

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Mayor S. Storey presided. Councillors present were C. LePoidevin, K. Watt-Senner, A. Fennema and J. Jenkinson. Staff present were R.J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer.

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

Agenda:

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 09-09-274

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

None

Minutes:

**Regular Council Minutes,
August 26, 2020**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Minutes of August 26, 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 09-09-275

Carried

**Business arising from
the Minutes:**

Mayor Storey asked about writing a letter to the owners of the Fields Store parking lot. She noted a letter is to be written to the owners of the Fraser Lake Mall. The parking lot at the front of the Fields Store is in similar condition.

Councillor Jenkinson stated he would like Council to reconsider the decision around senior's snow plowing. He stated he has come up with new information about this program. He referred to comments from Public Works employees who have told him they liked plowing senior's driveways and that it could be done for something like \$12,000.00 annually.

Councillor Fennema agreed senior's driveways should be plowed if it can be done. Councillor Fennema has heard comments from seniors about their contributions to the community all their lives and they feel the snowplowing is a nice benefit.

Councillor LePoidevin stated he does not feel our Public Works employees should be reporting to Council. Councillor LePoidevin remains opposed to snowplowing senior's driveways. There are more people moving into the Village. The number of seniors who will expect to have their driveway plowed will only go up. Currently, the number of eligible seniors is unmanageable.

Councillor Watt-Senner agreed with Councillor LePoidevin. She does not believe this has to be a financial matter for seniors. If it is, there are programs available for them that will assist with the cost. The municipality should not be in the snow removal business. Public Works Department could use their time for better purposes.

Mayor Storey advised she was against cancelling the senior's snowplowing program. She commented on becoming an age friendly community and feels that decision does not support that designation. Mayor Storey stated people have told her they have moved to Fraser Lake because it is an age friendly community. Referring to 2016 statistics, Mayor Storey stated in 2016 26 percent of the population in Fraser Lake were seniors. At the same time 23 percent of the population were over the age of 50 years old. She suggested that soon over 50 percent of the community will be over 50 years of age.

CAO Holland advised this subject was discussed this past spring. Council decided the number of eligible seniors was growing to an unmanageable number. The decision of the day was to cancel senior's snowplowing and to begin removing the plow furrow from everyone's driveway after the grader made its rounds around town. The thought was that this provided service to all properties, regardless of age or ownership. As for the cost of senior's snowplowing, that should be a discussion with our Director of Finance.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive business arising from the minutes.

Resolution 09-09-276

Carried

Reports on Council

Activities:

Councillor LePoidevin

Nothing to report.

Councillor Watt-Senner

Nothing to report

Councillor Jenkinson

Councillor Jenkinson attended an awards ceremony for Fire Chief Joe Pacheco. Centerra Gold awarded Fire Chief Pacheco for "Keeping up our Spirits" during the Covid-19 pandemic. Councillor Jenkinson attended as Acting Mayor.

Councillor Fennema

Councillor Fennema attended the surprise award from Centerra Gold to Fire Chief Joe Pacheco. She enjoyed the event and thanked Fire Chief Pacheco for his contributions to our community.

Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey extended her congratulations to Fire Chief Pacheco.

Mayor Storey reports having attended two meetings at the Regional District. She enjoyed a presentation by the Northwest Invasive Plant Council. Property owners can apply for up to \$500.00 to remove invasive species from their property. This is 50% funding. The application is on the Regional District's website. The person applying the herbicide must be certified.

Mayor Storey commented on the Cow/calf moose culled. This program has caused a lot of concern. She also commented on the grizzly hunt. Mayor Storey commented on the need for conservation initiatives. She hopes to meet with Minister Doug Donaldson during UBCM to discuss her concern.

Mayor Storey complimented the Hospital District. It is currently under budget.

Mayor Storey commented on a new medivac service that is trying to establish itself in the north. The new service is provided by Team Aero Medic.

Mayor Storey reports meeting with Dr. Romain and Jill Hedstrom of the Fraser Lake Medical Clinic. James Simpson joined the meeting by phone. The group discussed what was going on with our physicians. Both Dr. Morgan and Dr. Unger will be leaving soon.

Elder abuse was another topic discussed. Mayor Storey feels there should be more supports in the system for our seniors. She has suggested development of an assisted living facility. They discussed the need for after hour care should such an assisted living facility be built. Northern Health feels the number of seniors needing such a facility in Fraser Lake are low. Northern Health brought up the lack of social workers in Fraser Lake. Northern Health asked for the Village's assistance in trying to find a social worker. Mayor Storey feels a social worker could provide significant support for both seniors and youth.

Councillor Watt-Senner agreed. She feels all small towns need a social worker. A social worker in the community would resolve many social issues.

A discussion followed.

Mayor Storey feels a conversation with the Minister of Health about the lack of services in small communities would be appropriate.

Developing better relationships between the clinic and the Village is needed. James Simpson is our new liaison from Northern Health. The commitment between both parties is to keep each other better informed.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 09-09-277

Carried

Accounts payable:

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$716,196.08.

Resolution 09-09-278

Carried

Correspondence List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the correspondence list

Resolution 09-09-279

Carried

Business from the CAO:

Feedback from the Drone Project

CAO Holland provided the response from Dr. Pawlovich about using local business as the source of supplies for this project.

CH Foote Memorial Arena – Covid-19 Winter Policy

CAO Holland presented the policy proposal. Development and adoption of a policy is required to comply with WorkSafeBC and Provincial Health Orders. The central points of the policy include:

- Staff Training for Covid 19 protocols
- New clean regimes.
- Limiting access to parts of the arena to manage areas to be cleaned.
- No spectators
- Requiring safety plans from organized sports groups
- Installation of hand sanitizers and signage to remind users of the requirement to not be entering the facility if you are ill. Abiding by the requirements for social distances, hand washing, limiting access to the facility while in the facility.
- Establishment of two isolation rooms should an arena user become ill.

CAO Holland noted the policy was developed by staff to make arena use possible.

Councillor Jenkinson stated he conducted an in-depth review of the policy. He noted he reviews and develops these types of policies for a living. He feels the proposed policy is pretty good.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the Village of Fraser Lake CH Foote Memorial Arena Covid 19 Winter 2020 Policy as presented.

Resolution 09-09-280

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive CAO Reports.

Resolution 09-09-281

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

None

New Business:

Councillor LePoidevin commented about the JNik water truck filling from the hydrant near Northern Log Hauling. He asked why the truck was not using the Water Dispensing Station at the arena.

CAO Holland advised the fill station at the arena is ready for use. Contact will be made with the contractor to ensure he moves to the arena for future loads of water.

A discussion followed around water use in the Village. Council has received complaints from several residents about our sale of water.

CAO Holland reflected on the Water Conservation Plan that was completed this past Spring. In general terms, the Village is not charging enough to cover the cost of water consumption in the Village. Although the consultant suggested an increase to all consumers of water, CAO Holland suggested it may be most appropriate to address the heavy users of water who are consuming excessive amounts of water for commercial use. CAO Holland commented Administration had hoped to begin sending letters to heavy water users to educate them about their consumption. The longer-term plan is to start charging for those excessive uses.

Councillor Watt-Senner asked when the 5th wheel trailer would be removed from the car wash property.

CAO Holland advised the agreed date was September 11, 2020.

Councillor Fennema asked about Halloween activities?

A discussion followed. It was agreed the Village will not hold or promote any public events for Halloween. No hot dogs or hamburgers or bonfires.

The UBCM Conference Call meetings with Minister Selena Robinson of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister Doug Robinson of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development were discussed.

Mayor Storey will participate in both conference calls.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive new business

Resolution 09-09-282

Carried

Bylaws:

Village of Fraser Lake Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue Bylaw No. 818, 2020

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the first, second and third reading of the Village of Fraser Lake Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue Bylaw No. 818, 2020.

Resolution 09-09-283

Carried

Village of Fraser lake Airport Reserve Bylaw No. 819, 2020

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the first, second and third reading of the Village of Fraser Lake Airport Reserve Bylaw No. 819, 2020.

Resolution 09-09-284

Carried

Next Regular Meeting of Council:

September 23, 2020 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers

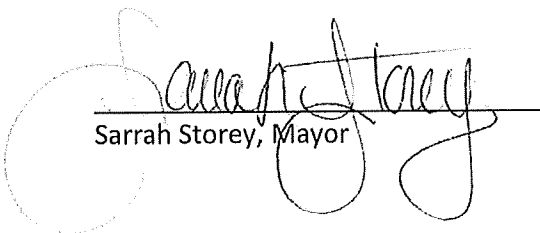
Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the September 9, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:00 pm.

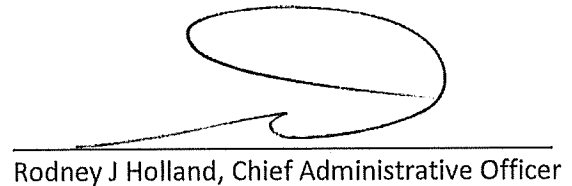
Resolution 09-09-285

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J Holland, Chief Administrative Officer