



**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers
on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 5:30 pm**

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

Staff present was 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 asked for the declaration of new business.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 05-25-228

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

Dr. Paul Collard and Barry Langeloo presented on the planning for the Vanderhoof International Air Show. The event is scheduled for August 6, 2022. There is a website for the event and promotional items such as advance tickets are available for purchase online.

Dr. Collard feels this event is regional in scope. The event has a 20-year history. In 2018, the airshow was very successful. That year the Canadian Snowbirds attended. The COVID-19 pandemic influenced the ability to hold the event over the past couple of years.

Dr. Collard advised the planning committee began their preparations for the 2022 event last Fall. It will be a one-day event, with a variety of attractions. As one of the larger events in Central BC, the airshow is expected to draw up to 20,000 spectators. There will be performers and visitors from all over North America. This year, the airshow will feature a second world war aircraft, a hot air balloon, a show and shine car display, a monster truck and parachuters.

The event will support community societies such as the Air Cadet, Rocky Mountain Rangers, and Search and Rescue to name a few. At least 100 volunteers will be required on the day of the event. The entire organization of the event is volunteer based. Sponsors, donations, and ticket sales fund the show. An application for funding has been submitted through the BC Gaming Grant program. The notification for grant success won't occur until the end of July 2022. The event organizers are not asking for financial support from the Village currently.

A brief discussion followed.

EDO Christie commented on the presentation that was provided to the Fraser Lake Chamber of Commerce. He advised there have been discussions about using the Community Vehicle to take seniors to the airshow.

Mayor Storey thanked Dr. Collard and Barry Langeloo for their presentation.

**Regular Council Minutes,
May 11, 2022**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 11, 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 05-25-229

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 the meeting of the Emergency Managers at the RDBN. She felt that was very worthwhile.

Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey noted she has been gone for the past month. During that time, she attended a meeting between members of the Resource Benefits Alliance and Minister Nathan Cullen, Minister Cullen's staff and staff members from the Ministry of Finance. She felt that meeting went well.

Mayor Storey attended the reception held during the COFI convention. This event provided an opportunity to mingle with the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, the COFI executive and representatives of the Forest Industry.

Earlier today, Mayor Storey attended a regional meeting with all mayors to discuss wildfire preparation for northern BC. The province has developed a new wildfire app that will ensure contractors working on wildfires are paid in a timely manner. Otherwise, there was not much new to report on the wildfire front.

Mayor Storey attended a UBCM Executive meeting in Victoria, B.C. The executive met with representatives from 28 different provincial ministries. Mayor Storey was able to have many conversations with various Ministers and staff representatives of the province about what was going on in Fraser Lake. UBCM was advocating on 3 different priorities related to wildfire and medical concerns.

Mayor Storey commented that she has been very busy. She is happy to be home.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 05-25-230

Carried

Accounts payable:

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$430,006.02

Resolution 05-25-231

Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

Disposal of old equipment:

CAO Holland presented a list of items and equipment that are no longer operable or surplus.

The items discussed included:

2006 Ford Escape

1980 Ford Hub Fire Engine - aged out

Three 4500 PSI air bottles - surplus

1994 Ford Econoline van

2000 International Streetsweeper – inoperable/worn out

2010 Ford Garbage Truck – inoperable/blown engine/worn out

Wayne Street Sweeper – inoperable/worn out/obsolete

2005 Case Backhoe – inoperable/blown engine

Henderson slide in sander – inoperable/rusted out

Backhoe snowblade - bent

Articulating snowblade – too big for Village equipment
Apparatus for Bobcat articulating blade – blade damaged beyond repair
Backhoe vibratory plate – worn out
Tidy tanks – not used
Octagonal bricks - surplus

CAO Holland advised the Ford Escape was identified for disposal in 2021 when the new Ford F150 was ordered. Since then, the vehicle has been used by student employees and temporary employees. Although the vehicle requires a new exhaust system, it runs well. Administration suggests keeping the vehicle for its current use.

The 1994 Ford Econoline Van has an estimated value of \$3,100.00.

The articulating snowplow is valued at \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00. Aside from sitting in the Public Works Yard for several years, it is virtually new. The Village does not have a piece of equipment large enough mount this plow on. It would be appropriate for a highway maintenance contractor such as YRB or a contractor maintaining forest service roads.

The 1980 Fire Truck is timed out. It is no longer of value as an operational fire truck. Insurance Underwriters of Canada will not recognize a fire truck of this age as a fire fighting apparatus. When the new fire truck arrives in November 2022, there will be no room in the Fire Hall for this vehicle. There are a couple of novel ideas for use of this vehicle such as for parades or as a piece of playground equipment.

Relative to the octagonal bricks, they were previously used on the Chowsunket Street sidewalk. Due to the level of maintenance required of brick surfaces, they won't be used for another sidewalk or flat surface. New octagonal bricks can be purchased from Rona for \$.99 per brick. Since these are used bricks, Administration is suggesting a selling price of \$.50 per brick.

The 2005 Case backhoe has some value for parts. The estimated value is \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

All other pieces of equipment are scrap or parts.

CAO Holland advised all items will be disposed of for the highest value possible. They are cluttering the Public Works yard. By disposing of these items, there will be less clutter and more room in the Public Works Yard.

MOVED/SECONDED to disposed of the listed items except the Ford Escape and the 1980 Fire Truck as proposed by Administration.

Resolution 05-25-232

Carried

Trespass:

CAO Holland provided the details of the event. A local resident hired an excavator to clear trees and vegetation off Village property and the neighbor's property. Two concerns arise from this event. The first is the lack of permission to enter onto Village property to clear trees. The second issue relates to removing trees from a slope that is prone to sliding. The trees and other material were dragged over the edge of the hill, creating a large accumulation of trees and brush. Once dried, it will become a fire hazard.

CAO Holland noted, this complaint identified similar activity on the adjacent properties. The trees that were removed from the swathe cleared by the neighbours were windrowed. They are now dry and pose a fire hazard as well. Those piles should be burned or removed.

A discussion followed. It was agreed, people should not be removing trees from Village property. If they have a concern, they should notify the Village. They will either be given permission to clean up the concern on their own or the Village will take care of the concern.

MOVED/SECONDED to write a letter to the property owner. They are to be directed to clean up the mess that was made. As for the stability of the bank, the Village will have someone assess the bank.

Resolution 05-25-233

Carried

Local Government Climate Action Program:

CAO Holland introduced this program to Council. This program replaces the Carbon Action Reduction Initiative Program and provides significantly more funding. The Village has been very active in our efforts to reduce energy consumption in our buildings. This funding may also be used to improve Community Resiliency relative to Climate Change. The province will be offering webinars on the new program to share ideas of how communities can pursue climate resiliency, etc. Council is welcome to sit in on these webinars.

The program is intended to improve the community's climate change resiliency. It is not limited to Village owned assets. Reducing emissions, reducing energy consumption, better managing our water resources, managing for interface fire vulnerabilities, managing surface water to prevent flooding are all goals of this program.

Resource Benefits Alliance:

CAO Holland presented correspondence received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs following the meeting in Terrace on April 22 and 23rd. Minister Cullen has committed to developing a Memorandum of Understanding that will set out the way forward for this process.

Ammonia Ice Plant upgrades:

In 2021, Technical Safety BC issued a safety order for all ammonia ice plants in British Columbia, requiring an engineered assessment and redesign of ice plant vent piping.

The engineered review has been completed and the required upgrade has been designed.

A quote has been requested from our Refrigeration Contractor: Yeti Refrigeration of Prince George, B.C. The cost of the vent pipe upgrade is \$57,662.00. Because this work requires the removal of ammonia from the system, Yeti recommends completion of two additional upgrades. The first is the installation of an Oil Pot on the chiller. This is a safety upgrade the Village has wanted for several years. This is the opportune time to complete this work. The second update will improve the operation of the ice plant during cold weather. This involves replacement of isolation valves and check valves on the outlet of the oil separators. These valves are very old and can no longer be serviced. The total value of Upgrades are \$87,636.04. These repairs would be funded from the Northern Capital and Planning grant reserve which currently holds a balance of \$1,285,481.42.

MOVED/SECONDED to perform the upgrades to the ammonia ice Plant at C.H. Foote Memorial Arena to comply with Technical Safety BC requirements, to install an oil pot on the chiller and to replace the isolation valves and check valves on the oil separators at a cost of \$87,636.04 and to charge that expenditure to the Northern Capital and Planning Grant reserve.

Resolution 05-25-234

Carried

Public Works Equipment Storage Building:

CAO Holland provided the details of the proposed Equipment Storage Building. During budget discussions, the project was approved by Council for the estimated \$75,000.00 cost. Since that time, the height of the building has been increased. This was done to ensure all pieces of equipment can go into the building without striking the door frame. The building went from walls that were 12-foot tall to 14-foot walls. This change required an engineered design. The added height has also added to the cost of the project. With the tally of all costs associated with the project, an additional \$47,700.00 is required. Administration recommends the additional cost be taken from the Northern Capital and Planning Grant reserve.

MOVED/SECONDED to expend an additional \$47,700.00 for the construction of a 30' by 80' equipment storage building at the Public Works yard and to expend the additional expense from the Northern Capital and Planning Grant reserve. The original budget of \$75,000.00 will continue to come from the Northern Capital and Planning Grant reserve for a total of \$122,700.00 from the NCPG.

Resolution 05-25-235

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the CAO reports.

Resolution 05-25-236

Carried

Staff Reports:

EDO Christie presented his report on the 2022 Fire Smart conference he attended in Kamloops, B.C. Attending this conference maintains EDO Christie's certification as a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist. EDO Christie noted several communities have adopted fire smart bylaws requiring property owners to manage fire risks on their private properties.

Council thanked EDO Christie for his report.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the EDO report.

Resolution 05-25-237

Carried

Reading List:

None

New Business:

Councillor LePoidevin commented about a deep pothole on Chowsunket Road at the staff entrance to the Medical Clinic. He saw our Public Works crew filling a couple of potholes on Chowsunket and believe they simply missed this one.

A brief discussion followed regarding potholes and possible solutions. Councillor commented about a cold mix YRB has been using for potholes. The material seems to say put. Councillor LePoidevin may be able to assist the Village with this pothole.

Councillor Fennema asked about the pile of tire on the lot adjacent to the Men's Shed. She asked if it was on Village property?

CAO Holland advised an inquiry had been received. The pile of tires is on private property.

Councillor Fennema received a request from a representative of Silver Birch Lodge. They are having their AGM and were wondering if Council's Representative would be in attendance.

A brief discussion followed.

MOVED/SECONDED to appoint Councillor Fennema as the Council Representative to Silver Birch.

Resolution 05-25-238

Carried

Mayor Storey observed several tires that have been discarded near the compost area. She provided a photograph. She also commented on the equipment and the state of the field on Endako Avenue across from the Fire Department. She would like to see that cleaned up.

Mayor Storey presented on an "Every Child Matters" initiative that was brought to her attention by Ms. Heather Derkson. Ms. Derkson would like to paint an "Every Child Matters" crosswalk in Fraser Lake. Mayor Storey provided an example of what the crosswalk would look like.

MOVED/SECONDED to authorize Ms. Derkson to paint an "Every Child Matters" crosswalk in Fraser Lake.

Resolution 05-25-239

Carried

Mayor Storey asked about the status of the Highway Speed Signs?

EDO Christie advised the signs and posts are here. EDO Christie has a meeting scheduled with YRB to arrange installation of the signs.

Mayor Storey advised she has received a request from someone for a sandy area along the shoreline as a landing spot for boats.

A discussion followed. Council's decision was to deny this suggestion due to the regulatory issues related to altering shoreline and putting materials into the lake.

Mayor Storey noted Coastal Gaslink has started up three ball teams. They had their first ball practice last night. Apparently, they have 60 people who would like to play.

Mayor Storey asked if the Village was disputing the 2021 census? The 2021 census indicates the population of the Village reduced. That is highly unlikely when considering the lack of rental vacancy in the community.

MOVED/SECONDED to ask for a review of the 2021 Census for the Village of Fraser Lake.

Resolution 05-25-240

Carried

Mayor Storey asked where the Village was in terms of our Age Friendly Designation?

EDO Christie advised Village planning considers the Age Friendly Plan recommendations, however, the Village is not currently seeking designation as there remain several activities before the designation is likely to occur.

Mayor Storey noted the work being completed by School District 91 on the exterior of FLESS. She would like to send a letter of appreciation to the School District to acknowledge their activities.

MOVED/SECONDED to send a letter to SD91, thanking them for working on the FLESS building.

Resolution 05-25-241

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive new business

Resolution 05-25-242

Carried

Bylaws:

None

In Camera:

None

Next Regular Meeting of Council: June 8, 2022, at 5:30 pm

Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the May 25, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:11 pm.

Resolution 05-25-243

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarah Storey, Mayor

Audrey Fenner
Acting Mayor



Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer