

Village of Fraser Lake
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
in the Municipal Hall

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

Members Present: Mayor Sarrah Storey (Virtual Attendance)
Councillor Jolene Webb
Councillor Audrey Fennema (Acting Chair)
Councillor Craig LePoidevin
Councillor Joe Jenkinson (Virtual Attendance)

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer Ethan Fredeen
Fire Chief Joe Pacheco

The Regular Council Meeting of April 24th, 2024 was called to order at 5:30PM.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the April 24th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted.

Resolution 2024-04-131

CARRIED

2. Delegations

a. Village of Fraser Lake Volunteer Fire Department Long Service Awards

The Chief Administrative Officer announced the following recipients for long service award:

- Balcombe, Ian – 40 Years Service
- Chapman, Mike – 5 Years Service
- Christie, Dave – 5 Years Service
- Cochran, James – 45 Years Service
- Harder, Diane – 10 Years Service
- Hardy, Ted – 25 Years Service
- Legere, Ryan – 5 Years Service
- Malchow, Justin – 5 Years Service
- Malchow, Kayla – 5 Years Service
- Pacheco, Joe – 45 Years Service
- Paterson, Ron – 10 Years Service
- Reeves, Jeremy – 10 Years Service

- Silva, Fernando – 30 Years Service
- Six, Lucas – 25 Years Service
- Wymer, Rick – 5 Years Service

Council motioned to recess the April 24th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting to get a team photo of all the recipients of their long service awards.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting be recessed at **5:41PM**.

Resolution 2024-04-132

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

Council reconvened the meeting at 5:45PM and Joe Pacheco did not return to the meeting.

a. April 10th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the April 10th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

Resolution 2024-04-133

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Councillor Reports

a. Councillor Fennema

Attended and reported on the Historical Society Meeting.

b. Councillor Jenkinson

Nothing to report.

c. Councillor LePoidevin

Nothing to report.

d. Councillor Webb

Attended and reported on the Resource Benefits Alliance Meeting on April 17th.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Councillor Reports be received for information.

Resolution 2024-04-134

CARRIED

6. **Accounts Payable**

- a. **Village of Fraser Lake Cheque Register from April 3rd to April 15th, 2024**

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council receive the Village of Fraser Lake Cheque Register from April 3rd - April 15th 2024 for the amount of \$199,775.18 for information.

Resolution 2024-04-135

CARRIED

7. **Correspondence List**

None

8. **Staff Reports**

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

1. **Asset Management Grant Applications**

Staff have been trying to offset the municipal costs to the Water Modelling Project that was previously approved by Council and is requesting Council's support to apply to two grant opportunities that would help the Village.

Staff noted the need to have a resolution to rescind the previous resolution for tax rates due to the fact that the BC Assessment Revised Roll from April 1st, 2024 provided their numbers which necessitates the Village having to incorporate a minor addition only reflecting a marginal increase to residential.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council support the Village of Fraser Lake's application to the Union of BC Municipalities Asset Management Program for \$25,000 to support Fraser Lake's Water Modelling for 2024;

AND THAT Council support \$25,000 towards the Village of Fraser Lake Water Modelling Project.

Resolution 2024-04-136

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council support the Village of Fraser Lake's application to the BC Infrastructure Planning Grant Program for \$10,000 to support Fraser Lake's Water Modelling for 2024.

Resolution 2024-04-137

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT resolution 2024-03-079 adopted during the March 13, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council Meeting that discussed the 2024 tax rates be rescinded.

Resolution 2024-04-138

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a tax rates bylaw for 2024 reflecting the following rates:

- Residential 7.6083
- Utilities 49.3473
- Major Industry 39.8124
- Light Industry 39.8124
- Business 25.2009
- Recreation 9.6747

Resolution 2024-04-139

CARRIED

2. Office of the Chief Administrative Officer 1st Quarter Report

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer 1st Quarter Report be received for information.

Resolution 2024-04-140

CARRIED

b. Finance Department

1. Finance Department 1st Quarter Report

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Finance Department 1st Quarter Report be received for information.

Resolution 2024-04-141

CARRIED

c. Fire Department

1. Volunteer Fire Department 1st Quarter Report

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Volunteer Fire Department 1st Quarter Report be received for information.

Resolution 2024-04-142

CARRIED

d. Public Works Department

1. Public Works 1st Quarter Report

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Public Works Department 1st Quarter Report be received for information.

Resolution 2024-04-143

CARRIED

9. Reading List

a. Bashir Makhoul, President and Vice Chancellor for the University of Canada West regarding University of Canada West Partnership dated March 25th, 2024

b. Dave Christie, Regional Manager for the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development, and Innovation Regional Economic Operations Branch regarding the Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin date April 1st, 2024

c. CN Public Inquiry Line regarding the Notice of Annual Vegetation Management Program dated April 3rd, 2024

d. Marie Tanner from the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway regarding 2024 Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Annual General Meeting Invitation dated April 10th, 2024

e. Walsham Tenshak, Director of Economic Development for the District of Kitimat regarding the Minerals North Conference in Kitimat dated April 11th, 2024

f. Mike Little, Mayor for the District of North Vancouver regarding Support for Resolution Black Bear Cub Conflict Response by British Columbia Conservation Officer Service dated April 16th, 2024

g. Tyler W. Banick Manger of Public Affairs for CN Rail regarding Investing in the Network BC Work Schedule dated April 18th, 2024

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Reading List items 9.a to 9.g be received for information.

Resolution 2024-04-144

CARRIED

10. New Business

Council inquired if the Fire Chief attended the Fire Resiliency Conference that occurred last weekend. Staff noted that this networking event was not brought forward to the Chief Administrative Officer and therefore the Fire Chief did not attend.

Further, Council inquired if staff have received an invite to Nadleh Whut'en's swearing in ceremony on Friday April 26th, 2024 and if so, could it be sent to all Council members. Staff noted they have not received an invitation but staff will inquire from their staff if the Village of Fraser Lake can attend.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council receive new business for information.

Resolution 2024-04-145

CARRIED

11. Bylaws

- a. **The Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake Tax Rate Bylaw No. 848, 2024**

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to the Tax Rate Bylaw No. 848, 2024.

Resolution 2024-04-146

CARRIED

- b. **The Corporation of the Village of Fraser lake 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 847, 2024**

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council give first, second, and third reading to the 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 847, 2024.

Resolution 2024-04-147

CARRIED

12. In Camera

Council moved to In Camera at 6:11PM

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 2024-04-148

CARRIED

13. Rise with Report

None

14. Adjournment

Council reconvened the Regular Council Meeting and Mayor Storey entered the meeting at 6:54PM.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the April 24th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:55PM.

Resolution 2024-04-153

CARRIED



Audrey Fennema, Acting Mayor



Ethan Fredeen, Corporate Officer