



**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers
on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 5:30 pm**

Mayor S. Storey presided. Councillors present were C. LePoidevin, A Fennema, and J. Webb.

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

**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 03-22-123

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

None

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes,
March 8, 2023**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 8, 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 03-22-124

Carried

**In Camera Council Meeting Minutes,
March 8, 2023**

MOVED/SECONDED that the In Camera Council Meeting Minutes of March 8, 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 03-22-125

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

None

Reports on Council Activities:

Councillor LePoidevin

Councillor LePoidevin had nothing to report.

Councillor Webb

Councillor Webb had nothing to report.

Councillor Fennema

Councillor Fennema attended the Local Government Leadership Academy that was held in Prince George, B.C. She felt the conference was filled with good learning and networking opportunities. Councillor Fennema talked about some of the lessons learned.

Councillor Fennema attended the Cultural Training Day at Nadleh Whut'en earlier today. The event provided opportunity for Councillor Fennema to become more familiar with Nadleh Band Council members. During her conversations with Band Council members, it was agreed the Tri Council Meetings should resume.

Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey also attended the Local Government Leadership Academy. She has attended the LGLA each year and always finds learning opportunities. She enjoyed presentations on tourism and reconciliation. Mayor Storey advised they discussed the importance of establishing a "code of conduct". A code of conduct is not a statutory requirement but it is good to have one in place.

On March 21st, Mayor Storey met with the Drone Project people. They plan on doing some fund raising for phase II of their project. They would also like to remain connected with Fraser Lake as the process moves forward.

Earlier today, Mayor Storey participated in the BC Achievement Awards process. She found it quite interesting.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 03-22-126

Carried

Accounts payable:

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$148,954.51.

Resolution 03-22-127

Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

2023 Tax Rates:

Director of Finance, Laura McMaster advised the 2023 budget has been prepared. The 4 percent cost of living allowance and \$100,000.00 in contingency to address inflationary impacts on the capital projects and expenditures have been factored into the budget. The 2023 budget is based on 2022 tax rates. Property value assessments as established by BC Assessment have increased. As those property values increases will result in increased cost to property owners, no increase to the tax rate is recommended.

A discussion followed. The significant impacts of inflation over the past two years was noted. Mayor Storey asked about the impact of a one (1) percent tax rate increase.

Director of Finance Laura McMaster advised a one (1) percent increase across all classes of property would generate an additional \$30,095.29.

The discussion was concluded with the agreement the 2023 tax rate would remain the same as the 2022 tax rate.

MOVED/SECONDED to set the 2023 tax rates for the following classes of property as follows:

Residential:	7.2538
Utilities:	49.3473
Major Industry	38.8124
Commercial:	25.2009
Recreation:	9.6749

Resolution 03-22-128

Carried

Painting the White Brick Building:

CAO Holland advised a quote was received to paint the White Brick Building at White Swan Park. The quote is to prepare and paint the building and includes all supplies and labour. The cost is \$8,484.52.

Mayor Storey felt the quote was reasonable, but no action was taken.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the business from the CAO.

Resolution 03-22-129

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Reading List.

Resolution 03-22-130

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Fennema:

Councillor Fennema is scheduled to attend the Library Conference on April 12, 2023. She will not be able to attend the Regular Meeting scheduled for that date.

Mayor Storey added she will also be away on April 12, 2023.

CAO Holland noted the Tax Rate Bylaw and Five (5) Year Financial Plan Bylaw require their first three readings and they were scheduled for the April 12th Regular Meeting.

MOVED/SECONDED to cancel the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for Wednesday April 12, 2023, at 5:30 pm and to schedule a Special Meeting for Tuesday April 11, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

Resolution 03-22-131

Carried

Mayor Storey:

Mayor Storey noted she will be away April 12-14 for COFI. She has UBCM Meetings scheduled from April 18-21. May 7 -12 Mayor Storey and Councillor Fennema will be out of town to attend the NCLGA conference in Dawson Creek. On May 24 to May 29, she will be attending the FCM Conference in Toronto, Ontario. Mayor Storey suggested a Special Meeting for May 3, 2023, may be needed.

A discussion followed. Council expects to have quorum on April 24th.

Mayor Storey stated she would like to see a Bylaw to establish fees for airport parking, fuel sales and land leases rates for hanger development.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive New Business.

Resolution 03-22-132

Carried

Bylaws:

The Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake
Sewer Connection and Rental Charges Amending Bylaw No. 838, 2023

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the First, Second and Third Reading of the Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake Sewer Connection and Rental Charges Amending Bylaw No. 838, 2023.

Resolution 03-22-133

Carried

The Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake
Council Compensation and Allowance Bylaw No. 841, 2023

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the First, Second and Third Reading of the Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake Council Compensation and Allowance Bylaw No. 841, 2023.

Resolution 03-22-134

Carried

In Camera:

MOVED/SECONDED to move the Regular Meeting to In Camera at 6:42 pm under Section 90(1)(k) of the *Community Charter*.

Resolution 03-22-135

Carried

Return to the Regular Meeting:

Return to the Regular Meeting at 7:14 pm.

Water Reservoir Replacement Project:

MOVED/SECONDED to proceed with the Water Reservoir Replacement project.

Resolution 03-22-141

Carried

Designated Water Supply Line Project:

MOVED/SECONDED to proceed with the Designated Water Supply Line Project.

Resolution 03-22-142

Carried

Community Hall Project – Phase II:

MOVED/SECONDED to proceed with Phase II of the Community Hall Project.

Resolution 03-22-143

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to apply to NDIT under the Healthy Northern Communities Fund for up to \$500,000.00 to support the construction of Phase II of the Community Hall Project.

Resolution 03-22-144

Carried

Next Meeting of Council:

April 11, 2023, at 5:30 pm

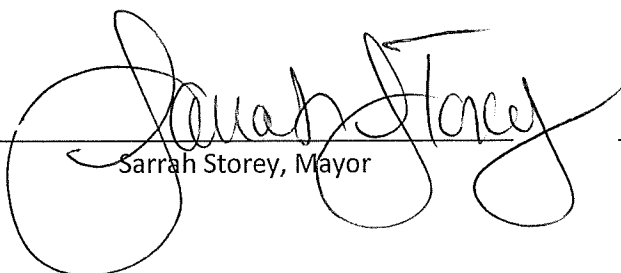
Adjournment:


MOVED/SECONDED that the March 22, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:16 pm.

Resolution 03-22-145

Carried

Certified Correct:


Sarah Storey, Mayor

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Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer