

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 28, 2017
In the Municipal Hall in Open Forum**

Those in Attendance:	Mayor Lindstrom Councillor Reyden Councillor Storey
Staff	Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer Elizabeth Litke Director of Finance
Delegations	Dan Boudreau – NKDF Wayne Salewski
Public	Garry Watson Kerry Jantz Jaimie Nielson

Mayor Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

Agenda:

Resolution 06-28-190 M/S Councillor Storey/ Councillor Reyden

"Motion to adopt the agenda:

Carried

Delegation:

Wayne Salewski and Dan Boudreau are members of the Regional Board of the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund (NKDF). NKDF is a small Crown Corporation that serves the geographic area from Vanderhoof to Kitimat, B.C. The composition of the NKDF board is regional in nature. The board is interested in regional issues and tries to focus on providing benefits that assist with those regional issues.

On average, NKDF provides \$500,000.00 in annual funding to eligible projects. NKDF has four application intakes per year. The next intake is at the end of July. NKDF has over \$17 million dollars in their bank account. These monies are invested and NKDF hands out the accumulated interest from those investments. NKDF is happy to announce that this year they will be handing out their \$10 millionth dollar since the inauguration of this fund. NKDF intends to hold a public celebration of this milestone.

Mr. Jaimie Nielson arrived to the meeting and was introduced to Mayor and Council as the Fraser Lake NKDF board member.

Wayne Salewski and Dan Boudreau encourage applications for funding.

Wayne Salewski commented NKDF is happy to hear about the Tri Council meetings between the Village of Fraser Lake, Stellaquo and Nadleh. NKDF sees these meetings as regionally significant. To encourage these initiatives, NKDF likes to provide economic opportunities. These opportunities could include funding for upgrades to curling rinks, community halls or other facilities that improve the quality of life regionally.

A general discussion followed between Mayor Lindstrom, Councillor Storey and Wayne Salewski about the benefit of our Tri Council meetings. Our tri council meetings are intended to build relationships of trust and understanding.

Jaimie Nielson and Dan Boudreau offer grant writing training to staff. Dan Boudreau is releasing a webinar on writing submissions to NKDF in the next couple of weeks.

Wayne Salewski asked for a few minutes to update Council on the Nechako White Sturgeon project. Mr. Salewski chairs the Nechako White Sturgeon working group. They have successfully met the initial challenges of this project. They included putting the project together, obtaining funding and developing the hatchery. They were successful in obtaining \$10.4 million for those purposes. This year, the Nechako White Sturgeon hatchery hopes to release 12,000 white sturgeon. The hope is to continue that release rate annually. Looking to the future, a significant part of the program activities includes community outreach. This past year, the working group ventured into hatchery tourism. They've had a group of Swedish foresters attend several years in a row. This year, this group is expected back for a third time. The hatchery has become a destination for many visitors. Part of the working group's focus is to include neighbouring communities. Of the 7 seasonal employees at the hatchery, two are devoted completely to tourism and outreach issues. These employees provide hatchery tours. They also plan to travel to neighboring communities and set up educational displays. The goal is to get people talking about sturgeon. The Nechako White Sturgeon is considered a species at risk. Fraser Lake contains both juvenile and adult sturgeon. The Nechako White Sturgeon committee also hopes to erect educational signage at White Swan Park to educate and connect people to the sturgeon. These signs will provide educational material about the importance of sturgeon to our ecosystem and to notify fishers - persons they must release these fish if one is caught.

Mayor Lindstrom asked about Rio Tinto's funding of the Nechako White Sturgeon hatchery.

Mr. Salewski doesn't see Rio Tinto's involvement as a negative point. This project would not be possible without their support. Rio Tinto is a community partner and Mr. Salewski is proud of this accomplishment. NKDF is also a product of Rio Tinto's activities in our region. Although there have been issues surrounding the development of the reservoir and water management relating to spring run off, this funding is doing good things in our communities.

Jaimie Nielson stated of a number of opponents to the Alcan reservoir that he's spoken to, they all acknowledge we can't go back to the way it was before the construction of the reservoir. It's important to acknowledge the history but to also to look to making things better in the future.

Mr. Salewski thanked Council for their time.

Councillor Storey stated a significant aspect of our Tri Council meetings relates to building trust. Councillor Storey would like to see more events where the leadership of our three communities can get together. This willingness to work together as community leaders will model positive behavior to our communities.

Mayor Lindstrom thanked Mr. Salewski, Mr. Boudreau and Mr. Nielson for attending.

Minutes:

Resolution 06-28-191 M/S Councillor Reyden / Councillor Storey

"Motion to adopt both the minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Public Hearing from the June 14, 2017 meeting"

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

None

Council Reports:

Councillor Reyden had nothing to report

Councillor Storey attended the Community to Community Forum earlier today. The meeting was organized by the Regional District and hosted by Nadleh. Councillor Storey enjoyed hearing what other communities are doing for community transportation. Councillor Storey had the opportunity to provide an update on our community bus. Each community has approached the concept of community transportation differently. Each community is striving to meet their unique needs.

A second topic was the development of a Communications protocol. Most of the conversation was positive, however, there were three specific points most Local Government representatives were uncomfortable with. The principles listed in Section III of the protocol were presented by Four Directions Management Services. Many of the Regional District Area Directors were unsure about their implications and questioned where the proposed protocol was going. Several voiced concerns but for the most part there was not a lot of dialogue. Most were hesitant to say what they really wanted to say. Councillor Storey believes these discussions will

continue in our Tri Council meetings. She was happy to have been invited and glad to have been part of the conversation.

Mayor Lindstrom attended the Community to Community Forum earlier today. Mayor Lindstrom agreed with Councillor Storey's comments. Mayor Lindstrom was disappointed by comments that suggested neither the Village, Mine or Mill hire aboriginal persons. Mayor Lindstrom discussed his concerns about these adversarial comments. Mayor Lindstrom stated persons from Stellat'en and Nadleh are welcome to submit applications for employment to the Village. Both the mill and mine hire local persons which include First Nation persons. Mayor Lindstrom believes that statement is not accurate

Councillor Storey recounted a comment made by the Community to Community Forum facilitator, Dan George. At some point he had been asked by persons in his community why he had hired so many white people at the Band Office. His reply was that he hired the best people to do the job.

Mayor Lindstrom added diversity of the workforce is beneficial to the organization. Mayor Lindstrom stated the benefit of these discussions is to learn about concerns, to work to improve relationships and to better understand the challenges of our neighboring communities.

Mayor Lindstrom attended the "Keeping it Rural" conference in Kelowna. The event was hosted and organized by SIBAC (Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition). There were some great speakers at the event. Peter Kenyon of Australia was very engaging. He spoke in the morning about Facilitating Asset Based Community Development for Rural Communities and then again as the keynote speaker at the dinner. Some of his key points were "keeping it rural" and promoting the 100-mile diet that supports local producers and local sources of food. Mayor Lindstrom had the opportunity to speak with Rhona Martin; the chair of SIBAC. Mayor Lindstrom asked why OBAC is defunct while SIBAC remains functional. Her comment was SIBAC puts stuff on the ground. They spend a lot less money on consultants and engineers. Attending the "Keeping it Rural" Conference was a valuable experience. If this conference becomes an annual event, Mayor Lindstrom would like to see someone from Fraser Lake attend.

Resolution 06-28-192 M/S Councillor Storey / Councillor Reyden
"Motion to receive the Councillor reports"

Carried

Accounts Payable:

Resolution 06-28-193 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Storey
"Motion to approve accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$111,153.89"

Carried

Correspondence List:

Resolution 06-28-194 M/S Councillor Storey / Councillor LePoidevin

"A motion to receive the Correspondence List"

Carried

Business from the CAO:

Vandalism:

The Village has experienced several acts of vandalism at the washroom facilities adjacent to the skateboard park and at the south end of the arena. The damage is estimated between \$800.00 and \$1,200.00. Before this vandalism, our practice was to leave these washrooms open 24 hours a day. We are now restricting hours of availability from 08:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. Over the July 1st weekend, the washrooms will be available 24 hours per day due to the large number of people participating in Canada Day celebrations and the ball tournament. Signage has been placed on the doors of these washrooms, notifying the public of the new hours of operation. This damage has been reported to the Fraser Lake RCMP. CAO Holland noted there has been no damage at either Kin Park or White Swan Park. The washrooms at Kin Park are equipped with a time actuated locking system that locks and unlocks those washrooms at specified times of the day. Installing this type of system at the Skateboard Park washrooms may be a consideration for our 2018 budget discussions. This would prevent issues relating to opening and locking these washrooms when staff are not readily available.

Councillor Storey asked if this would be noted in our next Village Newsletter. She would like to put something on Facebook as well. Vandalism costs the taxpayers money. Councillor Storey would like to ask the community to help

Boy's Golf Grant in Aid:

The FLESS Boys Golf Team placed first in the High School Golf zones competition. They have since travelled to Christina Lake for the Boy's Golf Provincials where they placed 6th. The Village budgets \$4,000.00 annually for grant-in-aid. The Village has expended \$2810.00 from the 2017 grant-in-aid budget; leaving \$1190.00.

Resolution 06-28-195 M/S Councillor Reyden / Councillor Storey

"A motion to provide the Boy's Golf team a grant-in-aid of \$250.00 in support of their participation of the 2017 Golf Provincials"

Carried

Columbarium:

A request has been received from a local couple for the installation of a columbarium at our cemetery. In response, Administration sought information about columbariums, their cost and their marketability. A pre-fab 48 niche columbarium is approximately \$17,000.00 plus installation. With consideration of the long-term maintenance requirements, a columbarium niche typically sells for \$800.00. Columbarium's are becoming more popular. They are accessible 12 months a year, so, burial services are accessible regardless of temperature. They

are above ground and allow for greater density versus in-ground burial. Dependent on Council's decision, columbarium niches are sometime used to accommodate couples or family members; as space allows.

A general discussion followed. Council would like this initiative identified for our 2018 Budget discussions.

Canada Summer Jobs:

The Village application for wage subsidy through the Canada Summer Jobs fund was turned down. The Village applied for \$21,000.00 in wage subsidy to enable our hiring of 4 University Students and 4 High School Students. The initial indication from the Canada Summer Jobs people in Calgary was that our application had been accepted but that the term of our subsidy was being reduced to 9 weeks across the board; instead of 16 weeks for University Students and 9 weeks for High School Students.

Since being notified our application was turned down, attempts have been made to obtain clarification as to why our application was rejected. With no response from the program coordinators in Calgary, Alberta, a letter has been sent to MP Nathan Cullen. Administration would like to understand why our application for funding, which was eligible and on time, was rejected. Administration is also interested in learning who received this funding in our area?

Statement of Affordability – Fraser Lake & District Senior Citizen Home Society:

The Fraser Lake & District Senior Citizen Home Society is working with CMHC on their application for funding for new senior's housing. CMHC has requested a "statement of affordability" from Village Council. Administration has requested clarification on this request, however, further details are not available.

It's an abstract request. What is affordable housing in Fraser Lake? CAO Holland advised Administration has attempted to locate statistical data around average incomes, etc. Administration has called various rental sites to determine average rents for Fraser Lake. Unfortunately, there are significant gaps in the information available to us to make such a statement.

CAO Holland believes CMHC is looking for a rationale as to why senior housing rent levels are so much lower in Fraser Lake than in other locations in the Province; such as Vancouver, B.C.

A general discussion followed. The cost of housing, food and transportation were discussed. Many of our seniors rely on Old Age Security and Canada Pension for their income. Where there is no secondary pension, many seniors are limited to about \$1,800.00 per month.

Councillor Reyden asked for input from Mr. Kerry Jantz who was seated in the gallery. Mr. Jantz believes CMHC is looking for the community's philosophy behind providing affordable housing. He believes CMHC would like to relate what FLDSCHS is trying to do for new senior's housing. If a senior is making \$18,000.00 per year, how would housing be tailored to suit that person's needs. How much rental and low cost housing is needed in our community? What is affordable and accessible in Fraser Lake? What is affordable for a young couple getting started?

Councillor Storey referred to information available through the *Better at Home* program. The program has developed thresholds of \$17,350.00 and \$26,400.00 for single seniors and senior couples respectively. Of the people accessing *Better at Home* services in the Fraser Lake area, more than 80 percent are below these thresholds. They receive 100 % subsidy for the service they receive from United Way's *Better at Home* program.

Mr. Kerry Jantz stated many residents worked independently in the logging industry and did not contribute to pensions. Although many of these folks bought homes, aside from the equity accumulated through home ownership, they have few savings and limited income. Mr. Jantz suggests the challenge is to provide appropriate housing for the appropriate population at the appropriate time in their lives.

Mayor Lindstrom stated these details are different in every community. Housing prices, access to jobs that provide pensions, etc. are different in every community.

Councillor Storey stated it is her understanding there is a lack of available rental housing in Fraser Lake and much of what is available is not appropriate. There are very few level entry rental units available in town.

Garry Watson stated that is where the appropriate housing aspect becomes relevant. Rental units with stairs are often not appropriate for seniors with mobility challenges.

Council has asked Administration to write a letter to CMHC.

United Way Northern BC Campaign:

United Way is requesting Council declare September as United Way Northern British Columbia month.

Councillor Reyden suggested the proclamation can be made as requested with no monetary support.

Resolution 06-28-196 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Storey

"Motion to table the request the proclamation of September 2017 as United Way of Northern BC month"

Resolution 06-28-197 M/S Councillor Storey/ Councillor Reyden

"Motion to receive the Business from the CAO"

Carried

Staff Reports:

Director of Finance Elizabeth Litke presented the SOFI report. This is an annual report which is provided to the Ministry. The report lists vendors with whom the Village conducts over

\$25,000.00 in business a year, donations, employees who earn over \$75,000.00 annually and the income and expenses of the Mayor and Council.

Resolution 06-28-198 M/S Councillor Storey/ Councillor Reyden

“Motion to adopt the 2016 SOFI Report”

Carried

CAO Holland presented a report prepared by our Administrative Assistant, Laura McMaster. The report highlights a recent Emergency Social Services program training event. CAO Holland wanted to inform Council of the volunteerism of our Administrative Assistant. Although Laura is occasionally provided time during her work day to complete ESS activities, Laura spends many hours organizing her program, managing ESS volunteers, attending or organizing training. When Laura responds to events, the Village does pay her regular wages during her regular hours of work. If the response is to a distant community, the Regional District also pays Laura wages for hours of work outside her regular work hours. However, not all of Laura’s hours are compensated.

CAO Holland advised Laura McMaster has been very successful in organizing a well trained and effective ESS team. CAO Holland wanted Council to be aware of these activities. CAO Holland advised there are many days when he leaves the office and Laura remains to work on the ESS program.

Resolution 06-28-199 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

“Motion to receive Staff Reports”

Carried

Reading List:

Mayor Lindstrom asked if anyone wanted to discuss the Mouse Mountain Days schedule.

CAO Holland advised the road check for Hospitality Hostages begins Friday morning at 10:00 am.

A room has been reserved at the Cataline Hotel for the Hospitality Hostages.

Assuming the hostages are located quickly, those participating in the road check will have lunch at Tony’s Restaurant.

Fire Chief Pacheco and CAO Holland will take the hostages to the Stellako Lodge for pie and coffee at 2:00 pm.

Fire Chief Pacheco will take the hostages for a boat tour in his pontoon boat on Fraser Lake.

Mayor Lindstrom has volunteered to escort the hostages to the Ambassador Tea and Karaoke.

Councillor Reyden will escort the hostages to the fireworks.

On Saturday morning, the pancake breakfast starts at 8:00 am. Mayor Lindstrom and Councillor Reyden are serving. CAO Holland and Garry Watson will provide relief for these duties.

Fire Chief Pacheco has volunteered to pick up the hostages in Fire Rescue One and to escort them to the pancake breakfast.

The hostages will ride with Councillor Reyden and Chamber of Commerce president, Marilyn Reyden in the parade.

The Mayor will provide an official address to those attending MMD festivities at the soccer fields. The hospitality hostages will be introduced to our community during that address.

Resolution 06-28-200 M/S Councillor Reyden / Councillor Storey
"Motion to accept the Reading List"

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Storey complimented our Public Works crew for their good work preparing for the Canada Day weekend. They've been working hard to prepare ball fields and in grooming our community for July 1st.

Councillor Storey also thanked Laura McMaster for her good work in ESS.

Resolution 06-28-201 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden
"Motion to send Laura a thank you for her work in ESS and to provide her a gift certificate for a dinner for two at Stellako Lodge".

Carried

Councillor Storey appreciated NKDF's positive statement about our Tri Council meetings. She would like to apply to NKDF for funding to support new "Welcome to Fraser Lake" signs. The idea would be to include the "Welcome" and "Come again" under the English version in the Carrier language. This will be an item for consideration in our 2018 Budget discussions.

Mayor Lindstrom provided the \$1,000.00 Village of Fraser Lake bursary to Jamie Shen. A total of \$30,000.00 in bursaries were handed out to students at FLESS students who will be proceeding to post secondary education this Fall.

Resolution 06-28-202 M/S Councillor Storey / Councillor Reyden
"Motion to receive the New Business"

Carried

Bylaws:

Resolution 06-28-203 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Storey
"Move the forth and final reading of Bylaw 784, 2017 Village of Fraser Lake Council Procedure Bylaw"

Carried

Next Regular Meeting:

Resolution 06-28-204 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

"Motion that the next Regular Meeting of Council will be on July 12, 2017 at 5:30 pm"

Resolution 06-28-205 M/ Councillor Storey

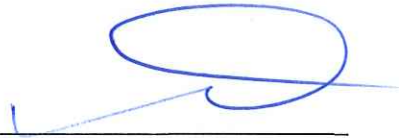
"Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm"

Carried

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Dwayne Lindstrom
Mayor

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Rodney J Holland
Chief Administrative Officer