

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 5:30pm.

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

Staff present were R. Holland, CAO, and D. Christie, Economic Development Officer

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Storey called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Agenda:

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda and the declaration of new business which included a Grant in Aid Application from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 274 and the Road Rescue Grant Program funding opportunity.

Resolution 11-25-322

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

None

Minutes:

**Regular Council Minutes,
October 28, 2020**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Minutes of October 28, 2020 be adopted with the requested amendments and that such Minutes as read set out all the business before Council that day and fully and properly record all of the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Resolution 11-25-323

Carried

Mayor Storey amended the details of the Better at Home Program as they were related by Elaine Storey during her delegation to Council. Mayor Storey explained 75 to 80 percent of the Better at Home clients reside within the boundary of the Village of Fraser Lake. Of those clients, only 15 clients receive snow clearing services.

Councillor Jenkinson noted the reference to Telus Health on page 12. He advised the service is Tele-Health.

**Business arising from
the Minutes:**

None

Reports on Council

Activities:

Councillor LePoidevin

Nothing to report

Councillor Jenkinson

Attended an Airport Users Meeting with EDO Christie.
Councillor Jenkinson will be attending a Tier II ORR Meeting tomorrow evening.

Councillor Fennema

Attended an Autumn Services meeting. Autumn Services is looking at options for the Senior's Christmas Dinner.

Councillor Fennema attended the Connected Coast meeting with Mayor Lee Brain and CAO Bob Long of Prince Rupert and Stefan Woloszyn of City West. She found the meeting to be very interesting.

Councillor Fennema noted she has received several concerns from residents about CGL camp workers and their proximity to the Village of Fraser Lake. The general concern relates to COVID-19 and the potential for these non-residents bringing the virus to Fraser Lake.

Mayor Storey

Reported on the most recent meeting at the RDBN. There were two delegations of note.

The first delegation to the board was BC Hydro. Mayor Storey had previously heard rumors that BC Hydro had removed component of the hydro service to Endako Mine. Mayor Storey asked about Hydro's capacity to meet the needs of ongoing projects such as the Coastal Gaslink pipeline. She also asked about BC Hydro's capacity to meet the needs of future projects such as the Blackwater Gold project. The representatives from BC Hydro advised they have existing capacity for 800 megawatts. They were unable to address the question related to their ability to accommodate future growth in this area.

TC Energy also provided an update on the Coastal Gaslink Pipeline. The Little Rock Workforce Accommodation is currently occupied by 176 people. Mayor Storey asked about their medical staff and their ability to write prescriptions. Mayor Storey is concerned about potential impacts on our Medical Clinic if CGL does not have staff qualified to write prescriptions. She said this concern is shared by Vanderhoof Council as well.

Because of her role in NCLGA, Mayor Storey has been appointed to the UBCM Health and Social Development committee. She is excited to be invited to the committee. The committee will review

- Provincial policies related to rural and northern communities,
- the Provincial Strategy for mental health; and
- the Provincial Strategy for homelessness; including seniors' homelessness.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 11-25-324

Carried

Accounts payable:

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 1,101,292.60

Resolution 11-25-325

Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

CAO Holland presented on the Reservoir Supply Line. This proposal stems from an earlier conversation about our need to develop shelf ready projects, so we are ready for funding opportunities as they present themselves. In Administrations submission, the Reservoir Supply Line is the next infrastructure project that should be undertaken by the Village to address shortcomings of our existing infrastructure and to support a healthy and sustainable water distribution system. CAO Holland advised; the lack of a dedicated reservoir supply line has been noted by Northern Health. Northern Health would like to see this line constructed to address chlorine distribution inconsistencies within our water distribution system.

If we are success in obtaining funding for this project, the reservoir supply line would be installed. The existing asbestos concrete water line would be replaced at the same time. And due to the disturbance to the road surface, the roadbed and asphalt surface would be rebuilt. CAO Holland noted three routes have been identified as options for this work. Staff prefer the route that travels from the water treatment facility, up Carrier Crescent to Tunasa Drive and then east along Tunasa Drive to the water tower. At 1100 meters in length, this route will renew a significant number of house

connections, allow replacement of several water main valves, and replace a significant amount of roadway.

CAO Holland has been advised an Infrastructure Grant program is due out in December 2020 or January 2021.

Mayor Storey supports the proposal, stating that although she would like to do more, this is the kind of project she would like to see for our community.

A discussion followed. Concern about the life expectancy of the sewer line that also runs under the road surface. Should this also be replaced at the same time?

CAO Holland advised the sewer line was discussed with the engineer. The engineer has stated there are non-invasive methods that are available to replace the sewer lines in the future.

MOVED/SECONDED to proceed with the proposal as presented by Urban System with the goal of developing a grant ready project and to expend \$9,975.00 from the Northern Capital and Planning Reserve to fund that work.

Resolution 11-25-326

Carried

2020 Major Projects update:

CAO Holland provided an end of the season update on the Major Projects from 2020.

Winter Snow Plowing:

CAO Holland discussed experiences so far with the 2020 Snow Plowing. For whatever reason, our employees are experiencing verbal abuses, people standing at the end of their driveway taping on their watch and derogatory comments on Facebook. CAO Holland commented it would appear the expectations of some of our residents are unrealistic.

CAO Holland advised the Village has a process for lodging complaints. Residents wishing to make a complaint should be directed to the Village Office.

A discussion followed.

Councillor Watt-Senner feels there would be a benefit from producing and posting short video clips to update community members about service delays or service disruptions.

Mayor Storey has offered to assist with producing and posting those videos when needed.

Councillor Jenkinson suggested offering up an incident report to staff. That process will involve documentation of inappropriate comments or behavior. At some point, the service would be taken away from problem residents.

Mayor Storey voiced her concern about the Village not clearing the plow furrow on weekends or after hours.

CAO Holland noted, the Village has limited staff, machinery, and financial capacity. Not all staff are available for after hour snow clearing. As a result, one or two staff members are tasked with clearing Village roads on the weekends. Our roads and facilities are the priority. This ensures emergency services and residents can move about the community. Removing the plow furrow at the end of driveways occurs when time and manpower permit. It is not a core service. It is a complimentary service that is nice to do.

CAO Holland noted, if there was a very significant snowfall and our residents were likely to be stranded without some assistance, our staff would do their best to provide that assistance. Otherwise, clearing the plow furrow at the end of driveways would occur on the next normal day of business when our staff are back on regular shift.

Councillor LePoidevin noted this is a free service. This is a service that is not common in other communities.

Council asked Administration to discuss the program in the next Newsletter.

Public Works Water Leak:

CAO Holland provided an update on renovations at the Public Works Office. A water leak has damaged the lunchroom. The space was torn apart and is being rebuilt.

Road Rescue Grant Program-Funding opportunity:

CAO Holland presented on this funding opportunity from Emergency Management BC. The program supports road rescue services that are provided by "out of jurisdiction" service providers. Administration proposes an application for up to \$50,000.00 to replace worn or damaged equipment used in the delivery of road rescue service. Anticipated purchases will be tools or equipment used during extrication, stabilization, load lifting or other specialized operations.

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to EMBC's Road Rescue Grant Program for up to \$50,000.00 to purchase tools or equipment that will replace worn or damaged equipment used in the delivery of road rescue services.

Resolution 11-25-327

Carried

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 274 Grant in Aid Application
CAO Holland presented the grant in aid application received from the Fraser Lake Legion.

MOVED/RESOLVED to provide the Legion with a Grant in Aid in the amount of \$490.23.

Resolution 11-25-328

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive reports from the CAO

Resolution 11-25-329

Carried

Staff Reports:

EDO Christie presented the Community Forest promotional video. The video depicts the work being conducted in the community forest. EDO Christie reports, the people working in the community forest are proud of the amount of fibre they are recovering and the amount of small tree retention they have achieved.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the staff report.

Resolution 11-25-330

Carried

Reading List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the reading list.

Resolution 11-25-331

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Fennema

Commented about people arriving for work at the Little Rock Workforce Accommodation in Lejac. Since they come from all over, there are concerns about their potential for transmitting COVID-19.

EDO Christie reported on his experience while visiting the Little Rock Camp. EDO Christie was temperature tested at the front gate and again when he entered the building. The camp has established isolation areas for employees who are required to self-isolate. The camp and CGL has done a lot of planning to ensure the health and safety of the camp personnel and the community.

Councillor Fennema commented on complaints about the Christmas tree on Mouse Mountain. She was unsure if the growth of trees was beginning to obscure the lights.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive New Business.

Resolution 11-25-332

Carried

Bylaws:

None

Next Regular Meeting of Council:

December 9, 2020

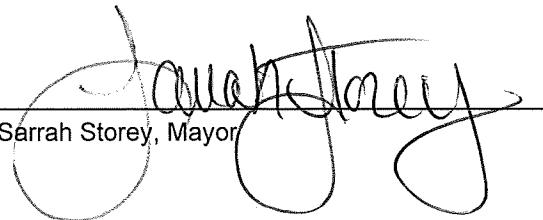
Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the November 25, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council be now adjourned. 7:09 PM

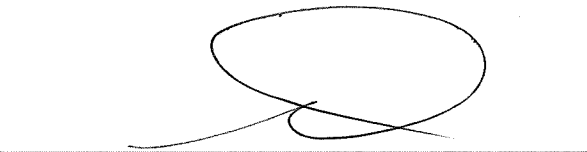
Resolution 11-25-333

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer