

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 11, 2017
In the Municipal Hall in Open Forum**

Those in Attendance: Mayor Lindstrom
Councillor Reyden
Councillor LePoidevin
Councillor Storey
Councillor Ray

Staff: Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer
Joe Pacheco, Fire Chief

Public: Garry Watson

Mayor Lindstrom called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Mayor Lindstrom noted this was the first Council Meeting of 2017. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone back to the Council table following the Christmas break.

Agenda:

Resolution 01-11-01 M/S Councillor Storey/ Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to adopt the agenda”

Carried

Delegations:

None

Minutes:

Resolution 01-11-02 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

“Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated December 14, 2016”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Storey noted Nechako Literacy does the Resource Guide, not the Child and Youth Mental Health Substance Abuse Committee.

Resolution 01-11-03 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to receive business arising from the minutes"

Carried

Council Reports:

Councillor Lepoidevin participated in the Charity Hockey Game on December 23, 2016. The event supports a food drive through donation of a non perishable food item as admission at the door. Ten boxes of food were collected. Councillor Lepoidevin commented this is a popular event for local residents as both participants and spectators. It was great to see so many of our residents in the stands. Councillor Lepoidevin thanked the Village for use of the facility and Village staff for their work preparing for the event. He also thanked the Mayor for speaking at the event.

Councillor Ray had no Village business to report on, however, Councillor Ray stated he and his family had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. His holiday was family oriented and active.

Councillor Reyden attended the Charity Hockey Game as a spectator. Councillor Reyden felt the event went really well. He complimented the organizers of the event. Otherwise, Councillor Reyden had an enjoyable Christmas holiday.

Councillor Storey held the Community Dance and Social. The event was sponsored through a grant from Children First. Councillor Storey felt the event was well received although the event didn't seem to be as busy as in years past.

Councillor Storey attended the Community Endowment Fund AGM. Councillor Storey feels this initiative will be good for the community.

Councillor Storey participated in the Building Maintenance Contractor interviews at Nadleh Whut'en. Councillor Storey stated the folks in Nadleh Whut'en always treat us very well when we're assisting them with these activities. Councillor Storey felt the interviews went well.

Mayor Lindstrom also attended the Charity Hockey Game. It was good to see everyone there. Mayor Lindstrom stated this is a great event. It's Christmas and everyone is happy. It was an enjoyable evening.

Mayor Lindstrom and his wife held their Boxing Day Open House at their home. About 60 people attended. It too was a fun event.

Resolution 01-11-04 M/S Councillor Ray/Councillor Storey
"Motion to receive Councillor Reports"

Carried

Accounts Payable & Payroll:

Resolution 01-11-05 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to adopt the Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$150,387.43”

Carried

Correspondence List:

Resolution 01-11-06 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Ray

“Motion to receive the correspondence list”

Carried

Business from the CAO:

RDBN Public Transit and Para Transit Service

CAO Holland advised this is an initiative we have already agreed to support. This initiative deals with the proposed BC Transit service along the Highway 16 corridor. The Provincial Government has agreed to cover all initial capital cost for the purchase of buses and the construction of bus shelters. Operational costs are subsidized to 70 percent. The highway 16 corridor has been broken into three segments or pods. Our pod involved the east/west BC Transit service between Burns Lake and Prince George, B.C. After the 70 percent subsidy of operational cost, \$90,000.00 remains. All of the municipalities along the Highway corridor have agreed to support this initiative. The costs allocated to each municipality is based on a factor of 5 for each resident; based on the 2011 census. The Village of Fraser Lake obligation is \$5745.00 per year. The Province and BC Transit have asked to have one entity holding the contract for each pod. The RDBN has agreed to take on that contract and is proposing RDBN Public Transit and Para Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1790,2016. The RDBN is asking the Councils of each of the member communities to pass a resolution to support this Bylaw. By supporting this resolution, our Village is committing to pay the proposed annual payment of \$5745.00 in support of this initiative.

Resolution 01-11-07 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin

“That the Village of Fraser Lake supports the adoption of “Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1790, 2016”.

Carried

Canada Summer Jobs – Grant Application

CAO Holland advised Council this is a Federal Government initiative. In 2016 the Village successfully applied for funding under this program, which supports summer employment of student who intend to return to school in the Fall semester and are between the ages of 15 and 30 years of age. During this past summer, the Village of Fraser Lake employed 4 University or post secondary students and 4 High School Students. These students were involved in summer maintenance work, asset management, the summer recreation program and support of the Village Office and Tourist Info Centre.

The intake date for the 2017 funding is January 20th. Administration is proposing to apply for funding for 4 Post Secondary Students and 4 High School Students. If successful, the total wage subsidy would be \$21,800.00

CAO Holland noted, application for this funding does not obligate the Village to hire this number of students if the Canada Summer Jobs funding is not received. However, if we do receive the funding, we would need to hire this number of students to receive the full benefit of the funding. Student wages are subsidized at a rate of \$5.40 per hour.

Resolution 01-11-08 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

“Motion to apply to Canada Summer Jobs in the amount of \$21,800.00 for 2017 wage subsidy for summer student employment”

Carried

NDIT Funding - Economic Development and Capacity Building

CAO Holland advised the Northern Development Initiative Trust provides funding for Economic Development and Capacity Building. This funding supports the salary and costs associated with our Economic Development Officer. NDIT offers \$45,000.00 for Economic Development and Capacity building and \$5,000.00 for collaborative activities. The specifics of what collaborative activities will be undertaken is still under consideration. If we don't spend the money in 2017, we don't claim it.

Resolution 01-11-09 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray

“Motion to apply to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for \$45,000.00 for 2017 Economic Development and Capacity Building funding, supported by our Economic Development Officer and an additional \$5,000.00 for collaborative activities”

Carried

Council appointments – Deputy Mayor

On a yearly basis it is important to review Council Appointments. This review assesses current appointments with the intention of determining which activities remain active and whether they are worthy of continued support. Council Appointments often begin with one intention or purpose in mind. Some of these Boards or activities wind up as something completely different. This exercise provides the opportunity to discuss the relevance and purpose of these various activities and to decide whether Council involvement should continue. These discussions also provide an opportunity to consider new Council Appointments for activities that have presented themselves over the past year.

Deputy Mayor:

The first Council appointment for consideration is the appointment of Deputy Mayor. In 2016 this was addressed through the establishment of a six-month rotation that was extrapolated to the end of the current term. All members of Council were provided 6 month periods of time during which they would hold the position of Deputy Mayor. At the end of the 6 month, the next Councillor would assume the role of Deputy Mayor. The purpose of the rotation was to provide all members of Council with the opportunity to act in the Deputy Mayor role. With the resignation of Councillor Jantz, CAO Holland asked Council how they would like to address this appointment and how they would like to deal with the vacancy created by Councillor Jantz' departure.

Resolution 01-11-10 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

“Motion to continue the rotation of the Deputy Mayor appointment to the end of the current term and to insert Councillor Ray into the rotation for the period of July 13, 2017 to January 12, 2018 in place of Councillor Jantz”

Carried

Council Appointments:

Members of Council were provided the list of Council Appointments from 2016.

Mayor Lindstrom noted Councillor Lepoidevin has already been assigned as the Alternate Director to the RDBN.

Mayor Lindstrom also noted OBAC is done.

Councillor Reyden noted the Waterfront Committee has not been active for at least 4 years. The intention of the committee was to promote development of our waterfront. This committee was significant in recommending the development of the RV sites at White Swan Park.

The list of appointments were reviewed beginning with Mayor Lindstrom.

Mayor Lindstrom:

COFI

RDBN Director

Resource Benefit Alliance (RBA) – Primary

NDIT RAC – Primary

Community Forest

Councillor Reyden:

Fraser Lake & District Senior Citizen Home Society (FLDSCHS)

Library Board

TV Society

Historical Society

Councillor Lepoidevin:

Fire Department liaison
Healthy Communities Committee
Municipal Emergency Preparedness
Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee
RDBN Alternate
Library Board Alternate
BCEDA Alternate

Councillor Storey:

Fraser Lake Community Endowment Fund
Chamber of Commerce
Northern Health
Resource Benefits Alliance – Alternate
NDIT RAC – Alternate
Mine Advisory Board
Child & Youth Mental Health Substance Abuse Committee

Councillor Ray:

New Gold Community Liaison Committee
Fraser Lake Sawmill liaison
Community Forest
Fire Department liaison – Alternate

Resolution 01-11-11 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Ray
“Motion to adopt Council Appointments for 2017”

Carried

Wastewater Assessment

CAO Holland advised Council a professional assessment was commissioned to assess the need for upgrade or improvement of our current wastewater management processes. Recent regulation relating to the management of water sources are placing more stringent expectations on our management of water; whether that be clean water or wastewater. The report indicates we are doing very well in the management of our wastewater. A big reason for these results is the retention period in our lagoons which significantly contributes to our good results. Unfortunately, during spring run off, we are unable to meet those retention periods. For up to two months per year, assuming significant snow melt and run off, our sewer lagoons operate significantly above capacity. The Environmental Engineer has suggested, this will eventually become a liability to our community and should be addressed.

Councillor Ray stated he would like to see the Village take initial steps to begin planning for a forth lagoon to address spring runoff.

Resolution 01-11-12 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden
"Motion to receive CAO Reports"

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

Councillor Reyden commented he thought the Economic Update from NDIT was informative

A general discussion followed about the report and economic development in Northern BC

Resolution 01-11-13 M/S Councillor Storey/ Councillor Ray
"Motion to receive the Reading List"

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Storey commented about the News Release on pages 70 and 71 of the Council Package. Councillor Storey asked to place a note in our upcoming Newsletter about the Ministry of Education's launch of a new parent engagement process to better understand how parents want to be informed of their student's success from kindergarten to Grade 9.

Councillor Reyden asked how long the Village Christmas Lights would remain on. CAO Holland advised he would speak with Public Works. It was probably time to turn them off for the season.

Resolution 01-11-14 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to receive new business"

Carried

Bylaws:

None

Next Meeting of Council:

Resolution 01-11-15 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/ Councillor Storey

“That the next meeting of Council be held on January 25, 2017 at 5:30 pm”

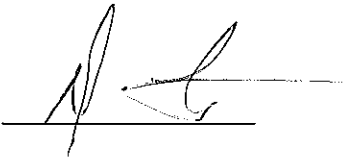
Carried

Resolution 01-11-16 M Councillor LePoidevin


“Motion that the meeting adjourn at 7:12 pm”

Carried

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Dwayne Lindstrom
Mayor

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Rodney J Holland
Chief Administrative Officer