



**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers
on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 5:30 pm**

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

Staff present were CAO R. Holland

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

Agenda:

Mayor Storey called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 09-27-297

Carried

Delegations & Guests:

Patty Tawiyaka – Establishment of an Idle free bylaw in the Village of Fraser Lake

Patty introduced herself. She spoke of looking for ways to make a difference. She felt her contribution would be to advocate for an Idle Reduction Bylaw for the Village. Idle-free initiatives are a straightforward and cost-effective action that local governments can immediately take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A successful idle-free campaign can be a catalyst for public involvement in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Patty has noticed that people leave their vehicles idling for more time no matter what season it is. Areas where Patty has noticed a lot of vehicles idling is at the school around drop off and pick up time and outside of the Post Office.

Mayor Storey thanked Patty for coming to Council and sharing this initiative with them. She said that the municipality will investigate the proposal. Mayor Storey stated Council would return to this topic later in the meeting.

**Minutes of the previous Meeting,
September 13, 2023**

MOVED/SECONDED that the Council Meeting Minutes of September 13, 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 09-27-298

Carried

**Minutes of the In Camera Meeting,
September 3, 2023**

MOVED/SECONDED that the In Camera Meeting Minutes of September 13, 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 09-27-299

Carried

**Business arising from
the Minutes:**

None

Councillor Reports:

Councillor LePoidevin

Councillor LePoidevin had nothing to report.

Councillor Webb

Councillor Webb had nothing to report.

Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey had a meeting on September 14, 2023, with Greg Marr, HS Megan Hunter, Dr. Shannon Douglas, and other Northern Health staff about health care issues in the community. Mayor Storey commented on how pleased she was to hear the Fraser Lake Clinic is fully staffed.

Mayor Storey attended a Resource Benefit Alliance meeting on September 15, to discuss what was going to be happening at UBCM.

Mayor Storey went to a meeting with a prospector from a prospecting company that is based in the Okanagan. The company has been looking at the areas around Fraser Lake. This company is donating the rocks and maps to the community and the school so that people can learn more about geology and prospecting.

Mayor Storey reports a three-community meeting involving the Mayor of Vanderhoof and the Mayor of Fort St. James has been arranged for October 13, 2023. The meeting is to begin discussions around working together in the future. The Councils from each of the three communities, along with senior staff are invited.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Council Reports.

Resolution 09-27-300

Carried

Accounts payable:

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$607,695.95

Resolution 09-27-301

Carried

Correspondence List:

None

Business from the CAO:

Community Hall Project – Phase 1 Completion

The Community Hall Project – Phase 1 is nearing completion. The final inspection is scheduled for October 11, 2023, and barring any complications or deficiencies, Public Works will begin making ice once the results from the inspection are in.

Mayor Storey asked if we will be holding an Open House to celebrate this milestone?

CAO Holland told Council CGL is planning a community celebration in the complex October 12th and members from the Curling Club are planning a fun-spiel open to the public the weekend of November 24. The Village has not planned an open house yet.

Wastewater Treatment Facility – Sludge Removal

De-sludging of the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) is the next step in the updating and maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

A new Diffused Air Bubbler Aeration system has been identified as the solution to our biochemical non-compliance issues that typically occur during winter months. Following the completion of a sludge survey and to ensure the new aeration system functions effectively, lagoons #1 and #2 must be de-sludged.

A competitive bid process has been conducted to identify the most competitive bid to desludge our wastewater lagoons. Four bids were received. Those bids were reviewed by Urban Systems to ensure the proposals are complete and that there are no pitfalls. Urban Systems recommended the bids from Lambourne Environmental or Cutpoint Fluid Management.

These proposals were discussed with Council during UBCM; however, the identification of the successful contractor must be formalized.

Fencing and signage will be required around the space.

MOVED/SECONDED to accept the proposal from Cutpoint Fluid Management to desludge wastewater lagoon #1 and lagoon #2 for \$352,992.50 plus the cost of diesel and polymer coagulant and to commit up to \$500,000.00 from the Community Forest Reserve for that purpose.

Resolution 09-27-302

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to commit \$25,000.00 from the Community Forest Reserve to fence and place signage around the geo tube storage site.

Resolution 09-27-303

Carried

Coastal GasLink

When constructing the Geo Tube laydown site, Coastal GasLink (CGL) took 300 loads out of the old compost area to build the bed and retention berm around the geo tube storage site.

CGL has a supply of ground wood material that was produced by the grinding of rig mats. The bolts were removed prior to grinding. The wood material was not treated. CAO Holland proposes to allow CGL to fill the hole created by the extraction of the 300 loads of soil at the compost area. The wood material would then be capped with a layer of soil. If there is extra material, CGL has offered to build up the sledding hill that is adjacent to the skateboard park.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Business from the CAO.

Resolution 09-27-304

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

Youth Parliament of BC

British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP) is a youth organization that recognizes every young person's potential to lead and serve in the community. This year, the British Columbia Youth Parliament will hold its 95th Parliamentary Session in Victoria at the Provincial Legislative Chambers from December 27 to 31, 2023. Each year 97 youth are "elected" to BCYP as representatives of their communities. Each applicant must be nominated by an organization committed to youth. Five members of that group must indicate their support by signing the application form. Applications are due by October 27, 2023.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Reading List

Resolution 09-27-305

Carried

New Business:

Mayor Storey noted Saturday September 30, is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. There is an event taking place at Lejac. The event will be starting at 9:00 am, and she will be giving a speech. Mayor Storey encouraged Council members to attend.

Mayor Storey received a call from Dan Wingham of Integris Credit Union. The Community Foundation is open and accepting applications. From Mayor Storey's conversation with Dan Wingham, the Village of Fraser Lake could apply for any of the new kitchen equipment in the new Community Hall.

CAO Holland asked Council to discuss the subdivision request for 565 Mouse Mountain Drive. This subdivision proposal would sever half an acre from the existing property lot. There were no submissions, objections or complaints from the community received at the Village Officer or the Public Hearing that took place September 27, 2023, at 5:00PM.

MOVED/SECONDED to support the request for the subdivision of 565 Mouse Mountain Drive and to proceed to the step of seeking input from the Provincial Approving Officer.

Resolution 09-27-306

Carried

Councillor LePoidevin returned to Patty Tawiyaka's presentation about establishing an Idle Free bylaw or having an idle free campaign.

Mayor Storey asked Staff to investigate the creation of an idling bylaw.

MOVED/SECONDED to have Staff investigate an idling bylaw.

Resolution 09-27-307

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive New Business

Resolution 09-27-308

Carried

Bylaws:

None

Next Meeting of Council:

Regular Meeting October 11, 2023, at 5:30 pm

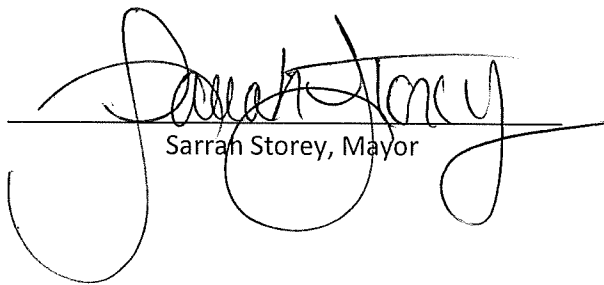
Adjournment:

MOVED/SECONDED that the September 27, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 6:18 pm.

Resolution 09-27-309

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer