



Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Mayor S. Storey presided. Councillors present were C. LePoidevin, K. Watt-Senner, A. Fennema and J. Jenkinson.

Staff present were Director of Finance, L. McMaster, Economic Development Officer D. Christie, and J. Pacheco, Fire Chief

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

Agenda:

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

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 03-24-156

Carried.

Delegations & Guests:

Allan Bieganski – General Manager – Four River Co-op

Mayor Storey welcomed Allan Bieganski

Mayor Storey stated Council would like changes to the parking lot at the cardlock. Would like to see an overhead canopy and have the dust issue solved with the area paved.

Mr. Bieganski stated there has been an increase in fuel sales over the past several years. The addition of a 50,000 litre fuel tank is required to meet the needs of the community. Four River Coop also plans to add more fuel dispensers, washrooms with a shower, and an oil / water separator. Finally, the area will be paved. This project is planned over two years.

Year one will include adding the additional 50,000 fuel storage tank, new fuel dispensers, the oil / water separator and construction of the washroom with one shower.

Year two will see paving of the lot. Working with Village staff and possible 2022 paving projects this could result in some cost savings.

Mr. Bieganski stated he will work with Village staff on the dust issue as the construction may increase dust levels. More calcium might be required to offset this.

Councillor LePoidevin asked if there will be any service interruptions to the cardlock.

Mr. Bieganski stated that there would most likely be interruptions, and the timing of this project will be during the low fuel volume season. There may be a possibility of installing a temporary fueling station in the community to mitigate this disruption. Mr. Bieganski will work with Village staff on this matter.

Mr. Bieganski stated they have submitted the building permit, have hired a consultant, and will give the Village the detailed site plans when they become available in the next month.

Councillor Jenkinson asked if the pavement coming off the highway on the apron will need to be thicker as the heavy traffic is punching through and also if the apron should be wider to accommodate the larger trucks entering and exiting the area.

EDO, D. Christie stated that Director of Public Works, V. Hilman was working with a paving company to address these issues.

Mayor Storey thanked Mr. Bieganski on behalf of Council for his presentation and stated this was great news for the community.

Art Blomquist - President - Autumn Services

Mayor Storey welcomed Mr. Blomquist and thanked him for providing his PowerPoint presentation in the package.

Mr. Blomquist asked if there were any questions from the Highway Signage Project presentation that was provided in the Council Package. Mr. Blomquist thanked Village staff for their help to date with this project.

No questions were asked.

Mayor Storey thanked Mr. Blomquist on behalf of Council, and this will be discussed in new business.

**Regular Council Minutes,
March 10, 2021**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Minutes of March 10, 2021 be adopted as read 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 03-24-157

Carried

**In-Camera Minutes,
March 9, 2021**

MOVED/SECONDED that the In-Camera Minutes of March 9, 2021 be adopted as read 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 03-24-158

Carried

**Special Meeting Minutes,
March 17, 2021**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Special Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2021 be adopted as read 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 03-24-159

Carried

**Business arising from
the Minutes:**

None

**Reports on Council
Activities:**

Councillor LePoidevin

None

Councillor Watt-Senner

None

Councillor Jenkinson

None

Councillor Fennema

Attended an Autumn Services meeting on March 18. On April 17 and April 18, they will be hosting a two-day virtual training on board governance and strategic planning. Meeting attendees

were wanting to know when the community bus will be running again.

Autumn Services received a gaming grant for the soup and bun, food share and senior meal programs to operate for one year. Autumn Services has also received funding for Peer and Navigation support along with one on one counselling support, not just for seniors will be offered. Autumn Services is looking to apply to Covid grant programs for wage and rent recovery to get up to 65% back. The program is available until September.

Mayor Storey

Chaired the last NCLGA board meeting as President, will be moving to the retired President role on May 5. Will remain on the UBCM board until September.

Integris Dan Wingham called to discuss how the Village of Fraser Lake can support Integris Credit Union. Mayor Storey to discuss with staff at a later date. Integris Credit Union has committed to staying in the community.

Attended a Northern Health Call.

Attended a Coastal Gas Link briefing call. Coastal Gas Link has just published their monthly update, which is available online and on social media.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 03-24-160

Carried

Accounts payable:

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$1,036,012.55

Resolution 03-24-161

Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

None

Staff Reports:

Area Light – Fire Department

Fire Chief, J. Pacheco would like to purchase a portable scene light that can be taken to where the light is required. The cost is \$1316.00 which would come from the Rescue Truck Reserve.

MOVED/SECONDED to authorize the purchase of a portable scene light in the amount of \$1316.00 from the 2021 Rescue Truck Reserve.

Resolution 03-24-162

Carried

Director of Public Works-Quarterly Report

Councillor Fennema stated she found the report very comprehensive. Very well done and useful as a reference tool when residents are asking her questions.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Public Works Quarterly Report.

Resolution 03-24-163

Carried

Airport Upgrades

Staff would like to apply for up to \$100,000 to NDIT for the Infrastructure Grant for airport upgrades. These upgrades include finishing the crack sealing of the runway and sealcoating the service road from the gate to the taxiway and the general aviation parking area.

EDO, D. Christie stated the general aviation parking area is covered by small loose gravel. When an aircraft uses this area, the gravel material becomes airborne and is heard hitting other parked aircraft. The project budget is \$105,000. NDIT could cover up to \$70,000 and the remaining \$35,000 would come from Airport Reserves. With these improvements staff would recommend developing an Airport Fee Bylaw.

A discussion was held about an airport fee schedule.

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to NDIT's Infrastructure Grant for up to \$100,000 to complete the required airport upgrades.

Resolution 03-24-164

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED for staff to develop an Airport Fee Schedule Bylaw.

Resolution 03-24-165

Carried

Community Foundation

EDO D. Christie stated the Community Foundation is now ready to start issuing grants to eligible community groups. The website will go live on March 31, 2021 and the intake will close on May 13, 2021. The first intake will be up to \$5000.

A discussion was held about what groups can apply to this funding, how the grantable funding amount is determined, who were the Community Foundation Board members, and what the groups could apply for.

Mayor Storey asked for the application guide to be sent to Council so they have the information and can help support the program.

MOVED/SECONDED to received staff reports.

Resolution 03-24-166

Carried

Reading List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Reading List.

Resolution 03-24-167

Carried

New Business:

Wharf

EDO, D. Christie inspected the wharf pilings with Paul from Helix Foundation this morning. Of the damaged 23 pilings, eight of the pilings are completely broken and need to be replaced before the wharf can be reopened. The pilings need to be replaced in pairs.

The proposed project would replace 16 of the 23 damaged pilings, including the eight broken pilings. Helix will give the Village a quote in the next few days to complete this work. Helix would be able to complete this work right away as they are currently working on the wharf's end platform. Proceeding on this now will save us the mobilization and demobilization costs. Helix has committed that their engineer would sign off with conditions on this project and the wharf could be reopened. Their engineer will fully signoff on the wharf once all damaged

pilings are repaired. Helix will also give the Village a secondary quote to replace the remaining seven slightly damaged pilings which can be phased over the upcoming years.

Mayor Storey requested that the quote be emailed to Council when staff receive it, so a quick decision can be made.

A discussion was held about how much the Village would like to spend, what funds could be used for the repairs, how they would replace the pilings and a decision must be made to either repair or remove the wharf.

Council thanked staff and will be watching for the quote email.

Letter of Support – Nadleh Whut’en First Nation and Stelat’en First Nation UBCM CRI FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund Grant Application

Nadleh Whut’en First Nation and Stelat’en First Nation are applying to the UBCM CRI FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund for funding support towards wildfire / structure response training, fuel management in the Shovel Lake ecosystem and further development of the Centre of Excellence in emergency management. A letter of support from the Village will strengthen their application.

A discussion was held about the limited information provided, what fire training they were looking to do and when the letter of support was required.

MOVED/SECONDED to send a Letter of Support.

Resolution 03-24-168

Carried

Dangerous Trees on property between Highway 16 and Medical Clinic

Councillor Jenkinson stated he had received an email and phone call regarding some dangerous trees on the property between Highway 16 and Langley Avenue.

Mayor Storey advised Council that staff have determined this property is Crown Land and does not belong to the municipality.

A discussion was held about who to contact about the tree concerns, why the Village has not reduced the risk, liabilities, can

the general public go and cut the trees down, hazard tree assessment, and what can be done to address the concern.

Mayor Storey requested staff to find out who is responsible for the property, and how they can eliminate the dangerous tree concerns.

MOVED/SECONDED for staff to have conversations with the contact for Crown Land property to mitigate the dangerous trees and to follow up with the concerned citizen.

Resolution 03-24-169

Carried

Autumn Services Highway Signage Project

A discussion was held about if the signage project falls within the Sign Bylaw, updating the Sign Bylaw, sign location, and the design and shape of the sign.

Mayor Storey requested staff to work with Autumn Services and report back to Council.

Village Christmas Decorations

Councillor Watt-Senner requested the Village Christmas decorations be taken down?

Village Recreation

A discussion was held about if the Village should offer recreational programs this summer. Provincial Health Orders and Covid-19 restrictions are preventing the Village from offering programs. Council noted that Pre-Covid recreation program attendance levels were poor.

Chainsaw Carvings

Councillor Fennema asked EDO Christie if he was able to discuss obtaining a chainsaw carving from the District of Chetwynd.

EDO, D. Christie stated he was in contact with the District of Chetwynd, and due to Covid, the 2021 Chain Saw Carving event was cancelled. However, they are anticipating the event to occur in 2022 and the Village would be added to the list to receive one of the carvings in 2022.

Arena Ammonia Equipment Upgrade

Councillor Fennema asked if Director of Public Works V. Hilman has been supplied a quote from Yeti for the required upgrades to meet the new requirements.

EDO, D. Christie stated Director of Public Works V. Hilman was on vacation and staff have not seen a quote. Once received this will be brought to Council.

BC Ambulance Service Meeting

Councillor Jenkinson asked if a meeting with BC Ambulance Service has been scheduled.

Director of Finance, L. McMaster stated staff are following up on this request.

EDO D. Christie stated he has been in contact with Kathy Scott and she has provided the Regional Manager of BCAS Michael Lee's email. An email will be sent in the morning to Mr. Lee with this request. Once a date has been secured this information will be communicated.

Director of Finance L. McMaster stated KPMG will present the 2020 financial statements at the April 28th Council meeting so hopefully BCAS will come on April 14th as the 28th will be unavailable for other delegations.

Meeting with Hon. Nathan Cullen - Minister of State for Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Mayor Storey stated she has an upcoming meeting with Minister Cullen on April 12 at 3:15pm. There are three questions Minister Cullen would like to discuss.

1. What is working well today in your interactions with FLNRORD and the natural resource sector ministries?
 2. What are the main challenges facing your organization working with the government's natural resource sector ministries?
 3. If you could change one thing, what would it be and why?
- Storey asking all council to participate, and she can speak on their behalf

Mayor Storey asked Council for their input on these questions and she will add it to the report for Minister Cullen.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive New Business.

Resolution 03-24-170

Carried

Bylaws:

None

Next Regular Meeting of Council:

April 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm

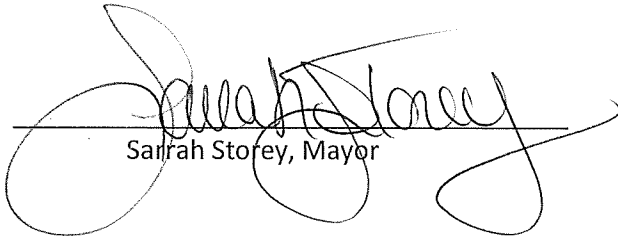
Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the March 24, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be now adjourned at 7:16 pm.

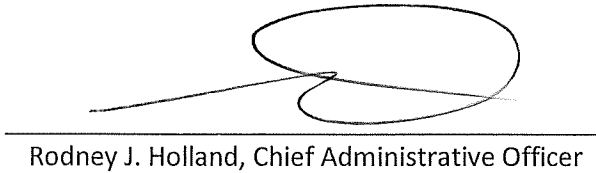
Resolution 03-24-171

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer