



**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers
on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 5:30 pm**

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

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

**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 01-12-001

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

None

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

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 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 01-12-002

Carried

**Business arising from
the Minutes:**

None

**Reports on Council
Activities:**

Councillor LePoidevin

None

Councillor Watt-Senner

None

Councillor Jenkinson

None

Councillor Fennema

She and her husband judged the floats that participated in the Santa Claus parade on the evening of December 10th. She was very pleased with the quality and quantity of floats and wished she could have provided a ribbon to all the entrants. Public comments about the parade were very positive.

Councillor Fennema and her husband attended the Village Christmas Party on December 11th. Both she and her husband enjoyed their evening. She complimented the organizers.

Councillor Fennema volunteered to serve dinner at the Senior's Christmas dinner on December 18th. Again, she complimented the organizers of the event and commented on how important this event is for our seniors.

On January 5th, 2022, Councillor Fennema attended the Autumn Services Board Meeting. Councillor Fennema feels the new board is doing well.

Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey agreed with Councillor Fennema's comments about the parade. Mayor Storey thanked Village staff for their involvement in organizing and participation in the parade. She felt it was nice to see a happy event in the community.

On December 16, 2021, Mayor Storey met with Minister Osborne and Minister Rankin via conference call. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the activities and initiatives of communities that build relationships and advance reconciliation with First Nations Communities. Mayor Storey highlighted some of the activities undertaken by our Council.

On December 18th Mayor Storey participated in an anti bullying presentation. On that same date, she attended a meeting of the Omineca Response Initiative to discuss mental health.

On January 11, 2022, Minister Malcolmson spoke with NCLGA board members about the mental health of communities and the lack of services. There was discussion around the province's harm reduction initiative to decriminalize possession of small amounts of narcotics. Mayor Storey mentioned a conversation she had with a Sgt in the RCMP about the legalization of narcotics. The Sgt felt the possession of 1 gram or less was fine. However, possession of up to 4 gram of narcotic was excessive. The limits on possession are thought to be too liberal. Mayor Storey added, that although the Village of Fraser Lake has not been heavily affected by the opioid crisis, we are still affected. She is disappointed there are no new facilities planned for the north.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 01-12-003

Carried

Accounts payable:

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$2,502,670.14.

Resolution 01-12-004

Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

Canada Summer Jobs

The application period is open. Administration recommends applying for wage subsidy funding for summer student employment. An application for up to \$27,056.00 in support of 5 university summer students and one high school student is proposed.

MOVED/SECONDED to support an application to the Canada Summer Jobs program for up to \$27,056.00 in wage subsidy funding in support of the Village of Fraser Lake Summer Student employment and skills development program.

Resolution 01-12-005

Carried

Fisheries Study

CAO Holland highlighted the fisheries study that is underway for Fraser Lake. The video created for the Nechako white sturgeon release into Fraser Lake provides a picturesque view of the lake, our boat launch and White Swan Park.

Community Hall Project

As construction documents are prepared for this project, the refrigeration engineer has proposed an application to CleanBC for up to \$200,000.00 to first conduct an energy efficiency feasibility study at a cost of \$9,000.00. Assuming the project proceeds to construction, the cost of the feasibility study will roll into the construction costs of the project. CleanBC provides funding up to \$200,000.00 for energy upgrades and efficiencies, assuming they are available in our facility.

The CleanBC application will be prepared and submitted on the Village's behalf by Polar Engineering.

MOVED/SECONDED to support an application to CleanBC to first complete a feasibility study of our ammonia ice plant and curling facility for potential energy improvements and efficiencies.

Resolution 01-12-006

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to support an application to CleanBC for up to \$200,000.00 to support energy upgrades to our ammonia ice plant and curling rink facility to reduce our reliance on carbon-based fuels and to reduce our consumption of energy.

Resolution 01-12-007

Carried

Water Reservoir Replacement Project

The specifications for the water reservoir replacement project *Request for Proposals* (RFP) were prepared by Urban Systems. The RFP was advertised. Five submissions were received for engineering services to complete the planning and design for this project. The successful bid has been identified. The cost of completing the Engineered Planning & Design for this project is \$14,500.00. Administration is proposing the cost of this expenditure come from the Northern Capital and Planning Reserve.

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the engineered planning & design for the water reservoir replacement project for \$14,500.00 and to expend that cost from the Northern Capital and Planning reserve.

Resolution 01-12-008

Carried

VFL Communications – Fibre Optic Internet Service – Partnering Agreement

The Alternate Approval Process (AAP) conducted relative to the proposal to enter into a Partnering Agreement as per Section 21 of the *Community Charter* has been completed.

To notify our residents of the process, a public notice was advertised on two consecutive weeks in the *Omineca Express* and posted on our Public Posting Board at the Front of the Village Office, as required by the *Community Charter*. The purpose of the public notice was to inform our residents of the Village's intention to enter into a partnering agreement for the purpose of providing high speed fibre optic service to the community. To ensure the public notice was available to our residents, administration took the extra steps of posting the public notice on the Village website, Village Facebook page and shared it with the local social media page *Heck Ya Fraser Lake*.

Following the mandated advertisement in the local newspaper, the process entered a 32-day elector comment period. Eligible residents were provided the opportunity to attend the Village Office and register their opposition to this proposal by way of written submission. To facilitate that process, copies of the partnering agreement and the Elector Response forms were present and available at the front counter of the Village Office. The 32-day elector response period ended at the end of the business day on January 11, 2022. During the electorate response period, Village staff received no inquiries for more information, no inquiries to review the partnering agreement and no written submissions of opposition to the proposed partnering agreement. By way of reviewing the Facebook post

for the public notice, staff were able to confirm that at least 435 persons had accessed the public notice.

MOVED/SECONDED to accept the outcome of the Alternative Approval Process with no registered opposition from Village of Fraser Lake electorate relative to the proposal by the Village of Fraser Lake to enter into the Last Mile Network Infrastructure Partnering Agreement to provide high speed fibre optic internet service to the Village of Fraser Lake.

Resolution 01-12-009

Carried

Telecommunications Tower

CityWest has proposed the installation of a Telecommunication tower on the top of Mouse Mountain. This tower will capitalize on the fibre optic network infrastructure installed in Fraser Lake. The tower will transmit internet and television services to service subscribers in the vicinity of the Village of Fraser Lake. This telecommunications tower will benefit Area D residents from the Fraser Lake Sawmill to west of Stellaquo through this line-of-sight transmission. CityWest will be responsible for the operation and management of the service. Net revenues generated from the telecommunications tower will be managed under the Partnering Agreement. This proposal supports many of the residents who call Fraser Lake home but do not necessarily reside within the Village boundaries. Because this service will operate under VFL Communications, the Village of Fraser Lake will receive 40 percent of net revenues generated by the telecommunications tower.

MOVED/SECONDED to authorize the installation of a telecommunications tower on the top of Mouse Mountain under the conditions of the Last Mile Network Infrastructure Partnering Agreement. Costs of the tower, installation and maintenance will be borne by CityWest and at no cost to the Village of Fraser Lake. Net revenues generated through the operation of this tower will be shared with the Village as per the partnering agreement. Council recognizes this telecommunications tower will provide the opportunity for internet and television services to residents with line of sight to the telecommunications tower who reside in the RDBN Area D.

Resolution 01-12-010

Carried

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

Resolution 01-12-011

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

Mayor Storey commented on the correspondence from North Saanich regarding their initiative to provide Parental Leave Benefits to Elected Officials. Mayor Storey talked of removing obstacles to persons who might be considering running for Council. She felt this would address one of those obstacles. Although she didn't feel there was an urgent need to adopt such a bylaw, she felt this is something the Village should pursue.

MOVED/SECONDED to develop an Elected Officials Parental Leave Bylaw

Resolution 01-12-012

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the reading list.

Resolution 01-12-013

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Fennema asked when budget discussions would begin.

A brief discussion followed. The first two budget discussions scheduled for Friday January 21 and Friday January 28 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Mayor Storey thanked staff for their activities over the Christmas break. She thanked EDO Dave Christie for taking on garbage pick up and Jeff Graham for his good work while the Director of Public Works was away.

Mayor Storey commented on a rail line blockage. Apparently, the CN Rail locomotive had broken down, leaving the train across Park Drive. Two people had to walk through deep snow to get around the train to get home. Mayor Storey was concerned there was no notification from CN about the development and when she phoned the CN Rail call center, the person who received her call stated it could be a couple of days before the train could be moved off the intersection. Fortunately, the engineer was able to be the locomotive going and move the train out of the Park Drive intersection.

Councillor Jenkinson was affected by this event. He stated it didn't cause his family any issues. However, he asked if the Village had a plan to get people out if there was an emergency?

CAO Holland suggested there was not a plan for this circumstance, however, our emergency responders would be able to develop a plan in short order based on the circumstances, weather, etc. if an emergency occurred.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed this type of event is rare.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive new business.

Resolution 01-12-014

Carried

Bylaws:

Village of Fraser Lake Last Mile Network Infrastructure Partnering Agreement Bylaw No. 827, 2022.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the approval of the electorate to enter into the partnering agreement to provide a new service to the residents of the Village of Fraser Lake, namely fibre optic internet, television, and telephone.

Resolution 01-12-015

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the fourth and final reading of the Village of Fraser Lake Partnering Agreement (Last Mile Network Infrastructure) Authorization Bylaw No. 827, 2022, thereby adopting this bylaw.

Resolution 01-12-016

Carried

Next Regular Meeting of Council: January 26, 2022, at 5:30 pm

Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the January 12, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 6:23 pm.

Resolution 01-12-17

Carried

Certified Correct:


Sarrah Storey, Mayor


Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer