



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

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

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

Public present: N. Delong.

**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.

Resolution 03-09-128

Carried

**Delegations & Guests:**

None

**Regular Council Minutes,  
February 23, 2022**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 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 03-09-129

Carried

**In Camera Minutes  
February 23, 2022**

MOVED/SECONDED that the In Camera Council Meeting Minutes of February 23, 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 03-09-130

Carried

**Business arising from the Minutes:**

None

**Reports on Council Activities:**

**Councillor LePoidevin**  
None

**Councillor Watt-Senner**  
None

**Councillor Jenkinson**  
None

**Councillor Fennema**  
She attended a meeting at Autumn Services on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Another meeting is scheduled for the Autumn Services board March 10, 2022.

**Mayor Storey**  
None

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 03-09-131

Carried

**Accounts payable:**

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$545,273.17.

Resolution 03-09-132

Carried

**Correspondence List:**

None

**Business from the CAO:**

Cabinet Shuffle  
CAO Holland provided this update for Council's information.

Electoral Boundaries Commission

Mayor Storey has spoken with MLA John Rustad on this process. The Electoral Boundaries Commission review the size and shape of electoral boundaries. The risk from this process is the possibility of reduced representation for our current electoral area based on our low population.

MOVED/SECONDED to write a letter to the Electoral Boundaries Commission to object to any reduction in representation. Although the Nechako Lakes Electoral Area is sparsely populated, the area is large, and each community has their own unique concerns that deserve representation.

Resolution 03-09-133

Carried

South Carrier Intersection Review:

CAO Holland proposed an engineered review of the Highway 16/ South Carrier intersection. This activity is in anticipation of the construction of the commercial cardlock station by Four River's Cooperative. With paving planned for this area this summer, if intersection widening is required, this is the time to determine what is needed to accommodate this development.

CAO Holland has made inquiries to determine the cost and availability of an engineering firm to conduct the required Traffic Impact Study and associated engineered design of the South Carrier approach to Highway 16. Administration is still waiting for a response from the engineering companies. CAO Holland stated it is advisable to develop our own solution to this intersection instead of waiting for one to be prescribed by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Administration believes the solution may be widening of the intersection, as is seen at other Four River Cooperative Cardlock fuel stations.

Wharf Maintenance:

CAO Holland presented the estimate provided by YRB for pressure washing and application of linseed oil preservative on the wharf. The ideal conditions for this work is when temperatures are in the 20 degree range. For YRB to manage all aspects of the project, the cost is \$37,000.00. Our Public Works Department does not have the capacity to take on this project in consideration of the many other projects that are slated for 2022.

MOVED/SECONDED to complete the wharf maintenance activities of pressure washing and wood preservation as proposed by YRB and to expend \$37,000.00 from general revenues for that purpose.

Resolution 03-09-134

Carried

Sewer Back Up on Murray Street:

CAO Holland advised Council of a sewer back up on Murray Street. This is a significant event in that several residents were affected by this back up.

This event was the result of an accumulation of foreign material in the sewer line, including a mop head and an assortment of shop towels.

Because this sewer line serves a relatively small section of town, administration would like to write letters to property owners to educate them about what should not be flushed down the toilet.

MOVED/SECONDED to send a letter to the households and Mouse Mountain School to educate them on what should not be flushed down the toilet.

Resolution 03-09-135

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to develop a flyer to educate the public on what can be flushed down the toilet and what should go to the garbage.

Resolution 03-09-136

Carried

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

Resolution 03-09-137

Carried

#### **Staff Reports:**

##### Active Transportation Grant:

EDO Christie presented on this funding opportunity. The Village does not have an active transportation plan. Such a plan is required to gain access to future funding. The development of the proposed active transportation plan would be consultant driven and compile our Age Friendly plan, our sidewalk, walking trail and hiking trail plan and our plan.

MOVED/SECONDED to apply for up to \$50,000.00 to develop an Active Transportation Plan for the Village of Fraser Lake.

Resolution 03-09-138

Carried

#### **Reading List:**

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the reading list.

Resolution 03-09-139

Carried

#### **New Business:**

Direct of Finance L. McMaster provided an update on the Village budget. Adjustments have been made in recognition of the high fuel prices and Council's decision to complete the maintenance work on the wharf. This leaves \$125,000.00 in general revenues. The Director of Finance suggested this money be placed into reserve funds

A discussion followed. The historically high fuel prices and rate of inflation is expected to impact operational costs this year. Council prefers to leave these funds in the general account for contingency purposes.

Fire Department/Volunteer recognition

Mayor Storey feels the Fire Department should receive an increase to their annual budget to pay for the Emergency Services Christmas party.

A discussion followed.

MOVED/SECONDED to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,500.00 on an annual basis as an emergency responders' appreciation gesture by paying up to \$50.00 per emergency service person from our Fire Department and ESS team toward the Emergency Service Christmas dinner.

Resolution 03-09-140

Carried

Councillor Renumeration

Mayor Storey noted the resolution that was conducted at the last In Camera meeting to amalgamate Council's annual stipend with the meeting allowance was conducted in camera. It must be completed in open meeting.

MOVED/SECONDED to amalgamate the Council renumeration stipend and the meeting allowance into one payment and to eliminate the need for the meeting allowance claim.

Resolution 03-09-141

Carried

Fire Engine Project

The purchase of our new Fire Engine will involve expenditure from the Community Forest Reserve. To ensure the authority to withdraw funds from that reserve, administration is asking for amended resolution to clarify authorization to expend from this reserve.

MOVED/SECONDED to amend resolution 03-17-158 which was made at the March 17th, 2021 Special Meeting of Council to purchase and equip a new fire truck in the amount of \$652,812.00. This amendment is required to clarify the sources of the funding for this purchase: \$300,000.00 from the NDIT Northern Healthy Communities fund, \$50,000.00 from the TC Energy Build Strong Communities program and \$269,652.10 from the Community Forest Reserve. This resolution authorizes the expenditure of an additional \$33,249.90 from the Community Forest Reserve for the purchase of equipment for the new fire engine for a total expenditure of \$302,812.00 from the Community Forest Reserve.

Resolution 03-09-142

Carried

Admin vehicle purchase

The purchase of the new Admin Vehicle will involve expenditure from the Community Forest reserve. Administration is asking for an amended resolution to clarify authorization to expend from this reserve.

MOVED/SECONDED to amend resolution 05-12-218 made at the May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council to purchase a new administrative vehicle and to expend a total of \$61,198.00 from the Community Forest Reserve for that purpose. This amendment clarifies this expenditure as \$50,143.27 for the new truck and \$11,054.73 for the application of rock guard film, and the purchase of summer and winter tires and rims. This expenditure will be taken from the Community Forest Reserve.

Resolution 03-09-143

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive new business.

Resolution 03-09-144

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

Resolution 03-09-145

Carried

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

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

Resolution 03-09-146

Carried

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

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the fourth and final readings of the Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake Waste Collection and Disposal

Amending Bylaw No. 830, 2022.

Resolution 03-09-147

Carried

The Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake  
Council Compensation and Allowance Bylaw No. 831, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the first, second and third readings of the Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake Council Compensation and Allowance Bylaw No. 831, 2022.

Resolution 03-09-148

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 6:47 pm.

Resolution 03-09-149

Carried

Return to the Regular Meeting at 7:56 pm

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

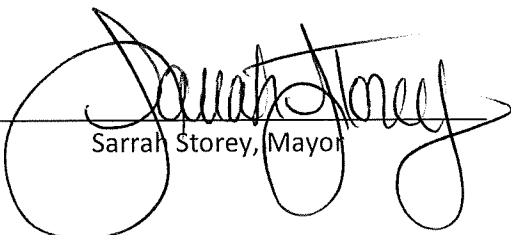
**Adjournment:**

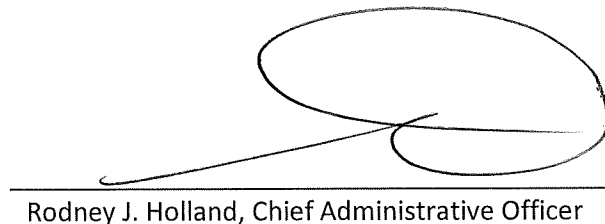
MOVED/SECONDED that the March 9, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 8:09 pm.

Resolution 03-09-153

Carried

Certified Correct:

  
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Sarah Storey, Mayor

  
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Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer