



**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers
on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 5:30 pm**

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

Staff present were Chief Administrative Officer R. Holland.

**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.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 02-23-108

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

Sgt Jason Rumming of the Fraser Lake RCMP presented his Annual Report. The report highlighted crime reduction activities, traffic enforcement, an update on detachment staffing resources, the formation of the Violence Against Women in Relationships committee and the detachment's annual performance plan. Sgt Rumming provided his report in a written format.

In reviewing the details set out in his report, Sgt Rumming reviewed the success of their crime reduction initiatives. These activities have been undertaken in conjunction with neighbouring detachment. Through the haring of information and holding offenders accountable to court ordered conditions. Since most of the offenses in our community are attributed to just a few chronic or prolific offenders, this approach has had a significant impact on the behavior of these individuals. Curfew checks in 2021 were up 418 percent, from 33 curfew checks in 2020.

Sgt Rumming reviewed the statistical data generated through the 1516 Calls for service that were responded to by the Fraser Lake Detachment in 2021.

Sgt Rumming reviewed the traffic enforcement activities. Statistically, the final numbers are similar to those generate in 2020. Impaired driving was a strategic focus in 2021, seeing a 40 percent increase in the number of Impaired charges being levied in 2021. In the conduct of these activities, the detachment continues to partner with ICBC, School District 91, Commercial Transport Vehicle Safety and North District Traffic Services. Several of the initiatives stemming from these partnerships include School Bus – red light violators, enhances patrols and speed enforcement in Nadleh and Stellaquo and regional roadways.

Sgt Rumming advises the detachment is making concerted efforts to improve road safety in the community through pro active enforcement activities.

Sgt Rumming discussed the Violence Against Women in Relationships Committee. The group that has been assembled for this purpose is broad based. Service providers include Autumn Services, Connexus, CSFS, Omineca Safe Home, Stelat'en First Nation, Stelat'en FN Health Unit, Fraser Lake Crisis Centre, Nadleh Whut'en First Nation Health Unit, MCFD, Vanderhoof Probation and Vanderhoof Crown Council. Sgt Rumming anticipated the group will eventually become a non-profit Organization.

Sgt Rumming discussed the Detachment's Annual Performance Plan. The three priorities are 1) building and maintaining trust with the Public and Community Partners, 2) enhancing public safety and 3) prioritizing the mental and physical health, wellness, and resiliency of detachment employees.

Mayor Storey thanked Sgt Rumming for his report. She appreciates the various levels of communication between the detachment and the Village. Mayor Storey asked if there were any opportunities for the municipality to assist the police.

Councillor Jenkinson commented on the increased heavy truck traffic on Highway 16. He has not noticed an increase in the number of truck inspections on the highway corridor.

Sgt Rumming advised truck inspections fall into the realm of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement service. COVID-19 had a significant impact on everyone's work, including road checks conducted by CVSE. Sgt Rumming anticipate an increase in their activities as COVID restrictions reduce. He also hopes to coordinate several road check blitzes with CVSE and Conservation later this year.

A short discussion followed around road safety and motor vehicle collisions.

Mayor Storey thanked Sgt Rumming again for his time and presentation.

Regular Council Minutes,
February 9, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 9, 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 02-23-109

Carried

In Camera Minutes
February 9, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED that the In Camera Council Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2022, be adopted as presented on this day and that such Minutes as read set out the business before Council that day and fully and properly record all the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council that meeting.

Resolution 02-23-110

Carried

Business arising from
the Minutes:

None

Reports on Council
Activities:

Councillor LePoidevin

None

Councillor Jenkinson

He attended the Family Day celebration and manned the BBQ.

Councillor Watt-Senner

She attended the Family Day celebration and manned the BBQ. Councillor Watt-Senner also attended the recent Chamber of Commerce meeting. The newly formed partnership between Nadleh and Marco has been good for the local economy. Nadleh Macro has been using local businesses which is nice to see.

Councillor Fennema

She attended the Family Day BBQ. She has received a number of positive comments about the event. Our Community Grad Transitions Day on January 18th. She was very impressed with the presentations. Councillor Fennema noted she has ESS Training coming up.

Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey sent correspondence to MP Bachrach regarding the impacts of the CN Rail service on the local mill. A response was received from CN Rail. They blame the cold weather on the prairies that have caused a slow return of rail cars from supplier.

On the same issue, Mayor Storey received a call from Brad McRoberts from the Province. He is also working to resolve this concern.

Mayor Storey attended three days of UBCM meetings.

She attended the Family Day BBQ.

Mayor Storey had a meeting with Tanner Moulton of TC Energy. Mr. Moulton wanted the Mayor to know what was going on with the Nadleh Macro partnership. There has been a commitment to support local business. Tanner Moulton believes local accommodations will be full, as will the Fraser Lake Villa Park.

Mayor Storey also attended NCLGA meetings.

She participated in the Northern Regional Conference Call with Minister Josie Osborne. During the call, Minister Osborne asked each Mayor about their goals for the coming year. What they want to accomplish in this term and what they plan to leave for the next Council. Mayor Storey took the opportunity to plug the community and the goals of the Council. This included telling the Minister about efforts to replace the water tower.

Mayor Storey spoke with the representatives of CityWest at the Family Day event. Mayor Storey feels members of Council can influence the number of people registering for fibre optic service through VFL Communications. She asks members of Council to promote the service when on social media. With larger numbers of subscribers, the more benefit to the community.

Mayor Storey commented on a recent visit to McKenzie, B.C. for hockey. She commented on the quality of their arena and how it is a community gathering space. She feels Council needs to consider the importance of having a community hub such as the Community Hall project. Mayor Storey feels if the Community Hall is built, it may encourage people to move to Fraser Lake

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 02-23-111

Carried

Accounts payable:

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$904,699.29.

Resolution 02-23-112

Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

Connectivity – Financial clean up

MOVED/SECONDED to amend resolution 09-08-321, made at the September 8th, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council to proceed with the proposal from CityWest to install fibre optic infrastructure in Fraser Lake and to expend \$1.1 million for that purpose by allocating that expenditure from the following reserves: \$551,530.00 from the Village of Fraser Lake Community Works Fund reserve, \$455,000 from the Village of Fraser Lake COVID-19 Restart reserve and \$93,470.00 from the Village of Fraser Lake Northern Capital and Planning Grant reserve.

Resolution 02-23-113

Carried

Water Reservoir Replacement Project

CAO Holland advised the grant application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure program has been submitted. Based on the projected cost of the project, the electronic application calculates the amount of the grant funding and the contribution of the community. The community obligation has increased from \$625,000.00 to \$793,766.00. For our application to be eligible for funding, that amount of money must be committed to the project. An amendment to the previous resolution to reflect the community's obligation toward this infrastructure project.

MOVED/SECONDED to amend resolution 02-09-89 made at the Regular Meeting of Council on February 9, 2022, to increase the community's funding commitment to \$793,766.00 for the replacement of the Water Reservoir, addition of a stirring mechanism, and a chlorine monitoring and injection system to improve the quality and availability of drinking water in our community that meets all public health standards.

Resolution 02-23-114

Carried

Commercial Southside properties:

CAO Holland advised Council it has been seven years since the prices were established for Southside Subdivision commercial properties. In that time, five properties have sold. Twelve properties remain available for purchase. CAO Holland advised there are regular inquires about the properties. Due to the number of years that have lapsed since these properties were priced, Administration was bringing this to Council for review. There is no recommendation from Administration.

A brief discussion followed.

Mayor Storey commented on the development of the expanded card lock facility by the Four River's Cooperative. Upgrades may be required for the intersection of Highway 16 and South Carrier Crescent. If those

improvements are required, the expense would be assessed against the Southside properties by way of a parcel tax.

CAO Holland advised the Village is working with the Ministry of Transportation to determine what is required. Not enough information is available to determine the impact of the Four River's Cooperative development. The improvements to the South Carrier intersection would not be for the sole benefit of the Four River's Cooperative. Improvement of that intersection would benefit the whole subdivision. Some of that cost could be appointed to the southside properties by way of a parcel tax. Once more information is available, that discussion can advance.

MOVED/SECONDED to table the discussion of the improvement to the Highway 16 and South Carrier Crescent intersection until further information is received.

Resolution 02-23-115

Carried

Minister Beare – Response to Internet Speed Study:

CAO Holland presented the correspondence received from Minister Beare.

Mayor Storey voiced her disappointment with Minister Beare's decision on this matter. The data presented from the independent speed study appears to have been dismissed but the information provided by incumbent Internet Supplier has been accepted, contrary to the evidence which contradicts their claims. There seems to be a systemic bias that provides Telus with the benefit of the doubt

A brief discussion followed. Council has asked Administration to write Minister Beare a letter to voice Council's concern about her decision and the potential impact that decision could have on northern communities.

MOVED/SECONDED to write a letter to Minister Beare to voice Council's concern about her decision to support Telus in it's claim of adequate internet service for northern communities.

Resolution 02-23-116

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the business from the Chief Administrative Officer.

Resolution 02-23-117

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the reading list.

Resolution 02-23-118

Carried

Mayor Storey noted the COFI conference is scheduled for April 27 to 29th, 2022. Mayor Storey has registered; however, her schedule prevents her attendance. She noted, the CAO may attend the conference as an alternate. She would like CAO Holland to attend this conference.

MOVED/SECONDED to send CAO Holland to the COFI conference on April 27 to 29th, 2022.

Resolution 02-23-119

Carried

Mayor Storey note the request from the BC Epilepsy Society for a proclamation to declare March 26th as Epilepsy Awareness Day in the Village of Fraser Lake. The proclamation would designate March 26th as the annual day of recognition to raise awareness of epilepsy and to encourage residents to wear purple on that day in recognition of this event.

MOVED/SECONDED to proclaim March 26th as the annual day of epilepsy awareness in the Village of Fraser Lake to increase the knowledge and understanding of epilepsy that will improve the quality of life of British Columbians living with epilepsy. This health promotion event will be designated as Purple Day.

Resolution 02-23-120

Carried

New Business:

Councillor LePoidevin noted representatives of Yellowhead Road & Bridge will meet at the Fraser Lake Wharf tomorrow to provide a quote for pressure washing the wharf and applying linseed oil.

Councillor LePoidevin added that FLESS is holding a virtual Science Fair on February 25th. They are looking for judges.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive new business.

Resolution 02-23-121

Carried

Bylaws:

The Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake
Water Connection and Rental Charges Amending Bylaw No. 828, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the first, second and third readings of the Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake Water Connection and Rental Charges Amending Bylaw No. 828, 2022.

Resolution 02-23-122

Carried

The Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake
Sewer Connection and Rental Charges Amending Bylaw No. 829, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the first, second and third readings of the Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake Sewer Connection and Rental Charges Amending Bylaw No. 829, 2022.

Resolution 02-23-123

Carried

The Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake
Waste Collection and Disposal Amending Bylaw No. 830, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the first, second and third readings of the Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake Waste Collection and Disposal Amending Bylaw No. 830, 2022.

Resolution 02-23-124

Carried

In Camera:

As per Section 90(1)(c) of the Community Charter which states a part of a Council Meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to labour relations or other employee relations.

MOVED/SECONDED to move the Regular Meeting to In Camera under Section 90(1)(c) of the Community Charter at 7:10 pm.

Resolution 02-23-125

Carried

Return to the Regular Meeting at 8:08 pm

Next Regular Meeting of Council: March 9, 2022, at 5:30 pm

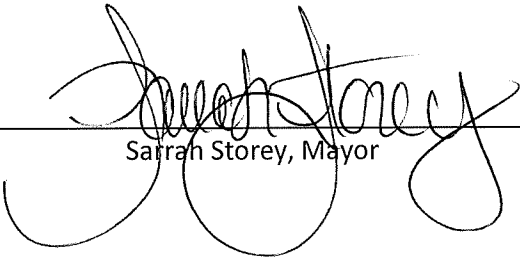
Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the February 23, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 8:09 pm.

Resolution 02-23-127

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer