



**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers
on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 5:30 pm**

Mayor S. Storey presided. Councillors present were C. LePoidevin, A Fennema, and J. Webb. Councillor J. Jenkinson joined the meeting electronically.

Staff present were Chief Administrative Officer R. Holland and Economic Development Officer D. Christie.

Public present were Jim Woolsey, Endako Mine Site Manager and Chris Hiemstra, Endako Mine Environmental Coordinator.

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

Agenda:

Mayor Storey called for a motion to adopt the agenda and asked for the declaration of new business.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda with the addition of the year end transfers report from the Director of Finance.

Resolution 12-14-396

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

The delegation from Centerra Gold (DBA: Endako Mine) consisted of Angela Waterman, Scott Webber, Giulliana Tamblyn, Jim Woolsey, and Chris Hiemstra.

Centerra Gold reported on plans to modify tailings pond #2 by installing a spillway. Tailings pond #2 has not been active since 2012. It has no remaining capacity to hold further tailings. This tailings pond does not possess a spillway, so, the mine is required to pump accumulations of water to prevent overflow of the pond dikes. Constructing a spillway will allow water to run downstream and eliminate the concerns related to overtopping of the tailing pond dike.

Construction of the spillway is in response to a dam safety inspection report recommendation. The spillway is also a component of the closure plan for tailings pond #2. This project is required to meet regulatory and safety obligations.

Construction activities in 2023 will consist of clearing or grubbing of vegetation and logging. Completion of the spillway is dependent on receipt of the required permits. The new spillway will direct a minor increase in flow to Higginbotham Creek.

The delegation went on to discuss the outcome of their Higginbotham Creek assessment that was completed as part of their planning for the tailings pond #2 spillway construction. There are pre-existing conditions on Higginbotham Creek that posed the potential for public safety risk. The culvert passing under Francois Lake Road is undersized. In the event of a 200-year rainfall event, also referred to as a Probable Maximum Precipitation event, the maximum flow depths of Higginbotham Creek at Francois Lake could be as much as 1.4 to 1.8 meters deep. This would impact the residential buildings and public roads in the immediate area. Centerra Gold has brought this to the attention of the Village as they believe it important to notify the public of this risk. Centerra Gold will also notify the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) of their findings and concerns.

Mayor Storey noted, Higginbotham Creek is not within Village boundaries. She recommended that Centerra Gold's concerns should be passed on to the Regional District Bulkley Nechako.

Councillor Jenkinson asked if there were plans to transfer material into tailings pond #2 after the spillway is completed?

Jim Woolsey stated tailings pond #2 is full. There is no room for additional materials. This summer Endako Mine will begin dust control activities by planting the tailings pond with grass and local vegetation.

Mayor Storey thanked the delegation for their presentation.

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes,
November 23, 2022**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2022, 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 12-14-397

Carried

**Business arising from
the Minutes:**

None

**Reports on Council
Activities:**

Councillor LePoidevin

Councillor LePoidevin had no new activities to report.

Councillor Webb

Councillor Webb attended the Don Lidstone Legal Session in Smithers, B.C. on November 30th. She found the presentation very informative and valuable.

Councillor Jenkinson

Councillor Jenkinson attended the Don Lidstone Legal Session training in Smithers as well. He also attended the Santa Claus parade, the Emergency Services and Village Christmas parties.

Councillor Fennema

Councillor Fennema also attended the Don Lidstone Legal Session training. She agreed with Councillor Webb's comments. The presentation by Don Lidstone was important and beneficial for her role on Council. Councillor Fennema thanked Village staff for organizing the Village Christmas dinner. It was lots of fun.

Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey attended an Artemis Gold meeting for community leaders. Artemis Gold provided an update on what is going on at the mine. The meeting also provided an opportunity to talk about what is going on in our community. Mayor Storey provided an email prior to the community leaders meeting to explain what was happening in our community and to identify what our community needs.

Mayor Storey talked about social responsibility and corporate responsibilities to support the community. She talked about how supporting the communities will support their goals of attracting and retaining employees. Mayor Storey felt Artemis Gold was listening to these concerns.

Mayor Storey attended a North Central Local Government meeting on Saturday. She had nothing to share from that meeting. Discussions were held regarding the responses from Ministers relative to some of the UBCM resolutions.

Mayor Storey attended training held at the RDBN. She would like to have similar training for Village Council. She feels Council would benefit from training around Rules of Order. This understanding will be especially important if the Village goes to live Council Meetings. Understanding the rules of order creates a more professional appearance.

Mayor Storey had a meeting with Ms. Stevens from the BC Nurses Union. She wanted to know about any concerns. Mayor Storey felt they had a good conversation.

Mayor Storey attended Sgt Jason Rimming's farewell dinner. She also attended the Don Lidstone Legal Session training, the Emergency Services party and the Village Christmas party as well.

Mayor Storey talked about the importance of training. She feels she

learns something at every training event she attends.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 12-14-398

Carried

Accounts payable:

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$295,273.59

Resolution 12-14-399

Carried

Councillor Jenkinson asked about the purchase of the Bobcat Snowblade.

CAO Holland advised a split blade was purchased several years ago. It was damaged beyond repair when it hit a manhole cover. Public Works was plowing snow with the bucket which is not efficient. This new blade is not a split blade, so, it was less expensive.

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

2023 Schedule for Regular Meetings of Council:

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the 2023 schedule for Regular Meetings of Council as presented.

Resolution 12-14-400

Carried

2023 NDIT Internship Program:

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the Northern Development Initiative Trust to host a local government intern for the 2023/2024 Internship Program.

Resolution 12-14-401

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED, should the Village be successful in our application to host a Local Government Intern in 2023/2024, the Village commits up to \$25,000.00 from general revenues to meet Village obligations for wage top up, housing allowance and mandatory employment related costs as required through the NDIIT Internship Program.

Resolution 12-14-402

Carried

20th Annual Natural Resources Forum:

The draft program for the 20th Annual Natural Resources Forum was presented. The event will take place in Prince George, B.C. from January 17th to January 19, 2023.

Christmas & New Year Holiday Office Hours:

MOVED/SECONDED to close the Village Office between December 24th 2022 and January 2nd, 2023.

Resolution 12-14-403

Carried

Canada Summer Jobs:

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the Canada Summer Jobs grant program for up to \$30,000.00 to subsidize the wages of six (6) University Students for summer employment in 2023.

Resolution 12-14-404

Carried

BC Air Access Grant program:

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the 2023 BC Air Access Grant Program for up to \$130,000.00 for 2023 Airport Improvement projects.

Resolution 12-14-405

Carried

Year End Transfers:

MOVED/SECONDED to deposit \$3,100.00 from the 2022 White Swan Park RV donations into the Village of Fraser Lake Capital Expenditures Reserve Fund (CERF) reserve account.

Resolution 12-14-406

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to deposit \$22,000.00 that was budgeted for the 2022 Village of Fraser Lake rebranding and website update project into the Village of Fraser Lake CERF reserve account.

Resolution 12-14-407

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to deposit \$4,600,000.00 from the 2022 Community Forest revenues and returned stumpage funds to the Village of Fraser Lake Community Forest Reserve account.

Resolution 12-14-408

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to establish a new account for the Local Government Climate Action program funding that is received from the province and to deposit the 2022 revenue of \$47,082.00 into that account.

Resolution 12-14-409

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the business from the CAO.

Resolution 12-14-410

Carried

Staff Reports:

MOVED/SECONDED to donate the use of the arena for the December 23, 2022 Community Hockey Game.

Resolution 12-14-411

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive staff reports.

Resolution: 12-14-412

Carried

Reading List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Reading List.

Resolution 12-14-413

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Jenkinson:

Councillor Jenkinson asked for a status update for the Public Works Employees driving the garbage truck?

CAO Holland explained the new garbage truck is equipped with air brakes. To operate the truck, an air brakes endorsement is required on the employee's driver license. Four Public Works employees were sent to Vanderhoof for Air Brake training through E&R Driver Training. All four employees have successfully completed the written exam. They are awaiting the scheduling of the practical examination.

Mayor Storey:

Mayor Storey asked about the damaged soffit on the Professional Building. She would also like to see the wood pallet that is on the roof above the entry removed.

CAO Holland noted the soffit was damaged during a wind event about a month ago. Public Works is aware of the damage and is scheduled to complete the required repairs.

Mayor Storey is concerned by the amount of garbage that is on top of the cabinets at the arena. She would like to see that cleaned up. She also noted there is no place to dispose of sanitary napkins in the women's washrooms at the arena. She would like to see Feminine Hygiene containers installed.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive new business

Resolution 12-14-414

Carried

Bylaws:

None

In Camera:

As per Section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter which stated a part of a Council Meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

MOVED/SECONDED to move the Regular Meeting to In Camera under section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter at 6:30 pm.

Resolution 12-14-415

Carried

Return to the Regular Meeting at 6:53 pm.

MOVED/SECONDED to commit \$1.5 M as the Village financial commitment for the construction of the for the Fraser Lake Water Reservoir Replacement project and to expend those funds from the Fraser Lake Community Forest Reserve.

Resolution 12-14-419

Carried

Next Regular Meeting of Council:

January 11, 2023, at 5:30 pm

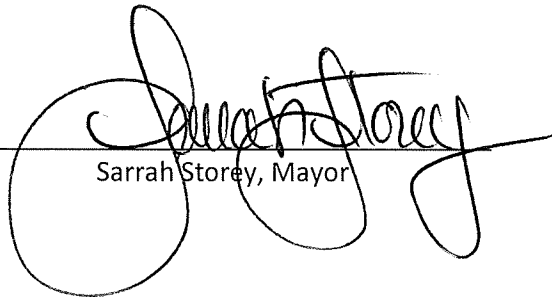
Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the December 14, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 6:55 pm.


Resolution 12-14-420

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer