



Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 5:30 pm

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

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 09-28-314

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

None

Regular Council Minutes, August 24, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 24, 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 09-28-315

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

None

Reports on Council Activities:

Councillor LePoidevin

Councillor LePoidevin attended the All-Candidates Forum on September 27th.

Councillor Jenkinson

Councillor Jenkinson served at the pancake breakfast, spent some time with the hostages and attended the July 1 festivities. Yesterday he was able to speak with the VP of BC Ambulance to discuss the future of BC Ambulance in Fraser Lake. He was asked to provide a letter about this station and the conversation went very well.

Councillor Fennema

Councillor Fennema met with Mayor Storey and MP Taylor Bachrach on August 28th. She was able to advocate for the cleanup of the CN Yard in Fraser Lake. They took MP Bachrach to the Fraser Lake CN Yard and then to the airport to show him how bumpy the road was and not ideal for medical transport.

Councillor Fennema attended UBCM September 12-16, had meetings with several ministers, and it was a very busy week.

She attended the Historical Society meeting. They have requested the 2-night maximum stay at the White Swan Municipal Campground be increased to 4 nights.

A brief discussion followed.

Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey attended the Regional District of the Bulkley Nechako (RDBN) board meeting. There were discussions on possible transfer station operations. User or dump fees is an option, there was a lot of discussion around how that system would look. There are issues with the current volume of trash and limited amount of diversion for recycling. The RDBN is one of the last Regional Districts without a tipping fee. There were other discussions on having recycling at the transfer stations, users could drop off their recycling then get weighed. Illegal dumping is an issue, and they are working on a strategy for this.

A brief discussion followed.

Mayor Storey met with Councillor Fennema and MP Taylor Bachrach on August 28th. She toured MP. Bachrach to the Fraser Lake CN Yard and then to the airport. She is hoping this will help get the CN Yard mess cleaned up.

Mayor Storey attended UBCM and it was a very busy week, she could not have done it without Councillor Fennema and CAO Holland. She was able to attend the Truck Loggers Dinner, met with MLA Kevin Falcon who is the leader of the Liberal Party and attended the Resource Benefit Alliance (RBA) signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. Minister meetings were great. They discussed trying to expand the Community Forest, healthcare, seniors living and assisted living, BC Ambulance Service about a medi-vac helipad and subsidized childcare. She also attended the Hydrogen symposium and found it very interesting. Mayor Storey was

able to meet with Cathy Ulrich (CEO of Northern Health) and was told a medi-vac helipad would have to be at least 50' x 50', heated and with lights. The Fraser Lake Clinic is next on the list for upgrades.

Councillor Jenkinson mentioned to be cautious about how close to the clinic a helipad should be. BCEHS is looking at medi-vac patient transfers via helicopter vs. ground ambulance. The closer to the clinic the better.

Mayor Storey attended the Community Transition Meeting regarding the Fraser Lake Sawmills shift curtailment. Currently West Fraser is saying 60 layoffs will occur rather than the 77 initially thought. 24 employees have expressed interest in the bridging program, but most likely that number will be around 16. 30 Fraser Lake residents could be laid off.

She attended the BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI) dinner on September 22nd and met the COFI president.

Mayor Storey mentioned the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) labour study has been released. She mentioned the Village should use the Northern Healthy Communities Fund to fund new employees.

Mayor Storey attended the Northern Health (NIRD) meeting on September 27th. The discussion was around Virtual Walk-in Clinics. She expects this might be coming to Fraser Lake soon but is unsure how this program is working in other areas.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 09-28-316 Carried

Accounts payable:

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$858,122.02

Resolution 09-28-317 Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

Sewer Pump Failure:

A full-sized tea towel was flushed down a toilet and ended up in the flygt pump of Lift Station #1. The large piece of cloth seized the flygt pump, which in turn burned out the motor. Replacement of the damaged motor is \$15,391.04. Delivery of the new pump is anticipated in 4 to 6 weeks.

Staff recommend to expend this cost from the Northern Capital and Planning Grant reserve. The NCPG Reserve holds a balance of \$1.7 M.

MOVED/SECONDED to expend \$15,391.04 from the Northern Capital and Planning Grant reserve for the purchase of a new flygt pump motor in lift station #1.

Resolution 09-28-318

Carried

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation:

September 30th is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Orange t-shirts are commonly worn in recognition of the day.

Eleanor Nooski of Nadleh Whut'en has extended an invitation to the Mayor and Council and Village Staff to attend the activities that are taking place at Lejac on Friday September 30 from 09:00 to 5:00 pm.

A brief discussion followed.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the CAO reports.

Resolution 09-28-319

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Reading List.

Resolution 09-28-320

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Fennema asked if the Kin Park washrooms were closed for the

season, and if so, could signage be placed on them?

Mayor Storey mentioned the Drone project closing ceremonies are being held on October 5th, 10 am at the White Swan Park Drone location. She is unsure if she can attend and asked if someone from Council could attend and say a few closing words.

Mayor Storey has received several complaints about barking dogs. The complainants have families. Dogs are barking all day and night. The complainants are upset at the dog owners for not addressing the problem. Fire Chief Pacheco has been attending these complaints and is doing what he can, but we do not have a fine system in place.

CAO Holland commented the Village does not have a municipal bylaw ticketing system. The Village has the Good Neighbour Bylaw which is a compliance bylaw. Moving to a ticketing system is expensive to manage. Municipal tickets require the hiring of a lawyer to prosecute. Typically, they do not hold up well in court when a ticket is contested. However, this could be a future consideration.

A brief discussion followed.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive new business

Resolution 09-28-321

Carried

Bylaws:

The Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake
2023 Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue Bylaw No. 836, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the first, second and third reading of the Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake 2023 Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue Bylaw No. 836, 2022.

Resolution 09-28-322

Carried

In Camera:

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 Council Meeting to In Camera under section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter at 6:30 pm

Resolution 09-28-323

Carried

Return to the Regular Council Meeting at 6:59 pm.

MOVED/SECONDED to accept the bid from Western Industrial Construction (WIC) for the Fraser Lake Curling Rink Upgrade Project phase 1 in the amount of \$3,302,328.00 and to expend \$800,000 from the Investing in Canada funding, \$300,000 from the Northern Development Initiative Trust Recreation Infrastructure funding, \$500,000 from the Northern Development Initiative Trust Northern Healthy Communities Fund and \$50,000 from the Nechako Kitamaat Development Fund project funding. The remaining \$1,652,328 will be expended from the Village of Fraser Lake Community Forest Reserve Fund.

Resolution 09-28-328

Carried

Next Regular Meeting of Council: October 12, 2022, at 5:30 pm

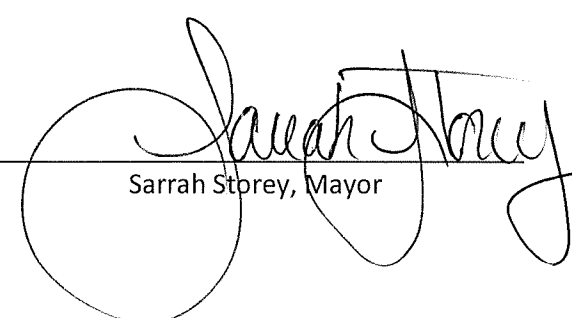
Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the September 28, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:15 pm.

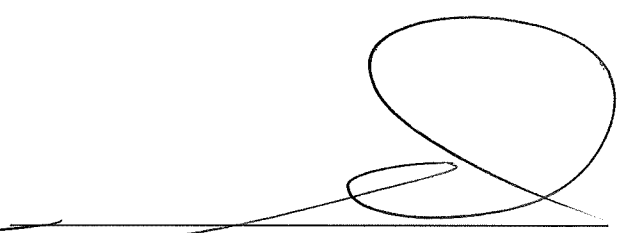
Resolution 09-28-329

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarrah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer