

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 8, 2017  
In the Municipal Hall in Open Forum**

Those in Attendance: Mayor Lindstrom  
Councillor Reyden  
Councillor LePoidevin  
Councillor Storey  
Councillor Ray

Staff: Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer

Public: Garry Watson

Mayor Lindstrom called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.

**Agenda:**

Resolution 03-08-74 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Storey

“Motion to adopt both the agenda and supplemental agenda and declaration of new business”

Carried

**Delegation:**

None

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Resolution 03-08-75 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated February 22, 2017 and the minutes of the In-Camera Meeting of Council dated February 22, 2017 with the amendment to reflect Councillor Ray took the minutes at the In-Camera meeting.”

Carried

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

None

**Councillor Reports:**

Councillor Lepoidevin – Nothing to report

Councillor Ray – Nothing to report

Councillor Reyden attended the Fraser Lake & District Senior Citizen Home Society meeting. The efforts to develop additional Senior's Housing in Fraser Lake continues. Kerry Jantz attended Vancouver, B.C. where he met with BC Housing representatives and to determine why this process seems to have stalled. There were several administrative issues that were dealt with. Jeff Stedman from BC Housing has been assigned to work with the Fraser Lake & District Senior Citizen Home Society in anticipation of moving this project forward.

Councillor Storey had nothing to report. Councillor Storey had a good vacation. While away, she participated in an electronic interview with David Kerr of CBC's Still Standing.

Mayor Lindstrom attended the Premier's Dinner, which was held in Prince George this past Saturday evening. It was packed venue. There was no opportunity to meet with the Premier. Mayor Lindstrom spoke briefly to Minister Steve Thomson's executive assistant, Bruce Strongarm. Mr. Strongarm noted they had received our Community Forest Agreement application and they are working on it. M.L.A. John Rustad and representatives from NDIT were in attendance. Mayor Lindstrom had an opportunity to speak with both over the course of the evening. It was an interesting event.

Mayor Lindstrom and RDBN Director Mark Parker met with David Kerr of CBC's Still Standing on Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Resolution 03-08-76 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Ray  
"Motion to receive Councillor Reports"

Carried

**Accounts Payable:**

Resolution 03-08-77 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray  
"Motion to receive Payroll and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$110,560.56"

Carried

**Correspondence List:**

Resolution 03-08-78 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin  
"Motion to receive the Correspondence List"

Carried

**Business from the CAO:**

**Metal Halide Lights and Fixtures – Village inventory:**

CAO Holland advised there are 66 metal halide lights and fixtures remaining in Village inventory following the LED installation in the arena in June 2016. These lights and fixtures have been advertised for sale. Up until this past week, there has been no interest in these lights or fixtures. Six of these fixtures have recently sold for \$10.00 per light and fixture. CAO Holland asked for Council's direction on the management of the remaining 66 bulbs and fixtures.

Resolution 03-08-79 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Ray

“Motion to table this item until the next Regular Meeting of Council on March 22, 2017”

Carried

**BC Community Forest Conference and AGM:**

CAO Holland informed Council of the scheduled BC Community Forest Association's annual conference and AGM. This year's event will be held June 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> in Tumbler Ridge. With our Community Forest Agreement application submitted, CAO Holland suggested it is important for Council to learn more about how other Community Forests are functioning. Registration for the event will open in April 2017.

A brief discussion followed. Councillor Ray and CAO Holland will attend this conference.

**FLESS Sr. Boys Basketball Team – Grant in Aid application:**

CAO Holland advised the FLESS Sr. Boys Basketball Team has qualified to attend Provincials. The team has been involved in fundraising activities. They have completed a “Grant in Aid” application to assist with expenses related to attending this event.

Resolution 03-08-80 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray

“Motion to provide a grant in aid in the amount of \$300.00 to the FLESS Sr. Boys Basketball Team to assist with their expenses to attend the Provincials”

Carried

**High School Curling Team – Grant in Aid application:**

The High School Curling Team has qualified to attend the Provincial High School Curling Championship in Smithers, B.C. The team has been involved in fundraising activities. They have completed a “Grant in Aid” application to assist with expenses related to attending this competition.

Resolution 03-08-81 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray

“Motion to provide a grant in aid in the amount of \$250.00 to the High School Curling Team to assist with their expenses to attend the Provincials”

Carried

Fraser Lake Midget Hockey Team – Grant in Aid application:

The Fraser Lake Midget Hockey Team has qualified to attend the Provincial Midget Hockey Championships in Clearwater, B.C. The team has been involved in fundraising activities. They have completed a “Grant in Aid” application to assist with expenses related to attending this competition.

Resolution 03-08-82 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray

“Motion to provide a grant in aid in the amount of \$500.00 to the Fraser Lake Midget Hockey Team to assist with their expenses to attend Provincials”

Carried

Federal Strategic Gas Tax Fund:

CAO Holland advised the Federal Strategic Gas Tax Fund is receiving applications. This year will be the largest allocation of gas tax funding ever provided.

A brief discussion followed to identify applicable projects in the Village.

Resolution 03-08-83 M/S Councillor Ray/Councillor Reyden

“Motion to apply to the Federal Strategic Gas Tax Fund for the design and construction of a 4<sup>th</sup> Sewer Lagoon; as recommended by the Wastewater Assessment”

Carried

Council provided direction to Administration to write a letter to the residents of Park Drive to determine their interest in hooking up to the Community Water System.

Employee Benefits/Work Conditions/Pay Review/Pay Dates/Current Rates of Pay Policy:

This item was submitted via the Supplemental Agenda. CAO Holland advised this policy was amended to reflect recent decisions of Council relating to pay rates.

Resolution 03-08-84 M/S Councillor Ray/Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to adopt the Employee Benefits/Work conditions/Pay Review/Pay Dates/Current Rates of Pay policy as presented”

Councillor Reyden suggested Council address Bylaw 783, 2017 Council Indemnity Bylaw while they were working on the supplemental agenda. All members of Council agreed.

CAO Holland presented Bylaw 783, 2017 Council Indemnity Bylaw. CAO Holland advised the bylaw reflects the updated rates of remuneration for members of Council following the February 9, 2017 budget meeting and resolution 02-09-51 which provided Council with a 1.5 percent increase in remuneration.

Resolution 03-08-85 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Storey

“Move the first three readings of Bylaw 783, 2017 Council Indemnity Bylaw”

Carried

Resolution 03-08-86 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to receive CAO Reports”

Carried

**Staff Reports:**

None

**Reading List:**

Resolution 03-08-87 M/S Councillor Ray/Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to receive the Reading List”

Carried

**New Business:**

Councillor Reyden asked if there were rules about members of Council approaching Village employees.

CAO Holland discussed the *One Employee Model*; providing the analogy of an hour glass. Council is situated at the top of the hour glass. The CAO sits in the middle or at the narrow portion of the instrument and staff is on the opposite side. Where a member of Council would like information or to address a Village issue, they should bring their concern, request or suggestions to the CAO. The CAO is the point of contact between members of Council, managers and staff. CAO Holland advised this model is discussed in George Cuff readings that were provided to all members of Council. Fraser Lake is a small community and personal encounters with staff are unavoidable and shouldn't be seen negatively. However, when the inquiry is work related, those inquiries should go through the CAO. Council is encouraged to be sensitive of these relationships in their interactions with staff both on and off the job.

Councillor Reyden thanked CAO Holland for the explanation.

Councillor Reyden advised he'd heard Bobby and Lori Hurry self funded their trip to Vancouver for the Small Business awards. Councillor Reyden heard the trip cost was significant.

CAO Holland explained this Small Business Award was through Small Business BC. There were several different categories available. Administration nominated three local businesses. Two of the businesses didn't advance, however, Bobby and Lori Hurry's Corner Store did. The Corner Store was nominated in the "Community Impact" category. Once the nomination package was assembled and sent off, the Village had no other involvement.

A discussion followed. It was agreed this was an unfortunate event. When the Corner Store was shortlisted to the top 5 businesses in the Community Impact category, Bobby and Lori Hurry were aware their travel to Victoria was at their own expense. If they had won, there was a \$1,500.00 award. Council has asked that any future nominees be approached and their permission sought before being nominated.

Councillor Reyden commented there should be a cross walk at the intersection of Carrier Crescent and Highway 16. More pedestrians are crossing Highway 16 at that location as they head to the Corner Store for groceries.

CAO Holland advised Karen Andrews of the Ministry of Transportation has agreed to conduct a pedestrian crossing survey this spring. CAO Holland will bring this request to her attention.

Councillor Storey presented a call for nominations from the NCLGA. The call for nomination are for communities that have excelled in the following categories: Environmental Stewardship, Social Responsibility, Economic Development. It was agreed to look at this again next year.

Councillor Storey initiated a conversation on the potential to extend the municipal boundary of Fraser Lake to help the people who don't currently have fire services, water or garbage pick-up.

Mayor Lindstrom stated there have been two referendums for a Regional Fire Protection Service. Each of the two referendums were voted down by residents in the Regional District. Mayor Lindstrom advised proposing a municipal boundary extension would require the involvement of the Regional District. We would also need to research the economics of such an initiative. Before proceeding with such an initiative, we'd need to know what is in it for the people of Fraser Lake? It certainly should not cost the residents of Fraser Lake.

Council would like Administration to research the municipal boundary extension process.

Resolution 03-08-88 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Ray  
"Motion to receive New Business"

Carried

**Next Regular Meeting of Council:**

Resolution 03-08-89 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/ Councillor Ray

“That the next Regular Meeting of Council to be held on March 22, 2017 at 5:30 pm”

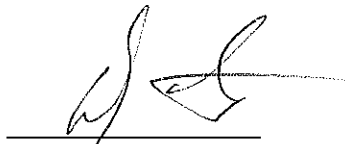
Carried

Resolution 03-08-90 M Councillor LePoidevin

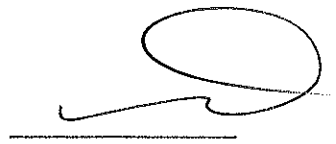
“Motion that the meeting adjourn at 7:06 pm”

Carried

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**Dwayne Lindstrom**  
Mayor



**Rodney J Holland**  
Chief Administrative Officer