



Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 5:30 pm

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

Staff present were Chief Administrative Officer R. Holland and Recording Secretary T. Austin.

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

Agenda:

Acting Mayor Watt-Senner called for a motion to adopt the agenda and the declaration of new business.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 09-22-324

Carried

**Regular Council Minutes,
September 8, 2021**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Minutes of September 8, 2021, be adopted as presented 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 09-22-325

Carried

**Business arising from
the Minutes:**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Delegations & Guests:

There were no delegations or guests.

**Reports on Council
Activities:**

Councillor LePoidevin

None

Councillor Fennema

Reported that today she attended the Historical Society Annual General Meeting. She noted that in a few weeks they will move the bench for Richard Cannon into storage for the winter. They presented information on how to become incorporated, updated their bylaws and elected a new executive. She noted that they will forward the updated bylaws to EDO Christie.

Councillor Jenkinson

None

Councillor Watt-Senner

None

Mayor Storey

Reported that she attended Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) 2021 Convention this week. She attended 3 ministry meetings with CAO Holland, Energy Sector Panel meetings, Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA), and other sessions. She also attended an emergency meeting today with Minister Dix where he reviewed the current health situation in the north.

Mayor Storey noted that Minister Dix reported high Covid-19 case rates across the north. A report was given on the cases by communities, an update on contact tracing process, and the current situation in hospitals. Mayor Storey was asked to continue to communicate the message to get vaccinated. Mayor Storey noted that Shirley Bond, the official Liberal Leader opposition critic, and Liberal leaders were also present for update. She noted that she will pass along the official report to Council once she receives it.

Mayor Storey reported that during the UBCM meeting with Minister Beare on connectivity, she was able to report on the independent speeds tests that were 26/6, which is far below the Canadian standard of 50/10, and shared that the Village of Fraser Lake was proceeding with a partnership with CityWest. Mayor Storey noted that Minister Beare said there might be more funding available once speed tests are complete. Mayor Storey noted that if additional funding becomes available, it could possibly be put towards the new water tower.

Mayor Storey reported that she and CAO Holland attended a meeting a few days later again with Minister Beare. The Minister's office is going to review the information presented. Mayor Storey noted a possibility of receiving funding following their review.

Mayor Storey reported that in the UBCM meeting with Minister Conroy she was able to present the Village's information related to forestry. She thanked them for the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) funding and support they have provided to the Village this past year. She highlighted how well the Village has been able to manage the Community Forest but due to the quality of fibre in the Community Forest, she made a request that stumpage rates stay low. She highlighted the positive work of the Community Forest in the areas of wildlife habitat, soil erosion prevention and fibre retention/water assessments.

Mayor Storey reported on the UBCM meeting with Minister Eby regarding senior housing. The need for assisted living units was discussed to support seniors and elders in the community. CAO Holland will be attending a meeting with BC Housing.

Mayor Storey reported that she was elected as a UBCM Director at Large.

Councillor Jenkinson congratulated Mayor Storey on her election.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 09-22-326

Carried

Accounts payable:

Accounts payable was presented. There were no questions.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$1,232,003.40.

Resolution 09-22-327

Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

Water Tower – Engineering Services

CAO Holland reported that staff contacted 3 different municipalities regarding the process on their water tower construction to gather more information. CAO Holland reported that the next step is to complete the engineering plan for the water tower which would give a clear understanding of the scope of the project. This could be completed by the spring of 2022. It could then be followed by posting a tender for the project when everything is prepared. CAO Holland recommends that the Village of Fraser Lake proceed with a Request for Proposal for the engineering of the design.

MOVED/SECONDED approval be given to prepare a Request for Proposal for the design of a new water tower for the Village of Fraser Lake.

Resolution 09-22-328

Carried

Wastewater Dump Station Update

CAO Holland reported that staff contacted a few municipalities that have installed wastewater collection stations recently and all of them were designed and engineered by Urban Systems. He reported that yesterday they met with the engineer, Mr. Jared Halter from Urban Systems. Mr. Halter felt that the Village already had a good design planned but he provided staff with some additional information on prefabricated housing and some plumbing ideas.

CAO Holland reported that station in another municipalities system costed as much as \$500,000. CAO Holland presented information prepared by Director of Public Works Hilman on 3 different sites in Fraser Lake. Site #1 near the Men's shed would be estimated at \$222,000, Site #2 and Site #3

on lots 14 and 17 on the southside would be estimated \$174,718 each. CAO Holland noted that he and Director Hilman discussed the project; noting that the project could proceed, but with the increased costs of \$100,000 above the initial quote and with no assurance that this contract will go beyond November 2022, they are wondering if the project should proceed.

Mayor Storey noted that she contacted Coastal Gas Link (CGL) to discuss their anticipated needs in the future. She reported that there are no major projects planned in the area past November 2022. She also inquired about other pipelines; she was told there was nothing confirmed. She acknowledged driving through the mobile home park is not ideal, but another solution might be able to be found until the contract is finished.

CAO Holland noted that staff recommend that they continue to get the potable water from the green shed that they have been using since the beginning of the contract, but permanently move the wastewater dump to the manhole off Langley Street.

Mayor Storey inquired if there was a possibility of setting hours that dumping was allowed to minimize the smell for nearby buildings.

CAO Holland reported that they have a system that is set on particular timing, so setting hours would be difficult. He also reported that the smell complaints received were investigated in-person, noting that the smell was noticeable in the hot weather, but when there is a bit of a wind and mild temperatures, the smell is not noticeable.

Councillor Watt-Senner inquired if there are any other income streams than the CGL Pipeline.

CAO Holland noted that there is possibility of accepting rural septic tank wastewater. He noted that recently the Regional District has closed all their sites that accepted rural septic tank wastewater. Regional District has inquired in the past that if they closed those sites, would the Village be willing to accept rural septic waste. CAO Holland noted that there are risks of accepting rural septic as there is no way of knowing if residents have disposed of containments in their septic systems. He noted that just 5 litres of motor oil can kill the enzymes of the septic pond, which would create a very smelly problem. CAO Holland and Director Hilman are hesitant to take rural septic wastewater. He noted that if there are future pipelines and/or large work camps, that would be the most reliable source of wastewater if the Village continues to offer that service.

Councillor Watt-Senner inquired if there was any funding available for a project like this.

CAO Holland noted that there may be funding from Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) or Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund (NDKF), and from time to time the province has funding to support

green activity projects. CAO Holland noted that staff can continue to work on this as things unfold in the region. CAO Holland noted the Village has been able to put a fair amount in reserves and it has been a good thing for the community. He noted that because of the unknowns, staff recommends watching to see what happens in the future and bringing forward again if it seems necessary.

Mayor Storey inquired if there were any upgrades that could be done to the manhole to reduce smell.

CAO Holland noted that wastewater just smells, the best option is to have it placed away from where people live and work. That would be one of the benefits of creating a dumping site on the southside lots.

Councillor Jenkinson inquired if a site break being installed in the line is an option to reduce burping.

CAO Holland discussed a variety of options with the engineer, however unless you invest in UV or carbon filtering, which is expensive, wastewater smells.

Councillor Watt-Senner noted that doing the suggested changes might be the best option rather than moving the station and spend that amount of money.

Mayor Storey also wondered if spending that amount of money for a short-term contract is a good choice. Both wondered if doing the few changes suggested would be the best option to get the Village through to next November. Mayor Storey also noted if businesses start moving into the southside lots, it may be in the way over there. Mayor Storey noted that it would be good if it could be moved to a non-residential or non-commercial area like near the 4th lagoon if it is needed in the future.

Councillor LePoidevin agreed that the best option at this point seems to be to change the process for now and if more business arises in the future, it can be discussed again.

CAO Holland confirmed with Mayor and Council that this project will be placed on hold until such a time that future business would warrant another look. Mayor and Council agreed.

UBC/Drone Canada Grand Opening – Ribbon Cutting

CAO Holland noted that the University of BC (UBC), Drone Canada and Dr. John Pawlovich will be celebrating the starting of the Drone project by holding a ribbon cutting at the site down by White Swan Park at 10:30 am on October 13, 2021. Following that ceremony, there will be another ribbon cutting at the Stelat'en site at 11:30 am.

Complaints

CAO Holland presented the complaints. There were no questions.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the CAO Report.

Resolution 09-22-329

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

None

New Business:

September 30, 2021 – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Mayor Storey noted that there will be events at the former LeJac Residential School site on the 30th and noted there is a poster with more information. She noted that she will be attending.

Library Upgrades

Councillor Fennema invited everyone to come and check out the upgrades at the library. She reported that the new lights and windows are installed, and they are just finishing the insulation and new siding. She reported that it looks very good.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive New Business.

Resolution 09-22-330

Carried

Bylaws:

Village of Fraser Lake Permissive Tax Exemptions Bylaw No.825,2021

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the first, second, and third readings of the Village of Fraser Lake Permissive Tax Exemptions Bylaw No.825, 2021.

Resolution 09-22-331

Carried

Village of Fraser Lake 2022 Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue Bylaw No.826, 2021.

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the first, second, and third readings of the Village of Fraser Lake 2022 Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue Bylaw No.826, 2021.

Resolution 09-22-332

Carried

Next Regular Meeting of Council: October 13, 2021, at 5:30 pm

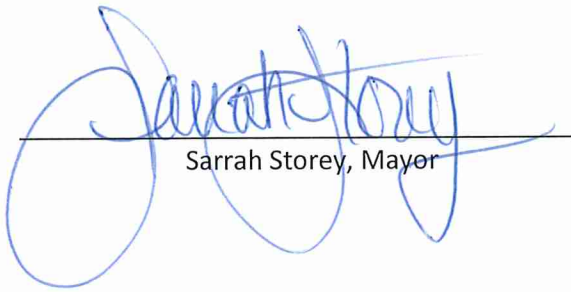
Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the September 22, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council be now adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Resolution 09-22-333

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer