

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting  
in the Municipal Hall**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 5:30 pm  
210 Carrier Crescent, Fraser Lake, B.C.  
Municipal Chambers**

Members Present: Mayor S. Storey  
Councillor J. Webb  
Councillor A. Fennema (Virtual Attendance)  
Councillor C. LePoidevin  
Councillor J. Jenkinson (Virtual Attendance)

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer E. Fredeen

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Council called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 5:31PM

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the May 22nd, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

***Resolution 2024-05-172***

**CARRIED**

**2. Delegations**

**a. Fraser Lake Royal Canadian Mounted Police Fraser Lake Reporting and Introduction of New Officers**

Staff representatives from the RCMP came to introduce the new constables that are currently working with the Fraser Lake detachment. RCMP staff confirmed that the annual report submitted, which showed a slight decrease in calls from 2022 to 2023. Staff assured that there are no major concerns, noting that while percentage changes in the report might appear dramatic, they are not alarming as it generally means a marginal increase in numbers. For instance, mischief incidents increased by 36%, likely due to a single incident involving teenagers, and threats have increased, possibly due to a few parties. However, these changes are not concerning from a command perspective, and there are no significant spikes in any area. Issues sometimes arise when problematic individuals move in, but these are resolved once they leave.

RCMP staff highlighted that there have been no major public concerns. Traffic incidents have significantly decreased, partly due to reduced staff, and there is a need for more speeding data to improve enforcement strategies.

The RCMP left at 5:54 PM.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**a. May 8th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the May 8th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

***Resolution 2024-05-173***

**CARRIED**

**b. May 10th, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the May 10th, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

***Resolution 2024-05-174***

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Council inquired if an additional report on the Jacobson Mower replacement would be coming back to Council with regional supplier quotes. Staff confirmed that the aforementioned discussion will take place on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 during the Regular Council Meeting.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Business Arising from the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be received for information.

***Resolution 2024-05-175***

**CARRIED**

**5. Councillor Reports**

**a. Councillor Fennema**

Councillor Fennema attended and reported on the following:

- North Central Local Government Association Conference and Annual General Meeting from May 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024; and
- Keeping it Rural Conference May 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

**b. Councillor Jenkinson**

Councillor Jenkinson attended and reported on the Special Meeting with Moon River on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**c. Councillor LePoidevin**

Councillor LePoidevin attended and reported on the Special Meeting with Moon River on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**d. Councillor Webb**

Councillor Webb attended and reported on the Special Meeting with Moon River on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**e. Mayor Storey**

Mayor Storey attended and reported on the following:

- Resource Benefits Alliance Meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- North Central Local Government Association Planning Meeting March 15<sup>th</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Northern Development Initiative Trust Meeting March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Supply Chain Forum Steering Committee Meeting March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Closed Resource Benefits Alliance Meeting March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024;
- Union of BC Municipalities Special Meeting April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024;
- Task Force Meeting April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Council of Forest Industry Conference April 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board Meeting April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Supply Chair Forum Steering Committee Meeting April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Resource Benefits Alliance Committee Meeting April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Union of BC Municipalities Meetings April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Autumn Services Grand Opening April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Day of Mourning April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Sgt. Aaron Semmler Meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024;
- BC Achievement Awards May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board Meeting May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Moon River Executive Meeting May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- North Central Local Government Association Annual General Meeting May 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- Union of BC Municipalities Convention Planning May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
- and
- Centre of Excellence Meeting Vanderhoof May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Councillor Reports be received for information.

**Resolution 2024-05-176**

**CARRIED**

**6. Accounts Payable**

- a. Village of Fraser Lake Cheque Register from May 2nd, 2024 to May 15th, 2024**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Village of Fraser Lake Cheque Register from May 2nd, 2024 to May 15th, 2024 for the amount of \$83,931.99 be received for information out of the bear can budget line item.

**Resolution 2024-05-177**

**CARRIED**

1. Small Scale Multi Unit Housing Legislation

Staff informed Council of the required changes to the Village's Zoning Bylaw to be compliant with the Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing legislation. Currently staff do not have capacity to make these changes and the Village has received notice that an extension may be provided should the Village have a valid reason. Staff noted that due to the extensive infrastructure updates, the Village should be permitted to achieve an extension.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council permit the extension of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to adopt the Zoning Bylaw Amendment required under the Small Scale Multi Unit Housing Legislation.

**Resolution 2024-05-178**

**CARRIED**

7. Correspondence List

None

8. Staff Reports

a. Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

1. Compressor Replacement Project

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council approve the inclusion of the second compressor for an additional \$12,825.58 for a complete project value of 130,825.58.

**Resolution 2024-05-179**

**CARRIED**

9. Reading List

a. **Dave Christie, Regional Manager for the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development, and Innovation regarding Funding Opportunities Dated May 2nd, 2024**

Council noted the desire for the Village staff to apply to the funding noted within the report provided by the Ministry of Jobs Economic Development and Innovation. Staff informed Council that staff has recently applied to the Forestry Employment Program totalling over \$500,000 to support:

- Survey of the Community Forest Stand;
  - Commercial Thinning Projects at the Fraser Lake Community Forest;
  - Bleacher and Dugout Revitalization at the Baseball Diamonds;
  - Fencing at Kin Park;
  - Ditch Clearing in the Community; and
  - Fire smarting Municipal Properties within Fraser Lake.
- b. **Alison Noble, President and CEO for BC Games regarding 2024 BC Winter Games Participant and Medalist Counts by Community dated May 3rd, 2024**
- c. **Laurel Grimm, Director of Corporate Affairs for the District of Logan Lake regarding Support for Bill-34 dated May 7th, 2024**
- d. **Marie Tanner from Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association regarding Annual General Meeting Venue Change dated May 14th, 2024**
- e. **Aman Parhar, Advisor for Communities and Social Performance regarding Rio Tinto BC Works 70th Celebration Invitation dated May 16th, 2024**

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council receive items 9.1. to 9.5. for information.

***Resolution 2024-05-180***

**CARRIED**

**10. New Business**

**a. Chetwynd Wood Carving**

Mayor Storey noted the letter that was sent out by CAO Fredeen requesting a wood carving from the District of Chetwynd. They have responded in asking the Village if we are looking for a particular theme. Council indicated interest for a bird or a fish.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Chetwynd Wood Carving discussion be received for information.

***Resolution 2024-05-181***

**CARRIED**

**11. Bylaws**

None

**12. In Camera**

Council moved to the In Camera Council Meeting at 6:24PM.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter section 90 (1) (c) labour, (i) solicitor-client privilege, (k) negotiations and (2) (b) information held in confidence from the Province and related discussions that in the view of Council could reasonably expect to harm the interest of the municipality if they were held in public.

**Resolution 2024-05-182**

**CARRIED**

**13. Rise with Report**

Council reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:27PM.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council rise with report that the Mouse Mountain Reservoir and Water Mains contract has been awarded to Civil North Consulting Ltd. for the amount of \$2,194,250.23.

**Resolution 2024-05-193**

**CARRIED**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council direct staff to coordinate a joint meeting between Nadleh Whut'en, Stelat'en First Nation, Northern Health, and the Village of Fraser Lake Fire Department to discuss the potential of joint advocacy efforts for a Regional Fire Centre.

**Resolution 2024-05-194**

**CARRIED**

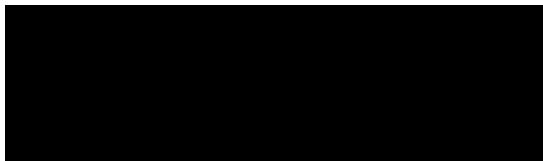
**14. Adjournment**

Moved/Seconded

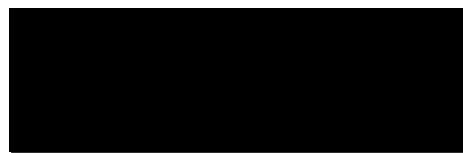
**THAT** the May 22nd, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:28PM.

**Resolution 2024-05-195**

**CARRIED**



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Ethan Fredeen, Corporate Officer