

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Mayor S. Storey presided. Councillors present were C. LePoidevin, K. Watt-Senner, and J. Jenkinson. Staff present were R. Holland, CAO, and D. Christie, Economic Development Officer

**Meeting Called to Order
At 5:30 pm.**

Agenda:

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda and declare new business.

Resolution 10-14-298

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

No delegations
Norman Delong-Guest

Minutes:

**Regular Council Minutes,
September 23, 2020**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Minutes of September 23, 2020 be adopted as read on this day 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 10-14-299

Carried

**Business arising from
the Minutes:**

Mayor Storey has discussed the RDBN Parks & Recreation proposal with Area D Director Mark Parker and Mayor Thiessen of Vanderhoof. In its current form, neither were supportive of the initiative. Mayor Storey asked for thoughts from Council.

Our Council members are not supportive of the RDBN Parks and Recreation proposal as currently set out.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive business arising from the minutes.

Resolution 10-14-300

Reports on Council

Activities:

Councillor LePoidevin

Nothing to report

Councillor Watt-Senner

Nothing to report

Councillor Jenkinson

Commented of efforts by Centerra Gold to procure services and materials from local producers. Councillor Jenkinson noted the need for Core Boxes that are used to store drilled core samples.

Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey and EDO Christie met with Lindsay Olerich of Centerra.

Mayor Storey attended the All Candidates forum last night. She met NDP candidate Sam for dinner before the event. She plans to meet with MLA Rustad next week. Mayor Storey feels it is important to meet each of the candidates and to maintain good relationships with them before and after the election.

Mayor Storey provided an update on NCLGA activities.

Mayor Storey will be meeting with Artemis Gold representatives on October 23, 2020.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 10-14-301

Carried

Accounts payable:

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable in the amount of \$986,967.47.

Resolution 10-14-302

Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

Fraser Lake Professional Building Rental Policy

CAO Holland presented an updated version of the policy proposal. The updated version differentiated between the small and large boardrooms, the large meeting space, and the area at

the north end of the building which is being referred to as the Fraser Lake room.

Council asked how the name was established for the building. They would like a name change. They felt a "name that building" contest might be a fun way to identify a name for the building.

CAO Holland advised the policy proposal is intended to set rental rates for the various spaces in the building. Regardless of any future name for the building, the policy authorizes a fee for use of the various spaces.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the Village of Fraser Lake Professional Building Rental Policy as presented.

Resolution 10-14-303

Carried

Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program

CAO Holland introduced this funding opportunity. He noted the program allows the Village to make two (2) applications. The program supports job creation through small scale infrastructure projects, destination and economic development initiatives and cultural heritage projects. Administration suggests consideration of two projects:

Repairing and revitalization of the Wharf

This initiative is both a job creation activity and a Cultural Heritage project. The proposal is to repair wildlife damaged pilings, replace weathered or rotting deck material and to bring the railings up to building code.

Creating a Level Entry Community Space

This initiative retains the function of the curling rink but updates the facility by digging down and insulating the base in the curling rink. A concrete slab will top the rink floor. The walls and ceiling would be updated with new windows and wall covering. If funding allows, an event quality kitchen would be installed to support community and small group usage. Renovating the 50 by 120-foot space will provide the community with ground level access to a gathering space where community events, family celebrations, weddings, etc. can occur. The space might also be appropriate for the Community Market or other similar endeavours.

MOVED/SECONDED to apply the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure program for up to \$1 million dollars to repair and refurbish the wharf at White Swan Park, creating employment and retaining this historically significant structure.

Resolution 10-14-304

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure program for up to \$1 million dollars to develop an accessible, ground level entry community gathering space by insulating and updating the curling rink floor, pouring a concrete slab, installing windows and doors, finishing the walls and ceiling with a mold resistant panel and constructing an event quality kitchen adjacent and attached to the space to facilitate community and family gatherings.

Resolution 10-14-305

Carried

Dry Grad Committee Grant-in-Aid request
CAO presented a grant in aid request from the Dry Grad Committee. The request is for access to firewood from the Community Forest.

MOVED/SECONDED to authorize the Dry Grad committee to obtain one truckload of firewood from the Community Forest.

Resolution 10-14-306

Carried

Stellat'en First Nation – Request for Letter of Support

MOVED/SECONDED to provide a letter of support for the Stellat'en First Nations application to the Northern and Rural Communities program in support of the development of the Binta Lake Culture and Wellness Centre.

Resolution 10-14-307

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive CAO Reports.

Resolution 10-14-308

Carried

Staff Reports:

EDO Christie presented on the Business Façade program. The program is funded by the Northern Development Initiative Trust. This is an annual program that requires a yearly application to access this funding. EDO Christie recommends an application for \$15,000.00.

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to NDIT for \$15,000.00 under the Business Façade funding stream.

Resolution 10-14-309

Carried

Reading List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Reading List.

Resolution 10-14-310

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Lepoidevin

Requested an update on the 4th Lagoon project and the Fraser Lake Modular Home Park.

CAO Holland advised the project is estimated at 40 percent complete. Weather this summer had a significant influence on the contractor's ability to complete the project. The silty makeup of the material on site also had a significant influence. As the site is saturated with water, the contractor will wait until frost has settled in before driving on the site. The lift station has been ordered and is expected to arrive later this year. The sewer lines that will service the sewer treatment facility require work. This will be done in conjunction with installation of the screening facility.

As for the Modular Home Park, much of the work has been completed. The contractor has completed the connection of water and sewer with the mains at Tunasa Crescent. The materials for the road and driveways still need to be placed. We are also waiting for BC Hydro to connect the Modular Home Park to their grid.

Councillor Watt-Senner

Wondered about the cancellation of Halloween festivities and how that might translate to the Village Christmas Party.

Mayor Storey commented about comments she has received about Halloween. She feels if people would stay in their vehicles or in their family units, fireworks would be possible for Halloween.

EDO Christie responded the Fire Department personnel have had discussions about the possibility of Halloween fireworks. They feel you could close off Park Drive at Molywood Drive. Pedestrian traffic would not be allowed into White Swan Park. There would be no bonfire, pumpkin walk, or BBQ in the park. A flyer could be circulated asking people to abide by Covid protocols; socially

distancing, washing their hands and remaining within your family cohort.

A discussion followed. Council has asked Staff to make preparation for the Halloween fireworks display.

Councillor Jenkinson

Would like Council to begin thinking about the projects they would like to accomplish in 2021. He noted it is Council's responsibility to provide staff with the tools, training, and time to do their jobs. He noted the Village has invested in several key pieces of equipment for Public Works this year. For 2021, he would like to be mindful of any training needs that the Village should pursue in support of employee development.

Mayor Storey

Noted the lights on the welcome sign at the east end of town are not working. Mayor Storey asked if this could be addressed.

Councillor LePoidevin

Asked if all the streetlights had been fixed.

CAO Holland advised the Village regularly reports street lights that are out to BC Hydro. The Village does not own any streetlights. Although BC Hydro replaces burned out bulbs, others burn out so, if a streetlight is out, this can be reported to BC Hydro or the Village Office and we will take care of it. The existing streetlights are scheduled to be replaced with LED lights in the next two years.

Councillor Jenkinson asked about the crack sealing at the Airport.

EDO Christie advised the crack sealing was completed this summer. There were several large fissures in the asphalt that will require a second application to fill the remaining voids. The surface has been sealed and preserved. Further work on the airport runway will be discussed during the 2021 budget process.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive New Business.

Resolution 10-14-311

Carried

Bylaws:

None

Next Regular Meeting of Council:

October 28, 2020

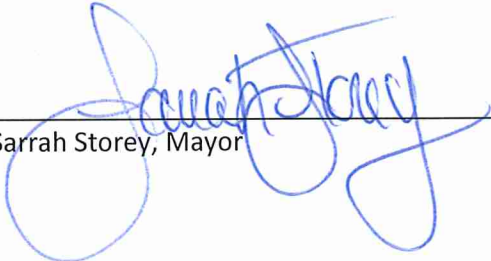
Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the October 14, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council be now adjourned. 7:00 PM

Resolution 10-14-312

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer