

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Mayor S. Storey presided. Councillors present were C.LePoidevin, K.Watt-Senner, J.Jenkinson, and A.Fennema. Staff present were R.Holland, CAO, and L.McMaster, Director of Finance

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

Agenda:

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

Resolution 09-23-286

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

No delegations
Norman Delong-Guest
Mark Parker, RDBN Area Director

Minutes:

**Regular Council Minutes,
May 27, 2020**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Minutes of September 9, 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 09-23-287

Carried

**Business arising from
the Minutes:**

None

Reports on Council

Activities:

Councillor LePoidevin

Nothing to report

Councillor Watt-Senner

Attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting on September 16th. The Cannabis Hut will open in October 2020. There was talk about how businesses have been struggling financially due to Covid-19. Labor shortages have developed because CERB is still being offered. People are making more money staying at home. There was conversation regarding the Fraser Lake Professional Building and the services that will be offered here in Fraser Lake

Councillor Jenkinson

Nothing to report

Councillor Fennema

Attended the virtual AGM of the Municipal Insurance Association of BC. Much of the meeting involved nominating and electing officials. A resolution was passed regarding the way to negotiate reasonable terms regarding Covid-19 claims

Mayor Storey

Participated in conference call meetings with Minister Robinson and Minister Donaldson.

The discussed with Minister Robinson involved options around hiring a consultant to develop an inventory of shovel ready projects for the Village. Minister Robinson suggested a collaborative approach with the RDBN. Minister Robinson suggested everyone should be working together. Mayor Storey is concerned this approach could potentially pit communities against each other as we compete for available funding. No funding was offered by the province.

Mayor Storey discussed expansion of our Community Forest area-based tenure with Minister Donaldson. Minister Donaldson advised several new options are coming regarding area-based tenures.

Mayor Storey also discussed expansion of our municipal boundaries and potential impacts of the agriculture land reserve. Minister Donaldson advised the Province could help should the municipality chose to move forward on this.

Other topics discussed included the impacts of wolves on our moose population. Minister Donaldson said wolves are not impacting our area as much as other areas in the Province.

Mayor Storey commented on the upcoming Provincial election. The election creates some uncertainty for the next while.

Mayor Storey met with Chief Nooski of Nadleh Whut'en. They talked about issues with the Pathway Agreement. Chief Nooski was hoping for more economic development projects coming out of that funding.

Mayor Storey attended UBCM via the virtual format this week.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 09-23-288

Carried

Accounts payable:

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable in the amount of \$555,781.91.

Resolution 09-23-289

Carried

Correspondence List:

School District 91-thank you for the improvements
BC Oil & Gas Commission
Royal Canadian Legion – Property Tax Exemption
Letters to property owners regarding parking lot maintenance

MOVED/SECONDED to receive correspondence

Resolution 09-23-290

Carried

Business from the CAO:

RDBN Parks & Recreation Service

Area D, Director Mark Parker addressed Council

- Director Parker stated he would support the decision of Council to participate or not participate in this initiative.
- Director Parker receives very few requests for such services from his constituents.
- He is concerned the administrative costs have not been clarified. The proposal suggests a 5 percent administrative fee but it could easily be 10 percent depending on how many communities participate.
- The Village would have to pay a annual administrative fee regardless of whether a project was on the table or not.
- Project costs would be extra
- Director Parker advised Council to have a plan. Do not enter this agreement without knowing what projects are needed.

Otherwise, we are paying for a service that provides no benefit.

- The RDBN would like a decision by November 14, 2020

A discussion followed. Council's concern include tax dollars would be committed but may not result in a project for years. The concern involves how projects are selected. Would projects from larger centers take precedence over ours?

Asset Management Planning - Urban Systems

This past year our Village completed significant improvement to our wastewater treatment with the addition of the 4th lagoon and the screening facility. Meanwhile our Public Works have completed their first round of inspection and maintenance of our sanitary sewer lines. Our sewer lines date back to the mid 1960's. They are old but none are collapsed. To manage our asset maintenance and replacement responsibilities, Administration would like to focus some of our attention on our water distribution system.

Administration met with an engineer from Urban Systems to discuss a potential project that would see installation of a dedicated water line from the water treatment plant to the water tower and replacement of AC water lines in the northeastern quadrant of the Village. The benefit of this project is that it would include reconstruction of the roadbed and paving.

Administration has engaged Urban Systems to provide a proposal for such a project. The proposal will:

- Laying out the routing options discussed for the dedicated water line to the reservoir.
- Review available information for infrastructure along the various routes.
- Preparing a high-level cost estimate for budgeting for each option
- Preparing a memo to present options and cost estimate.

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure fund has an intake set for October 21, 2020. This proposal could translate into a grant application for this project under the green infrastructure funding stream. It is CAO Holland's hope, the proposal will be presented to Council at the next regular meeting of council; October 14, 2020.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive CAO Reports.

Resolution 09-23-291

Carried

Staff Reports:

None.

Reading List:

Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of BC

Motion to proclaim October 1, 2020 as "International Day of Older Persons"

MOVED/SECONDED to proclaim October 1, 2020 as "International Day of Older Persons"

Resolution 09-23-292

Carried

Telus Covid-19 update

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Reading List.

Resolution 09-23-293

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Lepoidevin - None.

Councillor Watt-Senner

- The Welcome to Fraser Lake signs have been refurbished. Instead of purchasing new signs, why not purchase some ornamental grasses and landscape the bases of the existing signs?
- Mayor Storey suggested this topic be tabled until the 2021 budget discussions
- Mayor Storey suggested waiting for the highway 16 landscape plan before deciding what to purchase for the area around the signs

Councillor Fennema

- Reports the public would like to have fireworks for Halloween.
- Reports the public would like to have the Santa Claus Parade. Our community is in need of a community event.
- Enquired about the storage containers on lots in town. There is one on Mouse Mountain Drive and one near the Endako Mine apartments.

CAO Holland advised these shipping containers are grandfathered in and were on site prior to the Village of Fraser Lake Shipping Container Bylaw.

Councillor Jenkinson

- Asked if any of the Village’s funding will be affected by the upcoming Provincial Election?
- Suggests that the Village sends a thank-you to Area Director Mark Parker for the funds that have been donated for the Arena ice plant and the Professional Building
- Wonders if the Atco trailer on a southside property is permitted?

CAO Holland advised staff were made aware of the arrival of this structure. Several months ago, the property owner inquired about placing this office trailer on the property. The necessity of a development variance and a building permit were discussed. An inquiry was made with the building inspector earlier today to determine what is required to site this building.

Councillor Jenkinson asked does this fit within our bylaw?

CAO Holland says there is nothing that says you cannot store it on the property. But if you want to establish the structure on this property, a development variance will be required as the building does not meet the dimensional requirements of our zoning bylaw. Should a development variance be approved, a building permit would be required to address technical issues such as the foundation and hook up to water, sewer, and hydro.

A discussion followed.

Mayor Storey commented on the new signs in Vanderhoof. She would like to have tourist/directional signs placed throughout the Village

MOVED/SECONDED to receive New Business.

Resolution 09-23-294

Carried

Bylaws:

MOVED/SECONDED that the Village of Fraser Lake Borrowing in Anticipation Bylaw No. 818, 2020 be read and passed for its fourth and final reading.

Resolution 09-23-295

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED that the Village of Fraser Lake Airport Reserve Bylaw No. 819, 2020 be read and passed for its fourth and final reading.

Resolution 09-23-296

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED that the Village of Fraser Lake Permissive Tax Bylaw No. 817, 2020 be read and passed for its fourth and final reading.

Resolution 09-23-297

Carried

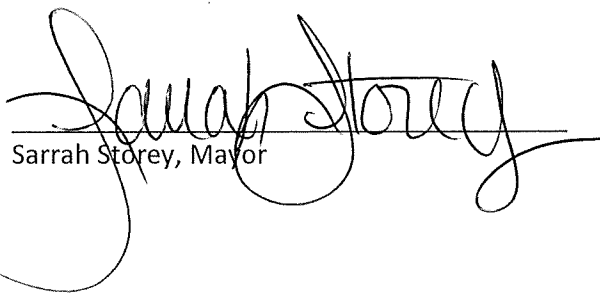
Next Regular Meeting of Council: October 14, 2020

Adjournment: MOVED/SECONDED that the September 23, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council be now adjourned. 6:42 PM

Resolution 09-23-298

Carried

Certified Correct:


Sarah Storey, Mayor


Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer