

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting  
in the Municipal Hall**

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 5:30 pm  
210 Carrier Crescent, Fraser Lake, B.C.  
Municipal Chambers**

Members Present: S. Storey  
A. Fennema  
C. LePoidevin  
J. Jenkinson (virtual attendance)  
J. Webb

Staff Present: E. Fredeen

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**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the January 24, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted.

**Resolution 2024-24-023**

**CARRIED**

**2. Delegations**

**a. Jon Medd & Michael Souveny from Winter Camp Adventures**

Jon Medd & Michael Souveny entered at 5:31PM.

J. Medd and M. Souveny attended Council to discuss their project for Winter Camp Adventures. Following the reaction from the initial post on Facebook, they wanted to attend Council to explain their plans and answer any questions regarding concerns raised by the public. They gave an overview of the project that they would start with 5 huts for 5 years, but there may be eventual progression of up to 20 huts if the venture is successful and provides a benefit to the community.

Council had a variety of questions regarding their concerns for J. Medd and M. Souveny. These questions were answered for the most part, with some needing further investigation, so they had all of the details required. Most of Council's questions were answered regarding the ecosystem, waste management, employment opportunities, and parking.

Council thanked Mr. Medd and Mr. Souveny for coming to the meeting and said that they would discuss this topic further offline and provide a written response regarding this topic.

Delegates Left at 5:58PM

**3. Adoption of the Minutes**

**a. Minutes of the January 10th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Minutes of the January 10th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**Resolution 2024-24-024**

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Council discussed the Budget Schedule that was presented at the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. The next budget session is scheduled for February 28, 2024, before the Regular Council Meeting. The other meetings are scheduled for March 13, and April 24 with the final discussion taking place on May 8, 2024.

CAO Fredeen said that Staff will send an invitation to Mayor and Council, so they have place holders in their schedules.

**5. Councillor Reports:**

**a. Councillor Fennema**

Councillor Fennema attended and reported on the following:

- Local Leadership United; and
- Historical Society Meeting.

**b. Councillor LePoidevin**

Nothing to report.

**c. Councillor Jenkinson**

Councillor Jenkinson was able to build the cross-country ski trails down on the lake and will continue to do this throughout the winter.

**d. Councillor Webb**

Nothing to report.

**e. Mayor Storey**

Mayor Storey attended and reported on:

- Natural Resources Forum;
- Deputy Minister of Environment, Laurel Nash and Brady Nelles regarding the appeal process;
- Minister Ralston regarding forest thinning and spacing;
- Minister Andrew Mercier and discussed strategies for forestry;
- Northern Medical Trust Meeting;
- Artemis Gold meeting;

- Northern Development Initiative Trust;
- RDBN meeting;
- Rural Toolkit webinar from the United States on strengthening economies.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council receive the Council received

***Resolution 2024-24-025***

**CARRIED**

**6. Correspondence List**

- a. **Edward Rodrigues, Resident, Complaint Form dated January 18th, 2024**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Correspondence List be received.

***Resolution 2024-24-026***

**CARRIED**

**7. Business from the CAO**

- a. **Chief Administrative Verbal Report**

1. Economic Development Capacity Building Grant Resolution

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council approve the Village of Fraser Lake's submission for Northern Development Initiative Trust's Economic Development Capacity Building Grant for \$50,000.

***Resolution 2024-24-027***

**CARRIED**

2. British Columbia Resources Forum Update

CAO Fredeen attended the Natural Resources Forum in Prince George with Mayor Storey. He made a lot of connections at this forum and was thankful for the different conversations he was able to be involved in surrounding the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Community Forest.

3. Community Forest Reserve Allocation for the Curling Rink and Arena Retrofit

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council permit the allocation of \$326,138.93 from the Community Forest Reserve for the purposes of the completion of the Curling Rink Retrofit Phase 1 project completed in 2023.

***Resolution 2024-24-028***

**CARRIED**

4. Family Day Grant

CAO Fredeen informed Council that Staff was successful in their application for \$1,000 for Family Day.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Chief Administrative Officer Verbal update be received.

**Resolution 2024-24-029**

**CARRIED**

8. Staff Reports:

a. Fire Department

1. Request for Funding from the Rescue Truck Reserve

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council authorize the allocation of \$11,971.68 from the Rescue Truck Reserve for the purposes of purchasing:

- MSA GX4 Personnel Multi-Gas Monitor.
- A MSA Bump test/Calibration station for the Gas Monitor;  
and
- Thermal imaging camera as our current Gas Monitor.

**Resolution 2024-24-030**

**CARRIED**

b. Finance

1. Cheque Register from January 5 to January 19

The accounting reports were presented in the amount of \$519,721.36

A discussion followed surrounding the Subdivision Application, and CAO Fredeen will investigate this and report back to Council.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council receive the Cheque Register from January 5 - 19, 2024 for information.

**Resolution 2024-24-031**

**CARRIED**

9. Reading List

None.

10. New Business

a. Ice Shacks: Winter Camp Adventures

The Village is required to submit to the province any comments or concerns following the presentation from M. Souveny and J. Medd.

Some of the main concerns that Council brought back up were:

- Parking
- Waste management – what is the plan?
- Noise
- RCMP and emergency services
- Impacts on the aquatic ecosystem
- Safety concerns regarding the influx of structures, people, airplanes, and vehicles on the ice
- Location of the ice shacks in proximity to people's homes
- Watershed levels
- The role of the Village in this project
- Has Vanderhoof Search and Rescue been contacted?
- What impact will this have on local people who ice fish?
- What are the financial commitments to the Village?

Council was more agreeable to the 5 ice shacks that were presented before Council, with a maximum of 10 rather than 20. Council does see the economic benefits of this project, but still have more questions specifically surrounding safety measures and a safety plan.

Council had discussed what the plan would be should Winter Camp Adventures decide this project is not viable in our region. What is the Village's role should this project be approved, and the Village notices adverse effects?

**b. Townhall**

A discussion took place regarding hosting a Townhall to go over the closure of the Fraser Lake Sawmill and the impacts on those living in the Village of Fraser Lake.

Council discussed that they should follow up with different stakeholders before choosing a date for hosting a Townhall.

**c. Rise with Report from the Committee of the Whole**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** staff prepare a tax rates bylaw for 2024 reflecting the following rates:

- Residential 7.3405
- Utilities 49.3473
- Major Industry 39.8124
- Light Industry 39.8124
- Commercial/Business 25.2009
- Recreation 9.6749

**Resolution 2024-24-032**

**CARRIED**

**11. Bylaws**

None.

**12. In Camera**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the meeting is closed to the public at **7:23PM** in accordance with the Community Charter section 90 (1) (c) labour relations, (k) negotiations 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 2024-24-033**

**CARRIED**

**13. Next Regular Meeting of Council**

Regular Meeting February 14, 2024, at 5:30 pm

**14. Adjourn**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** January 24, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:24PM.

**Resolution 2024-24-039**

**CARRIED**



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Ethan Fredeen, Corporate Officer