



Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Mayor Storey presided. Present were C. LePoidevin, J. Webb, and A. Fennema.

Staff present were Chief Administrative Officer R. Holland and Director of Finance L. McMaster.

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 pm.

Agenda:

Mayor Storey called for the declaration of new business and a motion to adopt the agenda.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 06-14-213

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

None

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, May 24, 2023

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 24, 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 06-14-214

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

None

Reports on Council Activities:

Councillor LePoidevin

Councillor LePoidevin had nothing to report.

Councillor Webb

Councillor Webb attended a Library Board meeting on May 30th. The library staff will be joining a joint accessibility committee.

Councillor Fennema

Councillor Fennema attended the bicycle rodeo on May 28th. She attended the Pride event on June 10th and on June 12th she accompanied Mayor Storey to the opening of the Tachick Lake Treatment Center held by the Carrier Sekani. On the evening of June 13th, Councillor Fennema attended the Drone Project dinner and celebration that was held at the Stellaquo Hall.

Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey commented that over the past month she was gone for 20 days. She attended the FCM Conference in Toronto, Ontario. She felt the conference was well worth attending. She met mayors and politicians from across Canada.

Mayor Storey participated in a panel discussion on transportation. The presentation went very well, and she enjoyed the many conversations with people from other communities who wanted to talk about what is going on in Fraser Lake. Following the panel discussion, Mayor Storey was asked to do a podcast by Municipal World.

Mayor Storey stated there were many learning opportunities at FCM and she really enjoyed the trade show.

Mayor Storey noted that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh also dropped in for a short while at the conference.

Mayor Storey attended the PRIDE event and the drone project dinner.

She attended the opening of the Tachick Lake Detox and Recovery Facility. She noted the facility is for First Nations persons across British Columbia.

Mayor Storey attended the Board meeting at the RDBN. She stated there is a lot going on with the Vanderhoof and Fort St. James hospitals.

Mayor Storey reports that BC Transit has developed a new transit plan. The response to their Highway 16 service has been greater than they expected. BC Transit is now looking at transit service on Saturdays and Sundays. They are also planning to open a new route between Prince Rupert and Terrace, B.C.

Mayor Storey participated in a phone call with BC Housing regarding Supportive Housing. BC Housing would like to develop partnerships with municipalities.

Autumn Services has been successful in their application for a Clean Air Initiative. They have been approved for \$25,000.00 through the United Way and will be purchasing 13 Hepa Filter Air Cleaners. The air filters will be used in public places such as the library or other community gathering spaces when air quality is poor. The air filters will help with the impacts of smoke and periods of influenza.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 06-14-215

Carried

Accounts payable:

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$460,357.84.

Resolution 06-14-216

Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

2023 Paving and Seal Coating:

CAO Holland provided an update on the 2023 Paving and Seal Coating plan.

MOVED/SECONDED to support the 2023 Community Paving Plan to pave Carrier Crescent, Nulki Street, and Tunasa Crescent from Highway 16 to Endako Avenue and to pave the remaining parts of Endako Avenue that were not paved in 2022 and the section of Taluk Road adjacent to Mouse Mountain Elementary School and to expend the anticipated cost of \$874,904.90 in the following allocations: \$850,000.00 from the Growing Communities Fund and \$24,904.90 from the Northern Capital and Planning Reserve.”

Resolution 06-14-217

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to support the 2023 Community Seal Coating Plan to seal coat Park Drive from Tunasa Crescent to the end, the boat launch parking lot and the White Swan Park parking lot at a cost of \$299,147.62 for seal coating and gravel and to expend that amount from the Northern Capital and Planning Grant.

Resolution 06-14-218

Carried

Strata Property Development proposal:

CAO Holland noted Strata Property Developments would be new to the Village of Fraser Lake. The requirements of a Strata Property Development was discussed.

A discussion followed.

Council generally agreed that the proposal would create affordable housing. By converting the subject properties from rental to private ownership and the potential for sustained occupancy would be improved.

Mayor Storey voiced concern for the tenants currently in the subject properties.

Council has asked Administration to invite the property owner to appear before Council as a delegation.

Annual Report:

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the 2022 Annual Report.

Resolution 06-14-219

Carried

Hazard, Risk, Vulnerability Assessment:

CAO Holland presented the HRVA for the Village of Fraser Lake and Electoral Area D of the RDBN. The HRVA is a foundational part of Emergency planning. The completion of this assessment was a collaborative effort by representative of the Village, the RDBN, Stellaquo and Nadleh Whut'en.

Mayor Storey commented about her concern relative to Mouse Mountain. She is concerned a lightening strike or a fire on Mouse Mountain would have significant impacts on the Village.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Hazard, Risk, Vulnerability assessment for the Village of Fraser Lake and Electoral Area D of the RDBN.

Resolution 06-14-220

Carried

Mouse Mountain Days:

CAO Holland provided Council with the most recent Mouse Mountain Day schedule.

Mayor Storey, Councillor LePoidevin, Councillor Webb and Councillor Fennema have volunteered to serve at the Pancake Breakfast. They have been requested to be at the Legion by 7:45 am.

CAO Holland commented on the various obstacles associated with the Hospitality Hostage program. The RCMP are unable to assist with the roadside hostage apprehension. There are no available hotels rooms. There are no plans for fireworks due to the hot, dry weather and fire restrictions. That July 1st falls on a Saturday adds additional challenge. Several staff members did not want to cancel the program and have volunteered to host the hostages.

On Friday June 30, 2023, staff will apprehend the hostages from the RVers camping at White Swan Park. At 4:00 pm, Fire Chief Pacheco has offered to take the hostage for a cruise down the lake in his boat.

On Saturday July 1st, Fire Chief Joe Pacheco will pick up the hostages and transport them to the pancake breakfast. The hostages will ride in a Fire Truck for the parade and entertain themselves for the afternoon.

Stellaquo Lodge had agreed to prepare dinner for a party of four (4).

Director of Finance L. McMaster and Administrative Assistant S. Hendriksen will accompany the hostages to dinner.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the business from the CAO.

Resolution 06-14-221

Carried

Business from the Director of Finance:

Director of Finance L. McMaster presented the 2022 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the 2022 Statement of Financial Information Report

Resolution: 06-14-222

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the reading list.

Resolution 06-14-223

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Webb commented on the need for more dog poop dispensers and bins around town. She would like to see a bin near Simon Fraser and another near the Catholic Church on Nadina Crescent.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive New Business.

Resolution 06-14-224

Carried

Bylaws:

The Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake
Growing Communities Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 842, 2023

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the first, second and third reading of the Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake Growing Communities Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 842, 2023.

Resolution 06-14-225

Carried

In Camera:

MOVED/SECONDED to move the Regular Meeting to In Camera at 6:28 pm under Section 90(2)(b) 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 consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

Resolution 06-14-226

Carried

Return to the Regular Meeting:

Return to the Regular Meeting at 6:40 pm

MOVED/SECONDED to accept the offer to purchase the 1980 Ford Fire Truck in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Resolution 06-14-230

Carried

Next Meeting of Council:

Regular Meeting June 28, 2023, at 5:30 pm

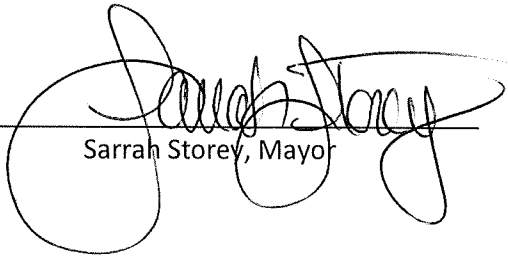
Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the May 24, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 6:44 pm

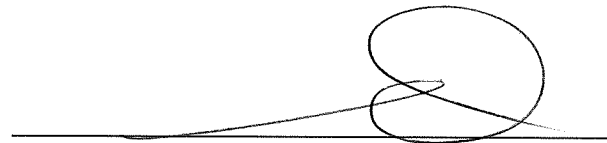
Resolution 06-14-231

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer