



Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 5:30 pm

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

Staff present were Director of Finance, L. McMaster, Economic Development Officer D. Christie, and Director of Public Works V. Hilman.

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

Agenda:

Mayor Storey called for a motion to adopt the agenda and the declaration of new business. Mayor Storey asked to add to the agenda the February 24, 2021 and March 1, 2021 In-Camera minutes. Mayor Storey noted that the In-Camera for March 10, could be held in the regular open meeting.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 03-10-124

Carried.

Delegations & Guests:

John Thiessen – Fraser Lake Men’s Shed (virtual)

Mayor Storey welcomed John Thiessen

John Thiessen stated that the Fraser Lake Men’s Shed has built a bench in memory of Richard Cannon and would like this bench to be mounted on a cement pad near the museum. He would like to wait until the snow melts to determine where the bench should be mounted.

Mayor Storey thanked Mr. Thiessen and noted that Council has talked about building a path and naming it in memory of Richard Cannon. Council would love to see this bench placed along the path and will let the Men’s Shed know what is decided.

**Regular Council Minutes,
February 24, 2021**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Minutes of February 24, 2021 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 the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Resolution 03-10-125

Carried

**In-Camera Minutes,
February 24, 2021**

MOVED/SECONDED that the In-Camera Minutes of February 24, 2021 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 the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Resolution 03-10-126

Carried

**In-Camera Minutes,
March 1, 2021**

MOVED/SECONDED that the In-Camera Minutes of March 1, 2021 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 the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Resolution 03-10-127

Carried

**Business arising from
the Minutes:**

The Tri-council meeting did not get scheduled for this week.

MOVED/SECONDED to accept the business arising from the minutes.

Resolution 03-10-128

Carried

**Reports on Council
Activities:**

Councillor LePoidevin

Councillor LePoidevin has been attending Village budget meetings.

Councillor Watt-Senner

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Councillor Jenkinson

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Councillor Fennema

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Mayor Storey

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MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 03-10-129

Carried

Accounts payable:

Councillor Fennema had a question about the payment to hydro in the amount \$12,207.41. Director of Finance, L. McMaster explained that this is a consolidated invoice which covers electricity costs for most of the Village owned buildings.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$947,385.11.

Resolution 03-10-130

Carried

Correspondence List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Correspondence List.

Resolution 03-10-131

Carried

Business from the CAO:

None

Staff Reports:

Village of Fraser Lake Complex Policy

Staff have been contacted by a training group who have asked to rent the complex for four weeks, possibly longer. Staff recommends the Complex Rental rates be altered to include a rate for bi-weekly and monthly rentals.

Bi-weekly - \$1200 plus \$60 GST plus \$340 for weekly cleaning total \$1600

Monthly - \$2400 plus \$120 GST plus \$680 for weekly cleaning total \$3200

MOVED/SECONDED to make an amendment to schedule A of the complex policy to include:

- A bi-weekly rate of \$1200 plus \$60 GST plus \$340 for weekly cleaning total \$1600.
- A monthly rate - \$2400 plus \$120 GST plus \$680 for weekly cleaning total \$3200
- Non-profit organization costs will be decided by Council on a case-by-case basis

Resolution 03-10-132

Carried

2022 Paving Plan

Staff have contacted the business property owners throughout the community to discuss collaborative partnerships for paving in 2022. Property owners agree that a collaborative partnership will be cost effective and have expressed interest in getting quotes to have their parking areas paved in 2022.

Director of Public Works, V. Hilman will arrange paving companies to come to the area in August 2021 to quote on Village projects. The businesses will request quotes for their properties at the same time.

Referendum Costs

Council requested staff to investigate the costs associated with holding a referendum. The costs to hold a municipal

Referendum are approximately the same as holding an election. The Village of Fraser Lake budgets approximately \$5000 to hold an election. However due to Covid-19, mail in ballots are recommended as well as Covid safeguards and extra cleaning measures at in-person ballot stations. It has been recommended to add 80-100% to the normal budget. In today's circumstances staff estimate the cost to hold a Referendum at \$10,000. The time frame to hold a Referendum is roughly six to seven months.

Wharf Options

In early 2019 the Fraser Lake Wharf pilings were damaged from beavers and lake ice movement broke several of the north end pilings causing the viewing platform to lean. The wharf was deemed unsafe and closed to the public.

Staff received quotes in 2019 for the repair and removal of the wharf. In 2020 the Village received an engineer report with updated pricing for the repair of the wharf.

Repair Costs - \$747,155
Removal Costs – \$298,011.89

Staff applied for a grant; funding was denied.

It has been noted that the wharf is closed but there are people who continue to cross the barricade. This is a liability for the Village. A discussion was held about if the wharf should be removed or repaired.

EDO Christie suggested getting new quotes for removal of the wharf. Mayor Storey asked if just the end of the wharf could be removed, would the wharf be safe to open to the public?

A discussion was held about how to remove or repair the wharf safely. There are concerns about how the members of the community will feel if the wharf is removed.

EDO Christie and Public Works Director, V. Hilman will be meeting with a Helix Foundation Systems Ltd on March 11, 2021 to discuss the cost of wharf repairs.

MOVED/SECONDED for staff to meet with Helix Foundation Systems Ltd. and email the results of the cost for this company to repair the wharf to Council.

Resolution 01-30-133

Carried

NCLGA AGM & Convention

The North Central Government Association will hold a 1.5-day virtual Annual General Meeting and Convention in 2021. Mayor Storey said it would be great if Council could attend.

MOVED/SECONDED to received staff reports.

Resolution 03-10-134

Carried

Reading List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Reading List.

Resolution 03-10-135

Carried

New Business:

Cement pad for the Richard Cannon memorial bench

Mayor Storey asked Public Works Director, V. Hilman if Public Works had time for placement of the cement pad. Public Works Director, V. Hilman agreed that there is time for this project in 2021.

MOVED/SECONDED to support the placement of the cement pad by the Village of Fraser Lake for the Richard Cannon memorial bench.

Resolution 03-10-136

Carried

Mayor Storey would like to have an interactive trail named "The Richard Cannon Way." The trail would have interactive signs along the trail. The trail would be from the Cataline Inn along the highway and end at the Museum. EDO Christie stated that the Village has received \$10,000 from Northern BC Tourism to do a signage campaign. EDO Christie added that the signs will be

marking the Mouse Mountain trails and that he has been working with Streamline Signs for the design. EDO Christie stated that there is still money leftover for more signs.

Mayor Storey would like to have more beautification directional signage placed around the Village. Mayor Storey would like to see more tourist attractions in the Village, such as a wood picture frame, which says "Village of Fraser Lake" engraved into the frame and tourists could take photos of themselves.

EDO Christie reminded Council that a Community Signage project for signs along the highway in the amount of \$12,000 was moved to 2022.

MOVED/SECONDED for staff to get quotes on the cost of an interactive trail in memory of Richard Cannon and to name the trail between Chowsunket and Carrier Crescent along the highway "Richard Cannon Way".

Resolution 03-10-137

Carried

Human Resources Review

Mayor Storey would like to hire a consultant to do a gap analysis for wages and benefits.

Council would like to ensure that staff are being paid fairly.

MOVED/SECONDED for staff to get a cost for hiring a consultant to do a gap analysis for wages for staff and to analyze the policies for vacation and sick time accrual.

Resolution 03-10-138

Carried

Land Use Planning

The project is to support initial discussions with local governments to explore their interests in Resource Management Planning (RMP) Omineca Region. RMP is necessary because:

- Land use plans in the Omineca Region were completed in the early 2000's and would benefit from review to ensure that current considerations (e.g., climate change, reconciliation) are reflected.

- The forest sector in the Omineca is undergoing significant transformation, which Resource Management Planning can support.

The engagement described in this project will work with senior leaders in your local government to inform the Resource Management Planning process.

PURPOSE & EXPECTED RESULTS

This project will engage senior leaders in still confidential preliminary plans for RMP. The format will be a series of meetings to identify shared and individual interests in the outcomes of an RMP and how it could be structured to include local government representation.

OUTCOMES

Through the delivery of the Services the Province wishes to realize the following

- Understanding of the range of interests and perspectives in the communities
- Identification of options for local governments including Rural Directors of your area to be represented in an RMP that can inform next steps in the process design.
- An understanding of the current challenges in the region

DELIVERABLES

The result of this project will be a plan of meetings, examples of groups/representatives who will be part of the discussions, and an approach for sharing and incorporating the learnings with the Province through the Resource Management Planning process.

The Recipient will:

- Coordinate a meeting between the local government representatives and the Province before March 15th, 2021 to scope next steps for how local engagement could take place
- Work with the Province to design a plan for future engagements taking place in 2021-2022 (including suggestions for meetings already planned by your local government that we could participate in), due March 26th, 2021)

MOVED/SECONDED to work with the Ministry of Forests on the land use plan and will accept the funding in the amount of \$16,666.66 offered from the Ministry.

Resolution 03-10-139

Carried

Councillor Fennema reported that she has received complaints about potholes on Tunasa Drive Mayor Storey stated that at this time of year it is inevitable.

Council asked Director of Public Works V. Hilman to place the caution, "bump" road signs throughout the Village where needed to ensure that motorists are aware of these hazards.

Councillor Jenkinson would like to know why the quality of the scanned material for the Council packages is poor? Sometimes images are not clear. Councillor Jenkinson would like staff to ensure the quality of the scans are clear before the package gets sent out.

Councillor Jenkinson reported that he likes the carvings in The District of Chetwynd. Chetwynd holds a carving contest and after the contest is over, Chetwynd retains the carvings. Councillor Jenkinson would like staff to apply for carvings. Councillor Jenkinson said The Village of Granisle applied for the carvings and they were donated to the Village of Granisle from the District of Chetwynd.

MOVED/SECONDED for staff to call The Village of Granisle or ask The District of Chetwynd how the Village of Fraser Lake can apply for the carvings.

Resolution 03-10-140

Carried

Councillor Jenkinson stated that once vaccinations are rolled out, and there is the possibility that restrictions will be lifted, should Council hire a Recreation Director for 2021?

A discussion was held about hiring a Recreation Director in 2021.

EDO Christie said there are others in town that are willing to offer programs with kids. Scouts Canada are looking to do some programs such as canoe lessons, another resident would like to offer flyfishing lessons. One other resident would like to offer a program to learn to make fishing lures.

Mayor Storey reminded Council that in 2021 ping pong tables and chess tables will be added and there are plans to fix the tennis court and add a pickleball court in 2021.

Councillor LePoidevin would like pickleball to start up in the Area once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Councillor LePoidevin asked Director of Public Works, V. Hilman if lines could be painted on the hard surface for pickleball instead of using tape. Director of Public Works, V. Hilman commented that the paint will not last on the surface and the tape reacts badly with the ice; it acts as a repellent.

Budget

MOVED/SECONDED to purchase a garbage truck in the amount of \$258,120 from the Northern Capital Planning Reserve.

Resolution 03-10-141

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to purchase signage in the amount \$5,000 from the Northern Capital Planning Reserve.

Resolution 03-10-142

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to spend \$56,400 from general revenues towards the joint venture repairs to the tennis/pickleball court.

Resolution 03-10-143

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to rescind resolution 02-11-59 to expend \$10,700 from the water reserve.

Resolution 03-10-144

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to expend \$10,700 from the water fund to clean and inspect the water tower.

Resolution 03-10-145

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to expend an additional \$8,805 from the Northern and Capital Planning Grant Reserve for the Cemetery Drainage project.

Resolution 03-10-146

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to expend \$10,000 from the Northern BC Tourism grant for community signage.

Resolution 03-10-147

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to expend \$12,000 from the Covid Restart Reserve fund for highway community signage.

Resolution 03-10-148

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive New Business.

Resolution 03-10-149

Carried

Bylaws:

Village of Fraser Lake Water Reserve Bylaw No. 820,2021.

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the 4th and final reading of the Village of Fraser Lake Water Reserve Bylaw No. 820, 2021.

Resolution 03-10-150

Carried

Village of Fraser Lake Community Forest Reserve Bylaw No. 821, 2021.

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the 4th and final reading of the Village of Fraser Lake Community Forest Reserve Bylaw No. 821, 2021.

Resolution 03-10-151

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the 4th and final reading of the Village of Fraser Lake Water Connection and Rental Charges Amending Bylaw No. 822, 2021.

Resolution 03-10-152

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the 4th and final reading of the Village of Fraser Lake Sewer Connection and Rental Charges Amending Bylaw No. 823, 2021.

Resolution 03-10-153

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the 4th and final reading of the Village of Fraser Lake Waste Collection and Disposal Amending Bylaw No. 824, 2021.

Resolution 03-10-154

Carried

Next Regular Meeting of Council:

March 24, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Next Special Meeting of Council:

March 17th, 2021 3:30 pm

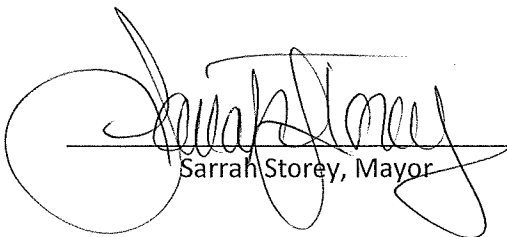
Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the March 10, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be now adjourned at 7:31 pm.


Resolution 03-10-155

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Laura McMaster, Director of Finance