



**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers
on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 5:30 pm**

Acting Mayor Fennema presided. Councillors present were C. LePoidevin and K Watt-Senner. Councillor J. Jenkinson joined the meeting virtually.

Staff present was Chief Administrative Officer R. Holland. Economic Development Officer D. Christie joined the meeting virtually.

Public present: N. Delong.

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

Agenda:

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

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 05-11-216

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

None

**Regular Council Minutes,
April 27, 2022**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 27, 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 05-11-217

Carried

**Business arising from
the Minutes:**

None

**Reports on Council
Activities:**

Councillor LePoidevin

None

Councillor Watt-Senner

None

Councillor Jenkinson

He attended the Day of Mourning observance on April 28th.

A/Mayor Fennema

She also attended the Day of Mourning observed at White Swan Park on April 28th.

A/Mayor Fennema attended the farewell luncheon for Kristin Levy on April 29th.

From May 2nd to May 6th, A/Mayor Fennema attended the North Central Local Government Conference in Fort St. John, B.C. A/Mayor Fennema attended a number of sessions during the conference, each of which she found interesting. She also made several new connections that she feels will be advantageous.

On May 10th A/Mayor Fennema attended a meeting at Autumn Services. During the meeting, they provided an update on how well they are doing and the grants that have recently received. They have obtained a new van for their community transportation service. They were awarded funding to operate the vehicle for three years. The service has been well received.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 05-11-218

Carried

Accounts payable:

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$317,189.83

Resolution 05-11-219

Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

Northern Healthy Communities Fund:

CAO Holland explained the origin of this fund. This funding was provided by TC Energy and intended to assist communities impacted by the construction of the Coastal Gas Pipeline.

The Village has already been successful in an application for \$300,000.00 that is supporting the purchase of a new fire truck.

The Village is eligible for a second application. Administration is recommending a second application for up to \$500,000.00 to support Phase I of the Community Hall project. This fund provides 80 percent funding

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the Northern Healthy Communities Fund for up to \$500,000.00 to assist with the construction costs of Phase I of the Curling Rink/Community Hall/Reception Centre project to increase recreational and social opportunities and will build community capacity to address emergency situations that involve evacuations.

Resolution 05-11-220

Carried

Canada Community Building Fund:

CAO Holland presented this funding opportunity. This fund allows for two Applications. One for a capital project. The second is for a planning and design activity. The planning and design activity would develop another shelf ready project.

CAO Holland noted the Village has three projects that would benefit from this funding. An overview was provided for the three projects: the water reservoir, the dedicated water line, and Phase II of the Community Hall project.

CAO Holland advised an application has already been submitted for 72 percent funding for the Water Tower under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure program. Unfortunately, the Village will not learn the outcome of that application until April 2023. The water tower project is the most urgent of the three projects listed. CAO Holland noted this program has a higher level of funding, but making an application through this program is redundant.

The dedicated water line is recommended by the Public Health Officer. This project would address concerns related to the chlorine residuals in our drinking water distribution system. The estimated cost of this project is \$8.4 million. The funding available through this grant is a maximum of \$6.0 million. If successful in this application, the project would leave the community with a liability of \$2.4 million. The second consideration for this project relates to application success. If the Village were successful in this application for the full \$6.0 million but not in our application for the water tower, it would still be important to replace the water tower at the same time to ensure the new dedicated water line is plumbed into the new water tower. The water tower has a limit for its serviceable life span remaining. If these circumstances were to occur, the unfunded portion of the dedicated water line and a new water tower could amount to a significant cost for the Village.

The third project is phase II of the Community Hall project. Phase II is estimated at \$2.4 million and includes the construction of a commercial kitchen and the bump out that would include the new washrooms, patio foyer and entrance vestibule.

A brief discussion followed.

Relative to the Planning and Design funding opportunity, CAO Holland noted, the Village Asset Management process is progressing well. An area where the Village has not evaluated related to the conditions of our roads. Completing a road assessment would support future applications for Funding to address the many issues that exist with Village roads.

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the Canada Community Building Fund for up to \$2.4 Million to replace the water reservoir.

Resolution 05-11-221

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to the Canada Community Building Fund for up to \$100,000.00 to complete a road assessment of Village roads.

Resolution 05-11-222

Carried

Fraser Lake Community Market – Grant in Aid application

CAO Holland presented a grant in aid application that had been received from the Fraser Lake Community Market. They are requesting \$400,00 to purchase three banners and related items to display the banners. The Fraser Lake Community Market is hoping to increase the visibility and attraction of the Community Market. The Village budgets \$4,000.00 each year for Grant In Aid. Applications must demonstrate community benefit.

MOVED/SECONDED to award the Fraser Lake Community Market with \$400.00 in Grant in Aid to assist with the purchase of three banners and related hardware.

Resolution 05-11-223

Carried

June 21, 2022 – Indigenous Peoples Day

CAO Holland advised, Village Staff are assisting the event organizers from Nadleh Whut'en and the Stelat'en with this event. The event organizers would like to hold the event in Fraser Lake as in years past. They would like to use the arena and soccer fields. A parade is planned to kick off the event. The parade route will run down Endako Avenue. The Mayor and Council are invited to attend.

A brief discussion followed.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the CAO reports.

Resolution 05-11-224

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Reading List.

Resolution 05-11-225

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Jenkinson advised he received a complaint from a Park Drive Resident about a sewer back up. He was unsure how to proceed.

CAO Holland advised the resident lodged a complaint at the Village Office. She indicated she wanted to make a claim. She was provided direction on how that happens.

CAO Holland advised the Village forwards all claims to our insurance company; MIABC. This ensures the final decisions relating to the eligibility of the claim are made by an independent and informed entity. The approach is to remove the perception of subjective decision making.

Councillor Jenkinson stated he had received a letter from the resident. He will forward the correspondence to CAO Holland.

A/Mayor Fennema reports receiving complaints about the material being used by CityWest to fill holes. Residents would prefer to see CityWest filling holes with topsoil versus gravel.

A/Mayor Fennema has also received complaints about the impending closure of the compost area.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive new business

Resolution 05-11-226

Carried

Bylaws:

None

In Camera:

None

Next Regular Meeting of Council: May 25, 2022, at 5:30 pm

Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the May 11, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 6:04 pm.

Resolution 05-11-227

Carried

Certified Correct:

Sarah Storey, Mayor

Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer