



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 10, 2019 In Council Chambers

Those in Attendance:

Council: Mayor Storey
Councillor Watt-Senner
Councillor Fennema
Councillor Jenkinson
Councillor Lepoidevin (by phone)

Staff: Rodney Holland, Chief Administrative Officer
Joe Pacheco, Fire Chief
Dave Christie, Economic Development Officer
Lara Hartman, Student

Public: Norm Delong

Agenda

Mayor Storey called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Mayor Storey called for a motion to adopt the agenda and requested the declaration of any new business.

Resolution 07-10-259 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to adopt the Agenda"

Carried

Delegation

None

Minutes from the Previous Meetings

Resolution 07-10-260 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 26, 2019"

Carried

Resolution 07-10-261 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting held June 25, 2019"

Carried

Resolution 07-10-262 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Public Hearing held June 26, 2019"

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Councillor Reports

Councillor Jenkinson assisted with our 2019 hospitality hostages. They joined Councillor Jenkinson and his family at their property for a campfire the evening of June 30th. On July 1st, Councillor Jenkinson participated in the parade. Councillor Jenkinson enjoyed his time with this year's hospitality hostages.

Councillor Jenkinson attended the public meeting about the wharf. He felt this was a good first step toward deciding what needs to be done with the wharf.

Councillor Fennema commented on this year's Canada Day celebrations. The fireworks were great. Councillor Fennema felt the parade was wonderful. She heard from several people, they would like to see more cake and ice cream available next year.

Councillor Fennema attended the open house at Autumn Services regarding the wharf. She found the meeting to be informative.

Councillor Watt-Senner assisted at the Canada Day pancake breakfast. Following breakfast, she also attended the celebrations at the recreation fields. She enjoyed the festivities and met a lot of new people. She felt the activities were well organized and well done. A lot of new faces, good comments and compliments heard from visitors and locals.

Councillor Watt-Senner provided her report on the most recent RDBN Meeting:

There have been some challenges around the recycling depot in Smithers. The recycling plant, which was the hub of recycling in the area has burned. The RD is looking for a solution.

On July 9th Councillor Watt-Senner attended a special meeting at the RDBN with the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; the Honourable Scott Fraser. Emergency response was a significant topic. The Regional District is working with First Nations directly on emergency response. The Shovel Lake Fire highlighted the need for these activities. During the Shovel Lake fire, there were a lot of questions around responsibilities and roles. The Province is trying to find opportunities to work together in the provision of training and services. These efforts will work to create new policies that will clarify these points.

Nadleh Whut'en efforts to develop a Centre of Excellence was also discussed. The Province is working with the Band to determine the feasibility of this initiative.

The RDBN would like better coordination between the RDBN, Local Government and First Nations on Emergency Preparedness related activities.

The high cost of funding the Stuart Nechako Hospital replacement was brought to Minister Fraser 's attention. Significant increases to household property taxes have been experienced by property owners across the hospital district. Hospital District levies have increased property taxes by as much as \$400.00 per year per household. At least 40% of the patients using the hospital are expected to be First Nations. It was suggested to Minister Fraser there should be a proportional contribution toward the cost of the new hospital from First Nations or the Federal/Provincial Governments on their behalf. Minister Fraser has committed to looking at this issue. He would like to see if there is a mechanism where the Province can integrate a contribution from the First Nations bands in the area.

Timber supply and how it relates to First Nations was also discussed. Minister Fraser encourages Local Government and First Nations to work together to sustain the Forest Industry. Revenue sharing is being negotiated relative to the wealth derived from the land. It is not clear who will ensure these discussions are carried forward and who will be responsible for monitoring the outcome of any decisions.

Finally, there was a discussion around reconciliation. Councillor Watt-Senner feels we are on the right track with our Tri Council meetings.

Mayor Storey participated in a discussion with BC Hydro regarding the installation of Electric Vehicle charging stations. Initially, there was a requirement for EV Charging Stations to be installed on Village owned property. This has created challenges. BC Hydro has provided criteria that allows the installation of EV charging stations on privately owned commercial land. Sites chosen for EV charging stations require three phase power. This initiative is not intended to compete with the private sector.

Mayor Storey reported on the Public Meeting held at Autumn Services regarding the wharf. She noted attendance was limited. She feels the issue needs to be better advertised. The photos have been left up at Autumn Services. There has been a lot of interest from Autumn Service patrons. Mayor Storey has received mixed responses from the public about whether the Village should keep the wharf or not. Her wish is to obtain other quotes. Mayor Storey stated she is unsure on her position of whether to repair the wharf, or not. She feels obtaining other quotes for the repair may assist with the decisions that need to be made.

Mayor Storey participated in the Canada Day activities. She felt the many events were great. The parade was probably the biggest we've ever had. The fireworks were amazing, as was the pancake breakfast. Mayor Storey thanked all the volunteers for their hard work to make the event such a success.

Councillor LePoidevin attended the meeting by phone. He attended the Indigenous Day Tri-Community Celebration and thought it went well. Councillor LePoidevin also attended Canada Day celebrations. He commended the many people who made the event happen. He felt the celebration, parade, and fireworks were all amazing.

Resolution 07-10-263 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to receive the Councillor Reports"

Carried

Accounts Payable

Resolution 07-10-264 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to adopt Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$311,376.13"

Carried

Councillor Jenkinson asked for more information relative to cheque #28255 to Diana Briggs?

CAO Holland explained this was a Canada Day event. Ms. Briggs provided ponies for children to visit during the Canada Day activities at the Recreation grounds.

Councillor Watt-Senner asked about the payment to the Catholic Women's League for the Canada Day cake?

CAO Holland explained the Canada Day cake is provided by the Catholic Women's League. They have traditionally provided the cake and ice cream during the Canada Day events at the Recreation grounds. The Village provides a donation \$300.00 to the Catholic Women's League in support of this activity.

Correspondence List

Resolution 07-10-265 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive the Correspondence List"

Carried

Councillor Watt-Senner expressed appreciation for the quality of the penmanship of the letters sent out by the Village.

Business from the CAO

Eco Co-Operative request for letter of support:

The Eco Co-Op Board is making an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for a marketing grant up to \$20,000.00. The Eco Co-Op Board requests a resolution in support of their application.

CAO Holland commented he had contacted NDI and asked about the requirement for a resolution for applications from non-profit and not for profit groups. CAO Holland was told; this requirement provides the opportunity for local input about the legitimacy of a project and around the level of local awareness and support for such applications.

Resolution 07-10-266 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to provide a letter of support for the Eco Co-Operative Community Service Centre application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for up to \$20,000.00 for a start-up Marketing Campaign through NDIT’s Marketing Initiative Fund”

Carried

Community Resiliency Investment Support Application:

This funding is intended to reduce the risk and impact of wildfire to communities in BC. A CRI program priority is fuel management activities.

As a community we have seen a significant amount of wildfire activity in the past 12 months; the Shovel Lake, Island Lake and most recently the Lejac fires. Administration feels we would be able to demonstrate a high risk of wildfire. The communities’ most significant area of risk is the greenspace on and around Mouse Mountain. This greenspace is littered with woody/combustible debris. Completion of these fuel treatment activities typically goes to Level 2 Forestry crews. Both Stellaquo and Nadleh Whut’en have Level 2 Forestry crews who may be available for this work.

As a community with a significant risk of wildfire, we could be eligible for up to \$150,000.00.

Administration proposes an application for up to \$75,000.00 to conduct a six-week fuel reduction project on and around Mouse Mountain during the spring of 2020.

Resolution 07-10-267 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to apply to the Community Resiliency Investment for \$75,000.00 for Fuel Management Activity on and around Mouse Mountain”

Carried

Comments Posted on the Web regarding White Swan Park:

During the summer months, our staff regularly interact with campers and RVers at our White Swan RV Park. Comments about the quality and cleanliness of our facilities have been received each year. Recently we learned about the iOverlander website. We had a look at the comments being shared about our RV park and staff.

The positive comments that are posted on the site speak well of the good work being completed by our summer staff who clean the washrooms each morning and our Public Works Staff who maintain the park.

2019 Resolutions:

The 2019 Resolutions List was presented. This Resolution’s list was created to document this council’s decisions from the beginning of the term forward.

Councillor Jenkinson would like to see an update on the progress of each of the resolutions.

Discussion.

Resolution 07-10-268 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to have a Quarterly Report on the Resolutions List"

Carried

Supplemental Correspondence List Discussion:

Letter sent out to the Co-Op Card lock regarding conditions at the Coop Cardlock facility.

Resolution 07-10-269 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Jenkinson
"Motion to receive the Supplemental Correspondence List"

Carried

School District 91 letter voicing concerns:

CAO Holland reports a good response to our earlier letter to School District 91. The Superintendent of Schools responded. He has gracefully declined being a delegation at council; however, he has offered to work with the Village to address our concerns. The Supt of Schools and the Facility Maintenance manager have offered to attend Fraser Lake for the purpose of inspecting the grounds at both FLESS and Mouse Mountain Elementary Schools to discuss the concerns we have identified. It has been agreed, some issue can be addressed almost immediately, while other issues require budgetary planning and will need time to plan. There has been a commitment to work together and an invitation to partner on initiatives that need community support to complete.

Vandalism:

Events of vandalism are up. Although the incidence of theft and vandalism have been occurring all over town, the Village has been most susceptible in White Swan Park. Most recently, handles were broken off the public washrooms and an electrical panel was bashed in. Most of the damage is occurring during night-time hours and in areas where the likelihood of being apprehended is low. Administration asks Council to consider the installation of security camera. The cameras would simply provide a record of who is around when vandalism is occurring. Four cameras and a recorder from Costco would be approximately \$700.00 plus installation.

Councillor Watt-Senner asked about lighting in the Park?

Councillor Jenkinson agree, light standards down there are bad and maybe motion sensors would be a better option than cameras around the vandalism areas.

Resolution 07-10-270 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Jenkinson

"Motion for staff to investigate the best means of deterring vandalism with lights or cameras in White Swan Park"

Carried

Chip Sealing of Trails:

The Northern Development Initiative Trust has provided \$30,000.00 in funding toward this \$63,000.00 project. An application was made to NKDF; however, our request was not productive. To complete this project, Administration is proposing the allocation of \$33,000.00 from our Community Works fund. This gas tax funding. One of the accepted uses supports active

transportation and recreation infrastructure. Council's authority to utilize Community Works Funding is being requested.

Resolution 07-10-271 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner

"Motion to expend \$33,000.00 from the Village of Fraser Lake Community Works Fund in support of chip sealing the Highway 16 and White Swan Park walking trails"

Carried

A discussion followed.

Mayor Storey wants to make sure it's done right from the beginning. Would like to see any investment be able to last 25-30 years.

Councillor Watt-Senner commented that during the Age Friendly sessions, it was clear seniors want to remain active. Maintaining an active lifestyle, supports mental health and wellness.

Councillor Fennema asked about the potential weeds growing up through the chip sealing. She is concerned about the impacts on the trail and need for regular maintenance.

CAO Holland agreed, weeds will grow up through the chip sealed surface. The company will apply a herbicide prior to chip sealing; however, some weeds will survive. The Village will need to address the issue of vegetation growing through and at the edges of the trail on an ongoing basis. This is an issue common with any type of trail; even asphalt. Our intention is to have a couple of Public Works employee obtain their herbicide certification so weed control can be done by our staff rather than through a contractor.

Discussion.

Arena Rental Agreement Update:

Adopted in 2017 and most of the agreement has stayed the same. There was some confusion for staff regarding the rental of the hard surface. The policy has been updated to clarify this issue. Other additions include modification to the statement the arena is a tobacco free facility. That statement has been expanded to include "tobacco, cannabis, and drug-free facility".

Mayor Storey questioned the 'no beer or wine sales' on the hard surface. She asked about the possibilities for a wedding or family event.

CAO Holland explained the restriction on alcoholic beverages was pre-existing. There was a concern around staining. Soft drinks hold the same concern. The prohibition of glass containers is also a pre-existing concern.

A discussion followed.

Resolution 07-10-272 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Jenkinson

"Motion to adopt the policy of the Fraser Lake Recreation Complex Rental Agreement with requested amendments of no glassware; no beer and wine sales in the arena without

preauthorization from the Village; no beer and wine sales without a special occasions license”

Carried

Discussion.

Resolution 07-10-273 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Jenkinson

“Motion to amend the cost of the table and chairs to a dollar (\$1.00) a chair and eight (\$8.00) dollars a table”

Carried

Resolution 07-10-274 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to receive the Supplemental Reading list”

Carried

Resolution 07-10-275 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Jenkinson

“Motion to receive the business from the CAO”

Carried

Staff Reports

Indigenous Day Celebration:

Recreation Director LaFontaine provided a recap of the first Tri-Community Indigenous Day celebration. Most everything went very well but there were some suggestions for future events. Those suggestions will be incorporated in the planning for future Indigenous Day Celebrations.

Mouse Mountain Days:

EDO Christie provided a recap of our Mouse Mountain Day Celebrations. The events went very well. We enjoyed a higher attendance than in previous years; approximately 3-400 more attendees. The parade of lights was not as big as hoped but it was well received. Several people commented on the time between the boat parade of lights and the fireworks. The hope is to tighten that schedule up next year. Fraser Lake Sawmills 100th Anniversary brought people in from other areas; especially Vanderhoof. Overall attendance is estimated at 1500. EDO Christie thanked Fraser Lake Sawmills for their contribution of the BBQ food and cooking. He also thanked the Mayor and Council for their participation in the event this year.

Fraser Lake Fire Rescue Training Society:

EDO Christie provided an update on the activities of the Fraser Lake Fire Rescue Training Society. The Society began in 2017 with the vision of developing a Regional Fire Training Centre, in our community. That dream has become a reality. The Training Society has been successful in acquiring funds for the burning building; \$130,000.00. It's a three-container structure, able to accommodate live fire exercises, high angle rescue training, confined space training and cold smoke training. As a regional training centre, fire departments from Topley, Fort Fraser, Beaverly, Tabor/Ferndale, Moberly Lake, McLeod Lake, Stellat'en, Nadleh Whut'en and Stoney Creek are expected to access

this centre. This facility is also for use by industrial partners. Fire and high angle rescue are possible at the site.

The burn buildings have been ordered and will be turn-key ready around the third week of August. Training sessions are planned shortly thereafter. Training has been scheduled using both the burn building and auto extrication site in September. There will be a grand opening for all partners sometime in September, more information to follow.

Fire Chief Pacheco stated he first started thinking about the training centre after the Fire Commissioner's Playbook came into play. He envisioned establishing a live training facility in Fraser Lake. The Sprinkler Protection Unit and Training Site were his goals when he was interviewed for the Fire Chief position. He thanked CAO Holland for his support of EDO Christie and himself in this endeavour. Fire Chief Pacheco is proud of these accomplishments. He recognized the good work of EDO Christie, who chased the money which made the purchase of these things possible. These two big achievements prove that if you work hard and have a good team, things can be accomplished. This is something our community can be proud of.

Although a lot has been accomplished, there remains a lot of work ahead to realize the full potential of these two projects.

Councillor Fennema inquired as to whether these will be available for demonstration to the public at any time?

Fire Chief Pacheco said this may be a place where someone can bring up a school class to have a look at realistic fire fighting. There may even be a way to do controlled participation scenario's for students. There are many possible uses for this facility.

EDO Christie explained the typical course at the facility will involve up to twenty-four (24) people. Out of town participants will bring money into our economy over these weekend workshops. This training centre is expected to have a very positive impact on our community.

Councillor Fennema asked about marketing? How will Fire Departments and Industry become aware of this facility?

EDO Christie explained a big kick-off BBQ has been planned to celebrate the facility and the contributions of the various partners. The BBQ and inform the community of the Society's vision. Since May of 2017 the society has raised \$400,000.00 through grants, donations and local events.

Fire Chief Pacheco stated our neighbouring First Nation communities have been hugely supportive of these initiatives. Chief Larry Nooski, Nadleh Whut'en and Chief Archie Patrick, Stellat'en, have been huge advocates. The training society has already received a call from a Fire Captain in Kelowna to register a group for a weekend workshop as soon as the burn building is ready to go. As a bonus they will also need to rent one of our trucks and a local pump operator. They want to be in Fraser Lake for a full three days of training.

Resolution 07-10-276 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive the Staff Reports"

Carried

Reading List

Resolution 07-10-277 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive the Reading List"

Carried

New Business

Councillor Watt-Senner inquired about the status of the burnt house on Taluk Place. Fire Chief Pacheco said the building was demolished and hauled away last week. There is now a hole in the ground where a foundation will be placed for the new house that will be built.

Councillor Jenkinson shared that the Village Works Crew has been criticized too much lately. He personally wanted to celebrate their work and to say thanks to the Public Works Crew, Public Works Director Vern Hilman and CAO Holland. They do a great job!

Councillor Fennema had no new business.

Mayor Storey was asked if we can get the tree root that sits about 100 yards from shore out of the lake?

A discussion followed

CAO Holland noted the tree base and roots floated in during high water two years ago. During the spring clean up, a local fellow with a relatively large boat was collecting floating logs off the lake and bringing them to the boat launch where they were removed from the lake. This same fellow tried to tow this tree from his current location for at least an hour. He returned to the boat launch to announce he could not budge the tree. It is anchored in the mud on the bottom of the lake.

Mayor Storey requested an update regarding the logging at the airport.

CAO Holland reported the logging is underway. The logging operation will remove greens down to 8 inches and dead and damaged trees. This will serve to reduce the fire hazard, open the tree canopy and generate revenue. The Fraser Lake Sawmill has indicated interest in this wood. The Village has been offered fair market value for both green and grey wood. Saw logs will go for saw logs. Grey wood that is not saw log material will either be processed for biomass or pulp. Smaller trees will be retained on the property which will provide an appropriate area for future trail development.

Councillor Jenkinson asked who's doing the buying. CAO Holland explained Fraser Lake Sawmill is purchasing the wood from the Village. The mill has provided a written offer to purchase all the fibre from the airport; saw logs, pulp logs and biomass. The Village has applied for and is awaiting

timber mark renewal. The timber cannot be transported until the timber mark is received. Meanwhile, the timber is being stacked for transportation.

UBCM Minister meetings:

The Meeting requests to meet with Ministers while at the 2019 UBCM have been submitted. The schedule for these meetings has not yet been established.

We are registered for meetings with the Minister of:

- Education
- Health
- Energy Mine and Resources
- Forest Lands and Natural Resource
- CN Rail
- Northern Health

CAO Holland noted these meeting opportunities are typically limited to 15 minutes. Prior to these meetings, it will be important to have identified the key points Council would like discussed and to identify who will do the talking.

Mayor Storey has received a request from MLA John Rustad to hold a public meeting in Fraser Lake to discuss recent developments in Forestry. Mayor Storey agrees there are some very concerning developments occurring in the Forest Sector, however, she holds some concerns about the proposed meeting. Mayor Storey feels the proposed meeting would be used for political purposes. Although Mayor Storey is not averse to offering a venue, she does not want to be directly involved in the organization of the meeting or to any offer to speak at the meeting. She would prefer to remain neutral on the issue of provincial policies.

Mayor Storey related a recent discussion at NCGLA about these developments in Forestry. Last year stumpage rates were low and lumber prices were high. Many corporations made record profits. The lumber prices of 2018 form part of the formula for stumpage rates this year. This is not a surprise to the forest industry. The suggestions that the government should adjust during leaner times is not realistic. Forestry needs to be looked at differently.

Unfortunately, many of the decisions around the function of the forest industry have been left in the hands of industry. Under the current structure, corporations have the power to decide which communities live or die. Choosing to close a mill in one community and truck logs to another community will devastate small communities. We want to make sure Fraser Lake is one of the communities that survive.

Mayor Storey noted one of our UBCM meetings is with Minister Doug Donaldson. Mayor Storey hopes to talk about establishing a larger area-based tenure in our area. The large area-based tenure would be in partnership with local First Nations Communities; Cheslatta, Nadleh Whut'en, and Stelat'en. The example has already been established with the Chinook Community Forest in Burns Lake. A lot of details have yet to be sorted out. This will be a discussion at our next Tri Council Meeting.

Mayor Storey suggests thanking the MLA. If he would like to hold a meeting, the Village will provide a location.

After discussing the situation: CAO Holland will send a thanks, but no thanks letter out.

Tri Council Meeting:

Scheduling the next meeting was discussed. Council agree Sept 12th is preferred.

Wharf discussion:

Council said they would like more quotes, at least two or three on the cost to rebuild and/or how much to remove the wharf structure?

Councillor Watt-Senner suggested doing a Facebook poll with three different choices for the public to choose from for a decision about the wharf. Mayor Storey said she'd already tried to do one the night before and would further investigate how this could happen. She'll put something together and send out to council for review before making the poll public.

EDO Christie has agreed to start the process of getting more quotes for the wharf repair and bring the information to council.

Discussion.

Resolution 07-10-278 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to receive New Business"

Carried

Bylaw

Resolution 07-10-279 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to conduct the fourth and final reading for the Village of Fraser Lake Official
Community Plan Bylaw No. 809, 2019"

Carried

Next Meeting of Council

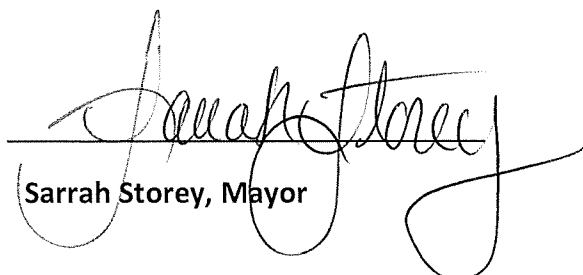
Next Council Meeting on August 28, 2019 in Council Chambers.

Adjournment:

Resolution 07-10-280 M/S Councillor Jenkinson
"Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm"

Carried

Certified Correct:


Sarrah Storey, Mayor


Rodney J Holland, Chief Administrative Officer