



**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers  
on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 5:30 pm**

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

Staff present were Chief Administrative Officer R. Holland, Director of Finance L. McMaster, and Economic Development Officer D. Christie.

Members of the Public: N Delong.

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

**Agenda:**

A/Mayor Fennema called for a motion to adopt the agenda and the declaration of new business.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 02-09-081

Carried

**Delegations & Guests:**

None

**Regular Council Minutes,  
November 24, 2021**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held January 21, 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 02-09-082

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 26, 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 02-09-083

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held January 28, 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 02-09-084

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED that the Minutes of the In Camera Meeting held on January 26, 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 resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Resolution 02-09-085

Carried

**Business arising from the Minutes:**

None

**Reports on Council Activities:**

**Councillor LePoidevin**

None

**Councillor Watt-Senner**

None

**Councillor Jenkinson**

Reports he has reviewed the past Minutes of the New Gold Community Liaison Meetings in preparation for the CLC Meeting Scheduled on February 28, 2022.

**Councillor Fennema**

She attended Emergency Support Services training in Burns Lake the weekend of January 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Fennema also attended an Autumn Services Meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 02-09-086

Carried

**Accounts payable:**

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$500,130.40.

Resolution 02-09-087

Carried

**Correspondence List:**

None

**Business from the CAO:**

**Challenger Soccer Camp:**

MOVED/SECONDED to invite Challenger Soccer Camp to Fraser Lake this summer.

Resolution 02-09-088

Carried

**Fraser Lake Public Library Board – Request for funding increase:**

Correspondence has been received from the Library Board Chair. The Village of Fraser Lake provides the Library Board with an annual stipend to assist with the operation of the public library. The library board has asked for a two (2) percent increase in the Village's stipend to the library. CAO Holland noted, the Village provides the Library Board with a stipend of \$62,424.00 plus the Village pays for heat and hydro. The request is for an increase of \$1,248.00.

A/Mayor Fennema excused herself from the room, citing conflict due to her employment at the library.

MOVED/SECONDED to increase the stipend to the Fraser Lake Public Library Board by \$1,248.00.

Resolution 02-09-89

Carried

A/Mayor Fennema returned to the meeting following the vote.

**Water Reservoir Replacement Project:**

CAO Holland noted the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality funding stream received an extension to February 23, 2022. The Water Reservoir Replacement project is a good fit relative to the criteria set out in this program. Administration is recommending an application to this program for 73 percent funding toward this project.

CAO Holland noted, both the engineer and EDO Christie have been working to prepare a submission. The information being gathered will include a Class C cost estimation. At this point, the replacement of Fraser Lake's water tower is estimated at approximately \$3,000,000.00. A new requirement of this program is a demonstrated commitment of the Village's 27 percent of the project.

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure program under the Green Infrastructure - Environmental Quality funding stream for up to \$2,500,000.00 to improve the quality of drinking water in our community by replacing our water reservoir, adding a stirring mechanism and a chlorine monitor and injection system to ensure our drinking water supply meets all public health standards.

Resolution 02-09-090

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to commit \$675,000.00 from the Fraser Lake Community Forest Reserve as our community's contribution toward the improvement of drinking water in our community by replacing our water reservoir, adding a stirring mechanism and chlorine monitor and injection system to ensure our drinking water supply meets all public health standards.

Resolution 02-09-091

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive business from the CAO.

Resolution 02-09-092

Carried

**Director of Finance:**

Water rates:

DOF McMaster advised she has completed the adjustments for water, sewer and garbage rates. The 1 percent increase to the water rate set at the January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Special Meeting of Council, does not cover the operating Costs of the Service. The water account is projected to be \$1,000.00 in deficit.

A discussion followed. Council agrees it is important to cover the cost of the service and to ensure a small amount of surplus is built to cover future costs of maintenance, repair and replacement of water related infrastructure.

MOVED/SECONDED to amend resolution 01-28-042 and to increase the water rate by three (3) percent.

Resolution 02-09-093

Carried

2022 Tax Rates:

DOF McMaster reviewed the changes between the 2021 and 2022 Property Assessments, the consequences of utilizing 2021 tax rates, and the result of a two percent increase for 2022.

A discussion followed. Council agreed that due to the increased values in the 2022 BC Assessment Roll for the residential class, a tax rate increase was not required for the residential class.

MOVED/SECONDED to set the Village of Fraser Lake 2022 Tax Rates at the following rates for the following classes of property:

- Residential class 7.2538,
- Utilities class 49.3473,
- Major Industry class 39.8124,
- Commercial/Business class 25.2009, and
- Recreation class 9.6749.

Resolution 02-09-094

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the reports of the Director of Finance.

Resolution 02-09-095

Carried

**Staff Reports:**

Family Day:

EDO Christie announced the Village has received \$1,000.00 for our Family Day celebrations. The staff proposal is to follow the traditional format, a BBQ and free use of sports equipment.

EDO Christie commented on the influences of Public Health Orders on the BBQ procedures. In the past, burgers, buns, and condiments were generally available. This year, burgers and hot dogs will be BBQed. They will be placed in a paper sleeve and handed out individually. Condiments will be provided in individual packaging.

EDO Christie solicited the assistance of Council, as this is expected to be a labour intensive process.

The Family Day activities are scheduled for Monday February 21, 2022  
From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive staff reports.

Resolution 02-09-096

Carried

**Reading List:**

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the reading list.

Resolution 02-09-097

Carried

**New Business:**

Councillor Jenkinson asked about his previous request to clean up the wharf. He would also like to see the white brick building painted.

CAO Holland advised the proposal to pressure wash the wharf was taken to the Director of Public Works. They do not have the capacity, so, the Director of Public Works was looking for a contractor.

Councillor LePoidevin suggested making inquiries with YRB. They have the Equipment for this type of work.

Councillor Fennema noted the Village of Fraser Lake flag that is flying at The Village Office is tattered. She asked when it would be replaced.

CAO Holland advised the flags are typically replaced closer to Canada Day. However, the VFL flag is in poor condition. As soon as it safe for a Public Works employee to access the flagpole lanyard, the VFL will be replaced. That will likely have to wait until the snow is off the ground.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive new business.

Resolution 02-09-098

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.**

**As per Section 90(1)(e) 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 the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.**

MOVED/SECONDED to move the Regular Meeting of Council In Camera under Section 90(1)(c) and Section 90 (1)(e) of the Community Charter at 6:24 pm.

Resolution 02-09-099

Carried

Return to the Regular Meeting at 7:24 pm.

MOVED/SECONDED to increase employee compensation by 2 percent to adjust for increases in the Canadian CPI, retro active to January 1, 2022.

Resolution 02-09-102

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to increase Council compensation by 2 percent to adjust for increases in the Canadian CPI, retro active to January 1, 2022.

Resolution 02-09-103

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the Northern Development Initiative Trust For up to \$300,000.00 for the renovation and upgrade of the Fraser Lake Curling Rink to develop a functional twelve (12) month Community Hall that is accessible for all facility users.

Resolution 02-09-104

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund for up to \$100,000.00 for the renovation and upgrade of the Fraser Lake Curling Rink to develop a functional twelve (12) month Community Hall that is accessible to all facility users.

Resolution 02-09-105

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to invite Electoral Director Mark Parker to meet with the Mayor and Council to discuss the Fraser Lake Community Hall project.

Resolution 02-09-106

Carried

**Bylaws:**

None

**Next Regular Meeting of Council:** February 23, 2022, at 5:30 pm

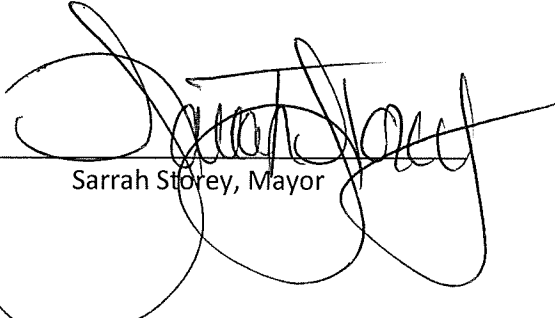
**Adjournment:**


MOVED/SECONDED that the February 9, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Resolution 02-09-107

Carried

Certified Correct:

  
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Sarah Storey, Mayor

  
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Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer