they would like to attend relative to community concerns. Meetings with Ministers are fifteen minutes in duration. Council members will attend as a group.

EDO Christie has met with Medical Clinic staff to gather their main concerns to present at the meeting with Northern Health.

Discussion.

Clearing of Commercial Lots 14 – 17 and 4th Lagoon:

EDO Christie presented. Logging of lots 14-17 in the Southside Commercial Subdivision is proposed. If possible, this work will include some cleanup in the adjacent park area where deadfall creates a fire risk.

While the equipment is in town, there is also opportunity to clear the property adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment lagoons in preparation for the construction of the fourth lagoon. Attached is the costing, which was received today. We wanted to make sure this proposal wasn't going to put us at a loss. All expenses should be covered through the sale of the aspen. This does not include the grubbing or disposal of stumps. Staff suggests those costs would be undertaken by future purchasers of the properties. A purchaser could have the lot cleared within a day.

Councillor Watt-Senner inquired if the curtailment at the mill would affect this project.

EDO Christie explained the wood would be going to Pinnacle Pellet. The cost of clearing around the lagoon area would be between \$2500.00-\$3500.00 on top of the expenses to have the area cleared in preparation for the fourth lagoon.

Resolution 09-11-314 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to complete the logging on Lots 14, 15, 16, 17 and 4th Lagoon area”

Carried

Resolution 09-11-315 M/S Councillor Fennema/Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to receive the CAO Reports”

Carried

Staff Reports

Age-Friendly Action Plan 2019 – Final Report:

EDO Christie presented the Village of Fraser Lake Age-Friendly Assessment 2019 Action Plan. This assessment and action plan took several months to construct. The Village hired the Centre of Sustainability in Whistler to facilitate the plan. The process included the establishment of a local task force made up of fifteen residents. Staff finalized the plan. Recreation Director LaFontaine was heavily involved in this program. This was a labour-intensive process. The final plan identifies eight topics with twenty-seven action plans that will guide the Village in future age-friendly projects. The goal is to obtain our Age Friendly Designation.

Councillor Fennema commented she feels the plan is well thought-out and comprehensive. It takes into consideration the World Health Organization recommendations. She thanked all those who worked on this and truly liked the idea of seniors of Fraser Lake and elders from both bands getting together for a dinner; a unique and excellent idea.

Mayor Storey found it interesting that 41% of our population was fifty plus in 2016. She really liked the ride sharing idea. She would have liked to have seen the Better at Home highlighted more because of the things that can be done because of it.

Discussion.

Resolution 09-11-316 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to adopt the Age-Friendly Assessment 2019 Final Report and Action Plan"
Carried

NKDF Funding Opportunity—Fire Department SCBA's:
EDO Dave Christie noted this funding opportunity. He recommends an application to the Nechako Kitaamat Development Funding for up to \$50,000.00 to purchase an additional five SCBA's for the Fraser Lake Fire Rescue Department. We were successful in our \$50,000.00 grant from the Association of the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner. We want to leverage that \$50,000.00 to apply for the second \$50,000.00 for a total of \$100,000.00 to purchase new SCBA's that will replace equipment that is scheduled to expire.

Resolution 09-11-317 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to apply to NKDF for up to \$50,000.00 to purchase an additional five SCBA's"
Carried

Resolution 09-11-318 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive the Staff Reports"
Carried

Reading List

Resolution 09-11-319 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive the Reading List"
Carried

No discussion.

New Business

Councillor LePoidevin had no new business.

Councillor Watt-Senner commented on the lack of information icons on the sign leading into Fraser Lake. Why do we not have more icons to show what we have to offer?

Mayor Storey explained that EDO Christie had been working on changing this for the last year and a half.

EDO Christie noted clarification has just been received this morning from Destination BC. The Village of Fraser Lake has been accepted on the program. We are getting new signage for our Visitor Centre and Tourist Information Museum. He now has a new contact at the Ministry of

Transportation about our Village signage. They are aware our signs need to be updated. We're hoping to have these approved for 2020 to go up. These are paid for by the program.

Councillor Fennema shared that through the Decoda Literacy Project for Displaced Workers, Fraser Lake is one of ten communities in BC chosen to be a part of a pilot project. They will come from Toronto and meet with industry, employers, employees and any one else that is interested. She offered for someone from the Village to attend.

Federal election:

Federal election advanced polls will be held at Autumn Service on October 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. The regular poll day will be October 21st, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Mayor Storey explained the Tri-Council meeting on September 12th was cancelled. She spoke with Regional District Director Mark Parker who suggested a morning appointment between 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. This may be preferred. She's going to contact everyone involved to try a morning meeting if it works for council as well.

Discussion.

Resolution 09-11-320 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to send a letter of support for RCMP staff housing in Fraser Lake to Superintendent Warren Brown, Commanding Officer of North District and the MLA representative”

Carried

Aberdeen Golf Tournament:

Mayor Storey has asked Council to consider covering the cost of the two local youth that attended the Aberdeen Golf Tournament at her invitation. The cost is \$500.00 or \$250.00 per entry for the two to participate. She feels it is important for the Village of Fraser Lake to be represented at this golf tournament.

Discussion.

Resolution 09-11-321 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema

“Motion to look into available funds to refund Mayor Storey for the cost of the two students to attend the Aberdeen Golf Tournament”

Carried

UBCM Convention:

The traditions and protocol at this convention were discussed.

A morning session was set for September 18th, 9:15 am to go over any more questions on the event. The schedule for minister appointments should be known at that time. This will allow discussion of important community issues.

Resolution 09-11-322 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive New Business"

Carried

By-Laws

Village of Fraser Lake Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue Bylaw No. 811, 2019:

Resolution 09-11-323 M/C Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to conduct the fourth and final reading of the Village of Fraser Lake Borrowing
in Anticipation of Revenue Bylaw No. 811, 2019"

Carried

In-Camera

Resolution 09-11-324 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to move the meeting In-Camera under Section 90 of the *Community Charter* at
7:15 pm"

Carried

Return to the Regular Meeting of Council

Return to the regular meeting at 8:19 pm.

Next Meeting of Council

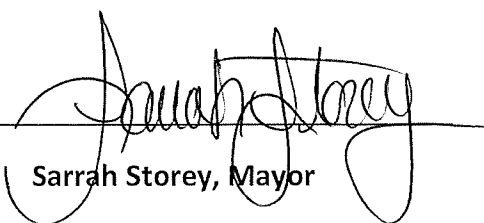
Next Council Meeting on October 9th, 2019 in Council Chambers.

Adjournment:

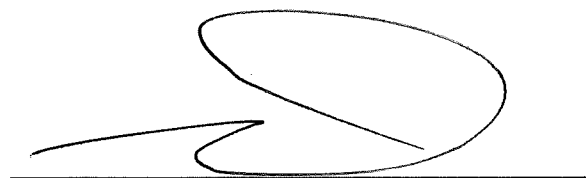
Resolution 09-11-327 M/S Councillor LePoidevin / Councillor Fennema
"Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 pm"

Carried

Certified Correct



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J Holland, Chief Administrative Officer