



**Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers
on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 5:30 pm**

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

Agenda:

Mayor S. Storey presided. Councillors present were C. LePoidevin and J. Webb. Councillor J. Jenkinson joined virtually.

Staff present were CAO R. Holland and Fire Chief J. Pacheco

Mayor Storey called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 07-05-251

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

Paul Adams and Colin Moss – BC Rural Health Network
Attending virtually, Mr. Adams and Mr. Moss introduced themselves and gave an overview to the BC Rural Health Network project. They invited the Village of Fraser Lake to join their network as a member. This project:

- Is a collective of health advocacy groups from across rural BC
- Grew organically through the need for representation on rural health and over time expanded to include municipalities
- Advocates for policy changes that provide all rural residents with attachment to a health care practitioner
- Informs the BC Ministry of Health of rural healthcare concerns
- Promotes patient-centered, community-based primary healthcare reform

A discussion followed.

Mayor Storey thanked Mr. Adam and Mr. Moss for their presentation on the BC Rural Health Network.

**Minutes of the previous Meeting,
June 28, 2023**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Council Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2023, 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 07-05-252

Carried

Minutes of the In Camera Meeting,
June 28, 2023

MOVED/SECONDED that the In Camera Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2023, 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 07-05-253

Carried

Business arising from
the Minutes:

None

Reports on Council
Activities:

Councillor LePoidevin

Councillor LePoidevin served at the pancake breakfast on July 1st. He also participated in the parade and Canada Day celebrations at the sports field.

Councillor Webb

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Councillor Jenkinson

Councillor Jenkinson served at the pancake breakfast on July 1st, participated in the parade and Canada Day celebration at the sports field.

Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey served at the pancake breakfast on July 1st, participated in the parade and Canada Day celebration at the sports field.

Mayor Storey met the Hostages of Hospitality on June 30th and wanted to thank Fire Chief Pacheco and Village staff for taking care of the Hostages this year.

Mayor Storey had a meeting with Lee Brain from City West, and he will be the liaison for the Village of Fraser Lake.

Mayor Storey attended the EMCR conference call on July 5th for an update on the various wildfires in British Columbia. EMCR also provided a forecast for these fires based on the projected wind and heat.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 07-05-254

Carried

Accounts payable:

None

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

Strata Development Proposal

Mr. Arvind Patel's June 28th proposal was returned to the Council table regarding Strata Property Development. In his presentation, Mr. Patel commented on how this initiative would convert four of the townhouses he owns to independent Strata Properties that share an outer envelope and outdoor property. Although this type of development would be new for Fraser Lake, it is common in other communities.

A discussion followed.

It was agreed that this would be good for homeownership and the long-term benefit of the community.

MOVED/SECONDED to provide positive feedback to Mr. Arvind Patel regarding his Strata Property Development proposal by Smithers Rentals and to be receptive to a future Strata Property application.

Resolution 07-05-255

Carried

Shared Tower Telecommunications Tower proposal

A telecommunications tower proposal has been received from Shared Tower Inc. The telecommunications tower will handle cell phone traffic in the area.

After some discussion about suitable locations for the 96-foot-tall tower with a company representative, CAO Holland recommends the greenspace between Lot 14 and Lot 11 for the telecommunications tower. This takes the telecommunications tower out of the residential zone and places it into the Light Industrial zone. The proposed site is zoned Park; however, telecommunications towers are allowed in all zones. However, by placing it on the south side of Langley Avenue it will be less intrusive. The treed surroundings should soften the appearance to the tower, while not impacting the function of the tower.

A discussion followed.

MOVED/SECONDED to authorize the use of the greenspace off Langley Avenue for the use of this commercial development.

Resolution 07-05-256

Carried

Fire Response to rural properties

The Village's responsibility for fire events in rural areas was brought up for discussion. There have been several fires outside of the municipality in recent months. Due to various factors, the Fraser Lake Fire Department has responded. Some of those factors have included the potential for loss of life, requests from Wildfire BC due to anticipated delayed arrival of their crews and the extremely dry conditions. For each response, costs were incurred. For the past couple of fires, the Fraser Lake Fire Department responded due to high hazard of wind and the dry weather. They protected exposures and limited the spread of fire.

Fire Chief Pacheco added that Nadleh Macro also responded to these fires and have been a huge asset with their water trucks and additional help.

Do these calls for assistance from Rural residents indicate a new level of interest for fire services? What are the next steps that should be taken with the RDBN? Reimbursement for materials expended during these responses have been discussed with Area Director Mark Parker. Director Parker has recommended a grant in aid application.

A discussion followed.

Council advised CAO Holland to reach out to Regional Director Mark Parker to set up a meeting and then return to Council with an update.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive business from the CAO.

Resolution 07-05-257

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the reading list.

Resolution 07-05-258

Carried

New Business:

Mayor Storey asked to discuss the BC Rural Health Network membership.

MOVED/SECONDED to join the BC Rural Health Network and expend \$50 to become a member community.

Resolution 07-05-259

Carried

Mayor Storey commented about replacing the bleachers and log dugouts at the ball field closest to the apartment buildings. These two things are liabilities for the Village. These are likely a 2024 expenditure.

Mayor Storey brought up sending a letter to Mr. Bill Parent, the owner of Fields in Fraser Lake to clean up the cement around the building.

MOVED/SECONDED to send a letter to Mr. Bill Parent to clean up the Fields property.

Resolution 07-05-260

Carried

Mayor Storey commented on the power outage on July 4, 2023. She lost cell service. She feels the Village needs to develop a location where people can look for or find information in the case of an emergency when they may not be able to connect to the internet.

Fire Chief Pacheco commented on the use of Voyent Alert! Voyent is a mass notification system that can be used in case of an emergency.

Councillor Webb commented on the use of social media to find information.

CAO Holland advised the Village has posted information at different areas in the community to keep the public informed on things like forest fires.

Mayor Storey would like to see those sites advertised to ensure people know where to seek information in emergencies.

Councillor Jenkinson asked whether the gravel left on the roads from the chip sealing is normally swept off or if it just remains on the road. He also asked about the inside corner by the beach along Park Drive.

CAO Holland stated that Park Drive will be swept, however, not immediately. The gravel will be left on the surface to allow material to be pushed into the chip sealing material.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive New Business.

Resolution 07-05-261

Carried

Bylaws:

None

In Camera:

None

In Camera:

None

Next Meeting of Council:

Regular Meeting August 23, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the July 5, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:08 pm

Resolution 07-05-262

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarrah Storey, Mayor

TOLENE WEBB, COUNCILLOR



Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer