



**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers
on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 5:30 pm**

Mayor S. Storey presided. Councillors present were A. Fennema, C. LePoidevin and K. Watt-Senner. Councillor Jenkinson joined by video conference.

Staff present were Chief Administrative Officer R. Holland, Economic Development Officer D. Christie, Intern K. Levy and Recording Secretary T. Austin.

Guests who joined the meeting by video conference were Tanner Moulton, Kiel Giddens, and Charlie Edwards from TC Energy, and Sgt. Jason Ruming, Constable. Carolyn Braun, and Constable. James Burton from the Fraser Lake RCMP joined in-person.

**Meeting Called to Order
At 5:30 pm.**

Agenda:

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

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 06-23-262

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

TC Energy

Kiel Giddens from TC Energy introduced Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator, and Charlie Edwards, Construction Manager for sections 5-7 of the Coastal Gas Link Project. Mr. Giddens noted that the project had a challenging start, but the project team is looking forward to a strong construction season this summer and coming winter. He noted that the Coastal Gas Link project is TC Energy's most significant project in BC. Mr. Giddens showed a map of the pipeline. Section 5 includes Fraser Lake. The pipeline will deliver natural gas from Dawson Creek to Kitimat. He reported that by the end of 2020 they were 1/3 complete on the project with 125 km of pipe installed.

Mr. Giddens reported that so far Coastal Gaslink has donated \$787,000 in community investments in the communities across the length of the project.

Mr. Giddens noted that this years' start was challenging with public health orders. They demonstrated their commitment to safety through their construction restart plan. They are now remobilizing and preparing for a robust construction season. He noted they have continuously adapted their plans to aligned with public health orders to protect their workers, their families, and the communities that are close to this project. The company has held weekly virtual meetings for Indigenous

communities and local governments across the north, to ensure interested parties are up to date. Today was the 12th meeting.

Mr. Giddens noted at the end of May, they added rapid testing. With the many safety measures in place, they are happy to report 99.9% negative tests and zero covid spread amongst their workforces.

Mr. Giddens noted the limited workforce during this past winter impacted progress. They did not meet their targets. Due to the limited workforce, teams focused on erosion and sediment control, site security and meeting permit conditions. They are expecting to reach 5000 workers on the project by August with the current count being around 2900. To date the project is now 44% complete.

Mr. Giddens reported that Little Lake Rock Lodge opened last week with 90 workers currently staying in the lodge. Occupancy is expected to stay at 90-150 workers through the remainder of the summer and into the fall. Camp occupancy will peak during the winter months with up to 580 workers residing at the Little Rock Lake Lodge next winter. Pipe installation will occur during the winter months.

In March, CGL completed the hauling of pipe to the 16 stockpile sites. He reported that there were zero safety incidents in this activity. The pipe came from Regina and overseas, and now the pipe is being moved from the stockpile to the rights-of-way.

Mr. Giddens noted that the pipeline was to bring benefits to Northern BC. He stated those benefits were in the form of construction jobs and local contracting opportunities. Even small local businesses had opportunities to be involved in the project now.

In the long-term, Coastal Gas Link will become one of the largest property taxpayers in Northern BC. Agreements with Aboriginal communities are significant and will provide long-term support to their communities and equity portions of the project to the nations if they so choose to become partners.

Mr. Giddens noted that community investment has been a significant program for Coastal Gas Link. CGL has partnered with United Way by providing a large donation. He noted that CGL is working on a project with the Village of Fraser Lake that will be announced soon. He noted that they were able to do a virtual open house to share the information with the public and hear feedback as well. The theme of the project is Legacy. CGL is committed to creating a legacy of safety and respect for the communities and the environment. They intend to showcase excellence in project management and engineering right here in BC.

Mayor Storey thanked Kiel Giddens and his team for the presentation. There was a discussion on when an announcement could be made on the project with the Village of Fraser Lake. Mr. Giddens noted that they

would like to come in person to tell the story of the partnership. Mayor Storey thanked CGL for all their support. Mayor Storey stated the Village recognizes the legacy projects that are left behind by Coastal Gas Link and the friendships made have been important. Mayor Storey noted that businesses are gearing up for the potential increase in business.

Mr. Giddens noted that they are looking forward to starting up work in the Fraser Lake area.

Tanner Moulton, Charlie Edwards, and Kiel Giddens left the meeting at this time.

RCMP Fraser Lake Detachment

Sgt. Jason Rummig noted that one of the initiatives of the detachment commander is to meet with Mayor and Council on a regular basis. He noted that he plans to provide a Police Report in the fall after the summer months.

Sgt. Rummig presented a report that was presented to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. The report provides information about RCMP Police Service Boundaries, Staffing Levels and Crime Statistics. The report gives a snapshot of all the communities in the region.

Sgt. Rummig reported that the statistics for Fraser Lake are similar between 2019 and 2020. He did note an increase in one area, but he explained that it is due to the process of reporting these offenses, not an actual increase in crime.

Sgt. Rummig also noted that the detachment has had some HR changes. Constable Calvin Ayrd is now Corporal Calvin Aryd at Mackenzie Detachment. Constable Carolyn Braun is his replacement. She moved to Fraser Lake from Kamloops. Constable Smith has moved on the Alexis Creek detachment. His replacement, Constable James Burton, is from Mackenzie. Constable Michael Lacari will be moving this week. His replacement will be here in September.

Sgt. Rummig noted there are already 3 RCMP owned houses for staff in the community. The RCMP are looking for two more residences.

Sgt Rummig reported that a significant community initiative they have been working on with Victim Services is called 'Violence Against Women in relationships.' He noted that it has brought together community partners that provide services to address the gaps in the current system.

Constable Braun introduced herself and provided a brief overview of her work history. She noted that she and her family are quite excited to be in Fraser Lake. She noted that she has met a lot of members of the community already and looks forward to building more relationships.

Sgt. Rumming introduced Constable Burton, noting that he will be the senior constable with a supervisory role. Constable Burton introduced himself and gave his work history.

Mayor Storey welcomed both members to the community.

Sgt. Rumming reported that since April 2021 they have seen a 10-13% increase of call volume. No specific concerns, just more people on the highway and more people getting out and about. For the most part, things are status quo.

Mayor Storey noted that council will be meeting with Provincial Ministers at the UBCM conference. She asked if there were any issues Council could bring forward. Sgt. Rumming noted that both Stellat'en and Nadleh have signed Letters of Expectations for the first time. These letters layout what services will be provided by the RCMP detachment and what is expected of their communities. He reported that the biggest deficiency in the detachment is the lack of an Indigenous police officer. He has spoken with Public Safety Canada and the chiefs of both First Nation communities. He noted that it would be a great help if the Village could advocate for a 100% designated position to support the Stellat'en and Nadleh communities.

Mayor Storey noted that council would discuss a letter of support. She added there would be a Tri-Council meeting in the next 10 weeks. She noted that they do have delegations at those meetings.

Sgt. Rumming noted that would be good to present at that meeting.

Sgt. Jason Rumming, Cst. Carolyn Braun, and Cst. James Burton left the meeting at this time.

Regular Council Minutes,
June 9, 2021

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Minutes of June 9, 2021, be adopted as amended on this day and that such Minutes as read set out all the business before Council that day and fully and properly record all the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Resolution 06-23-263

Carried

In-Camera Council Minutes,
June 9, 2021

MOVED/SECONDED that the In-Camera Council Minutes of June 9, 2021, be adopted as presented on this day and that such Minutes as read set out all the business before Council that day and fully and properly record all the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Resolution 06-23-264

**Business arising from
the Minutes:**

None

**Reports on Council
Activities:**

Councillor LePoidevin

None

Councillor Watt-Senner

None

Councillor Fennema

Reported that she attended an Autumn Services meeting on June 17, 2021, and was asked to inform Council that they are revamping their financial reporting methods. She also reported that today, June 23, 2021, she attended a Historical Society meeting.

Mayor Storey

Reported that she attended a meeting with NDIT on June 14, 2021, and received an email about the airport upgrade.

She also noted that she participated in a coalition meeting related to forestry. She commented about the lead not being paid, while the leads for the other two coalitions in the province are being paid. The other two coalitions are run by industry. Mayor Storey suggested a request may come to all municipalities for a salary for the lead. She noted that the province is supposed to pay but that has not happened yet. Mayor Storey contacted the Mayor of Mackenzie to learn about the recommendations that were brought forward through their coalition. The Mackenzie Coalition originally brought 10 recommendations forward, but they were asked to narrow their list down to 3. They may share their recommendations with Cindy Shelford of the Lakes District Coalition.

Mayor Storey attended a meeting with Integris Credit Union regarding the Rent Bank. They are looking for non-profit groups to run a program which supports people who are unable to pay their rent. These clients are provided a loan that they pay back when they are able. About 65% is repaid. The provincial government provides 80% and the non-profit will fundraise the remaining 20%. She noted that there are none in the North. Mayor Storey said there are no action items, this information is provided for information purposes only.

Mayor Storey attended National Indigenous Day on June 21, 2021. She felt it was a very successful day. Everyone had a great time. The speeches went very well. She thanked Intern Levy and EDO Christie for helping wherever needed. Destiny Louie was very surprised at being appointed as the Tri-Community Youth Ambassador for 2021.

Mayor Storey has contacted Ken Solonas to schedule a wrap-up meeting next week to discuss how it went and any ideas for next year. She would like to see more Village support. She is hoping that it will become a holiday so everyone would be able to attend. As well, she would like to see support for the event in the Village budget. She listed a few things that she heard for suggestions for next year. Mayor Storey noted that a joint thankyou to all the volunteers from all three communities is being prepared.

Mayor Storey reported that she and CAO Holland joined a call today with Minister Beare to discuss connectivity. Parliamentary Secretary, Rylee Russel, was also on the call. She noted that each community had an opportunity to talk. She reported that other communities are taking out loans to fix their connectivity issues if they are not approved for funding. Mayor Storey said many communities shared the same concerns. She noted that communities would like more money in the funding stream to install fiber optic lines all over the province. She noted that more options are coming. To attract and retain community members and assist businesses, it is important to have more stable internet connections.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 06-23-265

Carried

Councillor Jenkinson

Reported that he will participate in a Northern BC Rail stakeholders' interview which was started through a survey he participated in. The interview will be 45 minutes and cover the state of BC Rail and how it affects our communities.

Mayor Storey noted that she took MP Taylor Bachrach down to White Swan Park to show him the piles of iron and the other associated mess.

Councillor Jenkinson asked the Mayor and Members of Council to send him any thoughts or concerns that he can address during the interview.

Mayor Storey would like to explore the possibility of the Village purchasing the unused property that CN Rail owns but does not maintain around White Swan Park. She would also like to see the area around the park cleaned up. She added she would like proper signage when they spray glyphosate, especially if there are berries nearby.

Councillor Jenkinson noted he hopes to bring up the destruction of our roadways by their heavy vehicles.

MOVED/SECONDED to amend the Councillor Reports to include Councillor Jenkinson's report.

Resolution 06-23-266

Carried

Accounts payable:

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$127,301.27.

Resolution 06-23-267

Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

Vandalism

CAO Holland reported vandalism to the cemetery fence. The adjacent property owner has crushed a portion of the fence. The damage is estimated at \$4000. CAO Holland noted that the fence is fully on Village property.

Staff have spoken with the property owner. He admitted to damaging the fence and proposed to repair the fence himself. That offer was rejected. Administration feels this fence should be professionally repaired and recommends the cost of the repair be forwarded to the property owner responsible for the damage.

Councillor Watt-Senner inquired if the incident had been reported to the RCMP.

CAO Holland advised the damage had been reported. The RCMP believes it to be a civil issue.

Councillor Watt-Senner inquired about a witness?

CAO Holland advised there was a witness.

Mayor Storey and the Councillors all agreed that the owner should pay for the damage.

MOVED/SECONDED that the owner of the adjacent property to the cemetery be billed for the damage to the fence between his property and the cemetery.

Resolution 06-23-268

Carried

Emergency Operations Centre – Generator Trailer

CAO Holland reported that the Village was successful in their application for funding to further our Emergency Preparedness. The Village received \$25,000 towards installing a generator plug at the professional building which will prepare that building as a possible Emergency Operations

Centre in the future. The funding also supports the purchase of a custom-built trailer to carry and transport the emergency generator that was purchased by the Village two years ago. The cost of the trailer is \$12,500.

CAO Holland noted that the Village of Fraser Lake Purchasing policy dictates that purchases over \$10,000 should go to competitive bid. But because this involves a custom-built design, Administration is recommending a direct award of the trailer build to Barness Trailer Sales.

Mayor Storey and Council were fine with the purchase.

MOVED/SECONDED that approval be given to purchase the generator trailer in the amount of \$12,500 from Barness Trailer Sales, and to expend the monies from the UBCM Community Preparedness Funding

Resolution 06-23-269

Carried

Tennis Court Project – Village of FL & SD 91 Partnership

CAO Holland reported that this project will refurbish the two tennis courts located on the Fraser Lake Elementary-Secondary School grounds. He noted that the final quotes came in under budget at \$80,000. As this project is proceeding as a partnership between the Village of Fraser Lake and School District 91, each partner will be responsible for \$40,000.00.

EDO Christie noted that the asphalt on the tennis courts is about 20 years old. From preliminary investigation, the base looks good. The Director of Public Works, Vern Hilman is performing tests on the base. Kevin Derksen, Manager of Facilities for SD91, and Director of Public Works Hilman are not expecting any problems. Mr. Derksen will be taking over the project and begin arranging contractors tomorrow.

EDO Christie estimates the completion date to be some time in August.

MOVED/SECONDED to commit \$40,000 towards refurbishing the Tennis Courts at Fraser Lake Elementary-Secondary and to expend those funds from the general revenues.

Resolution 06-23-270

Carried

Zoning Inquiry

An inquiry has been received for a possible rezoning. The subject property is in an R2 zone – multi family. The applicant would like to use the upper floor of the building for activities like a winter Artisan market, girl guides, cadets, etc. or as a meeting space. The basement of the building would be developed into a residence.

CAO Holland noted the request does not fall into any of our existing zones. The activities proposed for the main floor fall into the list of

permitted uses for the P2 zone – Public Use and Institutional. The inclusion of a residence is not permitted in the P2 zone.

Mayor Storey and Councillor Fennema noted that the applicant had spoken to them about the property. The owner was hoping to put a youth centre on the main floor with a residence in the basement.

CAO Holland noted that these decisions may require an amendment of our Official Community Plan. CAO Holland advised it may be possible to amend the list of permitted uses specific to this property. However, the OCP provides direction around where new P2 properties should be located.

There was a discussion on the options. Mayor Storey noted that neighbours would have a say on the rezoning application.

Councillor Fennema asked if there is an option to restrict the hours of business activities. As this property is in a residential zone, she would like to ensure the hours of operation do not disturb the neighborhood.

CAO Holland agreed that late night activities may be a concern for neighbours.

Councillor Jenkinson inquired if zoning were changed, would it change the resale value.

CAO Holland advised it may. If the property is developed to generate a revenue, it will likely increase the value.

CAO Holland noted that the joint-use space will need a significant investment to build firewalls, etc. CAO Holland has directed the applicant to the building inspector to discuss what building alterations would be required to develop the proposed building.

Councillor Jenkinson would like to see a firm plan submitted to the Village, to be shared with Council. Rezoning would only take place upon completion of the project.

CAO Holland noted that building permits would require much of this information. If the applicant is serious about moving this project forward, preparing the requested plan is part of the planning process.

MOVED/SECONDED that the applicant from 130 Tunasa Crescent submit a firm plan to Council for rezoning application.

Resolution 06-23-271

Carried

Staff Reports:

Director of Public Works Report
Report submitted by Director of Public Works Hillman.

MOVED/SECONDED to accept the Public Works report.

Resolution 06-23-272

Carried

Councillor Jenkinson expressed his thanks to the public works crew for their work on the wharf project. He has received a lot of positive feedback.

Mayor Storey inquired about the sandy soil conditions on the berm of the 4th Lagoon project.

CAO Holland explained the soil on the east side of the lagoon is very sandy. Ground water has been seeping out of the bank. Some of the bank has sloughed. The engineer has directed the contractor, by way of the Village, to put down fabric and blast rock. They are creating a rock garden to prevent further erosion of the lagoon berm.

Construction on the 4th Lagoon is going well and the site superintendent expects the project will be complete sometime mid-August.

Councillor Jenkinson inquired if this would increase the cost of the project or will it still be within budget.

CAO Holland reported that the project is within budget.

Mayor Storey asked when the trailer court would be finished.

CAO Holland reported that loads of gravel have been delivered. Topsoil has been ordered to level around the pads. Sod will be ordered. The Village crew and summer students will be laying sod sometime in July.

Mayor Storey suggested hiring some casual labourers. Councillor Jenkinson volunteered to help with laying sod.

Canada Day Update

The Canada Day schedule of events has been published. The itinerary has been modified from previous years. The community BBQ was not possible this year. Two food trucks are coming for the event as well as the local restaurants will be open. EDO Christie asked who will putting in a float.

Mayor Storey reported she will enter her side-by-side.

Councillor Jenkinson will put in his truck. He can help with pancake breakfast.

EDO Christie noted that the pancake breakfast starts at 8:00 am. He asks that council be there at 7:45 am.

Councillor Fennema was wondering if front line workers included grocery store and pharmacy clerks, etc.
EDO Christie reported that yes it does.

Councillor Fennema inquired if the magnetic signs were found. EDO Christie reported yes, they are at the garage.

EDO Christie noted that it is looking like it will be a very good, modified Canada Day event.

Mayor Storey requested that council try to be available during the speeches so that she can introduce council.

Village of Fraser Lake: 2020 Annual Report

Intern Levy presented the draft 'Village of Fraser Lake: 2020 Annual Report to Mayor and Council.'

Mayor Storey noted that she will submit her message early next week and that it looks great.

Councillor Jenkinson agreed.

Intern Levy offered to updated Council's photographs if they would like. Intern Levy noted that there are a few more items to add before finalizing. She commented on the statistic section on page 75. This is not as extensive analysis of community demographics.

Mayor and Council thanked Intern Levy and Village staff for their work on compiling the report.

CAO Holland noted that the province requires the report by June 29th. He noted that it can be officially received at the July 14th Council meeting.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the staff reports.

Resolution 06-23-273

Carried

Reading List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Reading List.

Resolution 06-23-274

Carried

New Business:

Support Letter for RCMP

Mayor Storey referred to the request for a letter of support during Sgt Rummig's presentation earlier in the meeting.

CAO Holland noted that Tripartite Agreements typically come down to finances. Although there may be support for the creation of the First Nations Constable position from all parties, there is a question of where the funding comes from.

Mayor Storey suggested to write a letter of support and cc the Treasury Board for Stellat'en and Nadleh, as well as RDBN Director Mark Parker, Minister Robinson, Minister Osborn, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, and MP Bachrach.

CAO Holland noted that funding used to be 52% federal and 48% provincial.

Councillor Watt-Senner suggested an idea is to include a note about the fact that our communities are on Hwy 16. With Missing and Murdered Women, the position would be integral to education.

Mayor Storey agreed the note should be added. She also suggested that the Mayor, Chiefs from both First Nation communities, and RDBN all sign to create a joint letter. She noted that she can bring it forward at the next Tri-Council meeting.

MOVED/SECONDED to write a support letter for the creation of a First Nation Police Officer/Liaison position in the Fraser Lake detachment.

Resolution 06-23-275

Carried

Splash Park

Councillor Fennema noted she has received positive feedback that people have been enjoying the splash park.

Bench Presentation

Councillor Fennema noted the Men's Shed would like to do an unveiling of the bench they made for Richard Cannon.

Mayor Storey noted that it would be nice to do the unveiling at the same time for the Richard Cannon Way.

EDO Christie noted that Streamline Signs has new owners. They are backlogged a few weeks. He is working with them for the trail signage, as well as the Richard Cannon Way signage. He noted that it is looking like late July before the signs will be in ready.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive New Business.

Resolution 06-23-276

Carried

Bylaws:

None

Next Regular Meeting of Council: July 14, 2021, at 5:30 pm

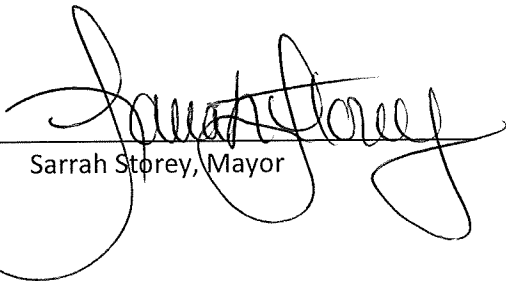
Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the June 23, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council be now adjourned at 7:29 pm.

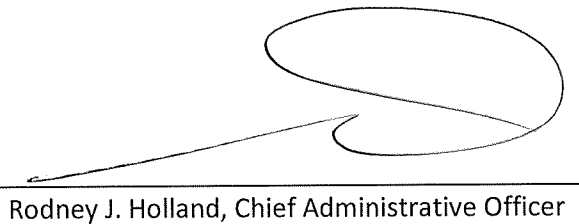
Resolution 06-23-277

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer