

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
210 Carrier Crescent, Fraser Lake, B.C.
Municipal Chambers

Members Present: Mayor S. Storey (Virtual Attendance)
Councillor J. Webb
Councillor A. Fennema (Acting Chair)
Councillor C. LePoidevin
Councillor J. Jenkinson (Virtual Attendance)

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer E. Fredeen

Council called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 5:42PM

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the May 8th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended to include item 10.a) Commercial Ride On Mower Procurement Discussion.

Resolution 2024-05-154
CARRIED

2. Delegations

a. Diane Harder, President for Silver Birch Lodge regarding Annual Progress report dated April 18th, 2024

Diane Harder attended the regular Council Meeting to update the Mayor and Council on the operations of Silver Birch Lodge, outlining the organization's priority projects and their progress in securing necessary funding. Silver Birch Lodge is seeking the Council's support by signing the attached template letter advocating for financial support for the community organization. Additionally, the representatives announced that Silver Birch Lodge will hold its Annual General Meeting on May 27th, 2024. The Council expressed their apologies and disappointment for being unable to attend recent board meetings due to the rescheduling to Mondays to accommodate other board members.

Diane Harder left the regular Council Meeting at 5:54PM.

3. Adoption of Minutes

a. April 24th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the April 24th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

Resolution 2024-05-155

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Councillor Reports

a. Councillor Fennema

Councillor Fennema attended and reported on the following meetings:

- April 25th, 2024 Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board Meeting;
- April 26th Community Action Initiative Harm Reduction Meeting on Public Safety;
- April 27th, 2024 Nadleh Whut'en Swearing in Ceremony; and
- April 29th, 2024 Day of Mourning Ceremony.

b. Councillor Jenkinson

Nothing to report.

c. Councillor LePoidevin

Nothing to report.

d. Councillor Webb

Nothing to report.

e. Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey noted the need to get through the items on the agenda and stated that she will defer her Council report from April 24th, 2024 to May 8th, 2024 at the following Council meeting.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the May 8th, 2024 Council Reports be received for information.

Resolution 2024-05-156

CARRIED

6. Accounts Payable

a. Village of Fraser Lake Cheque Register from April 4th to May 1st, 2024

Council requested that staff provide a final report from the Artemis Transmission Line harvesting project upon completion. Staff confirmed that this could be accomplished.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council receive the Cheque Register from April 4th, 2024 to May 1st, 2024 for the amount of \$463,934.51.

Resolution 2024-05-157

CARRIED

7. Correspondence List

- a. **Michelle Roberge, Coordinator for the Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative regarding the Juvenile Sturgeon Release Invite dated April 22nd, 2024**
- b. **Phoebe Lazier, Community Outreach for BC Rural Health Network regarding Proclamation Request for Declaring June 17th as Hope Air Day dated May 1st, 2024**

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Correspondence List items 7.a. to 7.b. be received for information.

Resolution 2024-05-158

CARRIED

8. Staff Reports

a. **Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**

1. **Northern Health's Invitation at the NCLGA General Meeting**

Staff were directed to schedule a meeting with Northern Health during the North Central Local Government Association Annual General Meeting to discuss:

- Incentives to address the medical professional shortages in Northern Communities; and
- Advocacy Support from Northern Health to expedite Medical professionals through programs.

9. Reading List

- a. **Jason Regnier, Fraser Lake Forest Consulting, regarding Spring Planting within the Fraser Lake Community Forest dated April 26th, 2024**
- b. **Trina Bysouth, Information Officer for the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako regarding the Evacuation Alert Rescind for Wildfire G40119 dated April 23rd, 2024**
- c. **Val Erickson, Community Relations Manager for Artemis Gold regarding the Blackwater Mine Field Activities dated April 24th, 2024**
- d. **Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project regarding TC Energy Sells Proposed PRGT Project to New Ownership dated April 24th, 2024**

- e. **Dave Christie, Regional Manager for Regional Economic Operations Branch, regarding Securing Small Business Rebate Program dated May 1st, 2024**
- f. **Val Erickson, Community Relations Manager for Artemis Gold regarding Notification of Blackwater Mine Filed Activities - Waterbird Surveys via Helicopter dated May 1st, 2024**

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Reading List Items 9.a. to 9.f. be received for information.

Resolution 2024-05-159

CARRIED

10. New Business

a. Ride on Mower

The presented item is to address the Public Works Department Ride-On Mower fleet that includes three various mowers all used for different purposes. The Director of Operations was able to secure a quote for an industrial zero turn mower that could take the workload of the Village's Jacobson (largest mower). Staff informed Council that an additional report addressing this mower will be presented at a different time.

Council has currently approved the spending of up to \$20,000 for a new mower to replace the Village's Jacobson Large Area Mower. Staff are looking for Council to support staff using the allotted funds for this year to support the purchasing of a new mower to support the maintenance of soccer fields and baseball fields.

The 2023 John Deere Z740R ZTrak is an industrial mower that will have a longer life span and will cost the Village \$17,196.53.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council approve the expenditure of \$17,196.53 for the purchasing of a 2023 John Deere Z740R ZTrak for 2024.

Resolution 2024-05-160

CARRIED

Mayor Storey left the meeting at 6:16PM.

b. White Swan Park

Council inquired the rationale as to why the docks at White Swan Park have yet to be installed and whether something could be done about the sawed off posts located adjacent to the pier. Finally the lights at the park are not timed appropriately as they all turn on at separate times.

Staff noted that they will reach out to his team to address the issues at the park.

c. Silver Birch Lodge Letter of Support

Council expressed a desire to move forward with the letter of support as requested by Silver Birch Lodge.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Village Council support the letter of support for Silver Birch Lodge.

Resolution 2024-05-161

CARRIED

11. Bylaws

a. Tax Rates Bylaw No. 848, 2024

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Tax Rates Bylaw 848, 2024 be given fourth and final reading.

Resolution 2024-05-162

CARRIED

b. 2024 Village of Fraser Lake 2024 208 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 847, 2024

Moved/Seconded

THAT the 2024 Village of Fraser Lake 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 847, 2024 be given fourth and final reading.

Resolution 2024-05-162

CARRIED

12. In Camera

Council moved to In Camera at 6:20PM.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter section 90 (1) (k) negotiations and (2) (b) information received in confidence from the Provincial Government and related discussions that in the view of Council could reasonably expect to harm the interest of the municipality if they were held in public.

Resolution 2024-05-163

CARRIED

13. Rise with Report

None.

14. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

THAT the May 8th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:32PM.

Resolution 2024-05-167

CARRIED



Audrey Fennema, Acting Mayor



Ethan Fredeen, Corporate Officer