



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held November 13th, 2019
In Council Chambers**

Those in Attendance:

Council: Mayor Storey
Councillor LePoidevin
Councillor Watt-Senner
Councillor Fennema

Staff: Rodney Holland, Chief Administrative Officer
LeEtta LaFontaine, Recreation Director

Public: Bobby Hurry
Lori Hurry
Norm DeLong
Elaine Storey
Patricia Smith

Agenda:

Mayor Storey called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Mayor Storey requested a motion to adopt the agenda and for the declaration of any new business.

Resolution 11-13-369 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to adopt the Agenda"

Carried

No new business was declared

Delegation:

Bobby and Lori Hurry:

Bob and Lori Hurry have been invited to take over the operation of the laundromat and shower facility at the Fraser Lake Mall. They identified a concern about the cost of Village utilities; specifically, water and sewer. Mr. and Mrs. Hurry believe providing a laundromat and shower facility is an important business for our community. It is well used by rural residents and visitors to our community. Unfortunately, the current revenues from the two washing machines, driers and shower facilities are not enough to offset the costs of maintaining the equipment plus the cost of utilities; water, sewer, hydro and natural gas.



Mr. Hurry has researched water and sewer rates in other communities. Fraser Lake's water rates are considerably higher than those levied in the communities of Clinton and Canal Flats. They would like to see our utility rates reduced. Bob and Lori Hurry feels this is required to ensure the viability of these facilities in our community.

Discussion with council.

Mayor Storey thanked Mr. and Mrs. Hurry for their presentation; noting their request would be discussed under New Business later in the meeting.

Minutes from the Previous Meetings:

Resolution 11-13-370 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner

"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting October 16th, 2019"

Carried

Resolution 11-13-371 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner

"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 23rd, 2019"

Carried

Councillor Fennema wanted it recorded she was opposed to the cancellation of the Senior Snow clearing service.

Resolution 11-13-372 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner

"Motion to adopt the minutes of the In-Camera Meeting held October 23rd, 2019"

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

No discussion.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Mayor Storey stated under Section 30 of the Council Procedure Bylaw # 784 and under section 131 of the Community Charter she'd like to direct the discussion and vote on our Senior's snow clearing service reconsidered following the vote on October 23rd, 2019.

Councillor Fennema reports have received a letter and a number of comments from seniors in the community. Many are disappointed with the outcome of the vote. Comments she's heard from seniors included an understanding that 100 senior driveways is a lot but the timing of decision is too late in the season for seniors to save or to arrange for snow clearing on their own. Most seniors asked for more time. They would like to see the service



provided this year and that any change to the program would be announced much earlier in the year. Several seniors were concerned about their physical ability to clear their driveway without help. Some voiced hesitation toward accessing the *Better at Home* program; stating various personal reasons.

Councillor Fennema added the comments were not all negative. Some felt they could manage their driveway if the plow furrow was cleared from the end of their driveway. The potential for a small business opportunity was also noted. For those who felt they could afford to contract out the service, they felt they'd get quicker service; rather than having to wait until all other snow clearing was completed by the Village.

Councillor LePoidevin had also received letters and comment from locals. Although some have accused Councillor LePoidevin of acting in the interest of his father's snow-plowing business, he was very clear, this is not the case. Councillor LePoidevin recognizes the decision was made late in the year, which may have put some seniors in a tough spot. For this reason, he would like to see the seniors snow clearing program continue for this winter. He would like to revisit the topic in 2020. One hundred driveways is a lot of extra work for the Village Public Works crew.

Mayor Storey stated the Village can afford to do the driveways. It's not about the money, it's about the Public Works capacity. She called Public Works employee, Clint Eagen and messaged Director of Public Works Vern Hilman to ask if this was a capacity issue? Mr. Eagen said he loved to do it and felt it's a great service to offer the seniors. Mayor Storey would like to see the senior's supported to age-in-place because that's what we've been working toward with the Age-Friendly Designation. If the work's crew has the capacity to do this, she would like to see this service stay in place.

Councillor Watt-Senner had a few concerns. She has been approached by taxpayers who are concerned about having their tax dollars paying to clear senior's private driveways. Plowing one hundred driveways for free is excessive and should be curtailed. Councillor Watt-Senner stated this service has a significant cost over the course of the average winter. There are households on the list who can afford to pay for snow clearing themselves and they should be expected to do so.

Like Councillor LePoidevin she has heard gossip suggesting her husband has purchased snow removal equipment for the purpose of getting the senior snow removal contract. She confirmed that is not true. Councillor Watt-Senner and her husband live on a farm and they have equipment capable of clearing snow. However, Councillor Watt-Senner's decision on this matter is not based on personal or family gain.

Councillor Watt-Senner stated she understands seniors are angry. She agrees the decision was made late in the year. She also recognizes there are some seniors who are challenged with clearing their own driveway and suggested the list of eligible seniors could be reduced with an increase in the eligible age. She added provision could also be allowed for persons with



physical disability. For those under the suggested threshold, the *Better at Home* program may be their option. Councillor Watt-Senner feels the Village should not be in the snow business this time next year.

Councillor Fennema questioned the \$2500.00 estimate.

Councillor LePoidevin responded this is an estimate for senior's driveways; recognizing some are larger and some are smaller.

Mayor Storey would like to see the service be kept in place if the Village can afford it. If there are seniors or other community members who would like to donate to this service, that would be fine. As for complaints about the speed of the service provision, people need to realize the works crew can only work so fast and respect this. For those with complaints about the service, she would like to see the public attend or phone the Village Office to lodge any complaints. They should not be confronting our Works Crew employees.

Resolution 11-13-373 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema

"Motion to continue the Village of Fraser Lake Senior Snow Clearing service for the 2019/2020 winter season"

Carried

Opposed: Councillor Watt-Senner

Council would like to continue the discussion around this service in the Spring of 2020 to determine whether this service is provided next winter.

Councillor Reports

Councillor LePoidevin thanked the Village staff, Fraser Lake Fire Department and Richard Cannon for organizing the Halloween event at White Swan Park. Councillor LePoidevin attended this event with his family. He enjoyed the hot dogs and fireworks and really appreciated the gathering of the community.

Councillor Watt-Senner attended the Halloween celebration. She said the event was loads of fun. She received many compliments about the event. Councillor Watt-Senner met several people from the pipeline who also attended the festivities. Their comments were also very positive.

Councillor Watt-Senner provided her report on the most recent meeting at the Regional District. A delegation from Chevron and the Pacific Trails Pipeline presented. They are working with Woodside Energy. The Pacific Trails pipeline is still in the planning stage. There is some thought of piggy backing the Costal Gaslink Pipeline. They are taking a modest approach in



terms of timelines. They spoke about the potential for a spike in building in four to five years time.

A Research Climatologist from Prince George presented on climate change. He spoke on the concept of arctic amplification. This results from the loss of sea ice and snow cover in the arctic. These events will increase the impacts of climate change in our area. The Smithers area is projected to experience up to a six degree increase in temperature by 2070. This will result in more water evaporation which will turn impact forest growth. The presenter offered to provide presentations to local government upon request.

Ron Bren, a retired paramedic, presented on his efforts to provide support to first responders or those who have PTSD through vicarious trauma. Ron Bren would like to initiate a *First Responders Café* in small communities across BC. These First Responder's Cafes would provide service providers with opportunities for mental health support. The FRC came to the Regional District asking for \$60-70,000.00.

The Regional District will put this in the budget for next year. The RD suggested the FRC should also ask municipalities for monetary support as well.

The Forestry Committee provided an update.

Discussions around the Lake's District Timber Supply Review, Old Growth Management, salvage of fire damage timber and road deactivation are all topics of discussion by the committee. The Ministry of Forests has been asked for their position on these issues. Unfortunately, they have been slow to respond.

The regulation around road deactivation has been identified as a concern. A concern has arisen about the number of fatalities that are occurring on deactivated roads. The RD would like standardized rules for the deactivation of access roads.

Councillor Fennema attended the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Joe's Restaurant on October 25th with EDO Christie. It was an enjoyable gathering. The volunteers appreciated being recognized for volunteering their time.

On October 31st Councillor Fennema helped with the hot dogs at the Halloween celebration. She received many compliments, especially about the great fireworks for such a small community.

On November 11th Councillor Fennema attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony. She complimented those who spoke, sang or shared at FLESS or the cenotaph. Each of these persons did an excellent job.

Mayor Storey travelled to Victoria with the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA). Mayor Storey provided a written report on this trip.

The group met with Minister Claire Trevena, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure:



- The Ministry is negotiating co-funding for long distance bus service with the Federal Government to support BC Bus North, beyond the current two more-year commitment.
- Bulkley-Nechako Transit service committed funds until 2022. Our ask was that there was a written commitment that goes beyond 2022 prior to the next election.
- Support request for funding of Volunteer Road Rescue Services on provincial highways, NCLGA was referred to Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.
- Signs to notify travellers regarding gaps in cellular phone service along highway corridors. NCLGA was referred to Ministry of Tourism and to work with Tourist Information Centres to identify gaps and share the information with travellers. The Minister also suggested that information could be added to Drive BC. The ministry was not interested in signage.
- Request to limit speed through highway accident scenes to 30 km/hour. This request was considered too difficult to enforce, confusing to travelers when work zones are often 60 km/hour, and the Slow Down-Move Over campaign is 70 km/hour.
- Fire Mitigation on Transportation and Utility Corridors is of highest concern on secondary roads where brush is cut and left, rather than mulched as along highways. The cost of clean-up is considered prohibitive by the Ministry. Request that local governments identify routes of highest risk (such as single access communities) and work with local contractors to reduce risk.

The NCLGA Delegation met with MLA Todd Stone (Opposition Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing) and the BC Liberal Caucus (MLA's in attendance: Mike Bernier, Shirley Bond, Mike Morris, Rich Coleman, Dan Davies, Simon Gibson, Coralee Oakes, Ellis Ross, John Rustad):

- MLA Todd Stone offered support if needed on any topic in his role as opposition critic
- Talked about Forestry, Public Interest Test, and the Rural Dividend Fund
- Recognition of Local governments (Local Authority in Provincial Planning) Talked about utilizing local gov't better. Discussed the Geothermal issues and Gaming concerns.

The NCLGA delegation met with Minister Selina Robinson, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Citizen Services:

- Provincial Download: Even when programs have associated grant funding to support them, NCLGA made the case that grants still require staff time, knowledge and capacity to write the applications, and follow up.
- NCLGA spoke of challenges that local governments face includes costs for volunteer road rescue services responding to accidents on provincial highways with no provincial funding, and our opposition to the proposal to have Regional District volunteer fire departments take on commercial inspections.



- Reinstate full-Service BC services in communities that have lost them. Put kiosks in communities that don't have them at all. Possibly work with the Federal Government and Put Service BC and Service Canada Kiosks in rural and remote communities.
- Gaming grants: NCLGA raised concerns about anecdotal reductions in traditional funding allotments to non-profit organizations; restrictions of gaming funds for organizations that facilitate a flow through of funds for other programs and organizations; and we asked for data on gaming grants in the NCLGA region. Ministry Response: There are no program changes for gaming, and that they endeavor to proportionally distribute gaming funds to all regions of the province. Any organization needing assistance to access gaming funds should contact the ministry for assistance. We asked if there was a way, we can find out how much money goes to each region, they said there was. Follow up may be necessary.

Cameron Lewis, Executive Lead Emergency Management BC - Rob Schweitzer BC Wildfire Service Kamloops:

- Provincial Responsibility for Fire Services, NCLGA Resolution R3/UBCM #A1 – Macro pause, UBCM is looking at.
- 911 service gaps along northern highways forwarded to Rachael Homes, Min. of Public Safety and Solicitor General.
- Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction: \$25 million internally delivered by FLNRORD. Local Natural Resource District offices work with local communities/fire centres to identify highest risk area and areas that need treatment. i.e. hydro lines and phone lines etc. Local governments should contact their local Nat. Res. District offices, find out what the current plans are and bring forward other areas of concern.
- BCWS is cataloguing important assets such as cell towers, power lines, connectivity assets etc. along with BC Hydro, and communication companies to identify areas of high risk, and plan for preventative mitigation work.
- If there are questions or gaps, local governments should contact Cameron Lewis.
- Rob, BCWS, is working to build relationships to leverage people with expertise, and knowledge to integrate into the BCWS system. (ex. Cattleman's Assoc. members, forestry licensees)
- NCLGA will forward list of local zone office contacts for NCLGA members.
- Repeal of Emergency Program Act, replacing the act - there will be a 3-month engagement period, end of January comments will be compiled, the new act will go to the legislature in fall of 2020. Discussion paper released to replace the Act, there will be a 3-month window for input.



- Options include: Engage BC, or EMBC is willing to host a webinar to get NCLGA member input. UBCM is also formulating a submission that members can contribute to. Local government staff are also being consulted.
- This information will contribute to the drafting of legislation that will be introduced in the fall of 2020. Regulations will follow during fall and winter of 2020. Any contributions of local government are welcome.

Minister Heymen, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy:

- NCLGA discussed the challenges and expense of Solid Waste and Recycling in the rural and remote areas, the need to include ICI paper and packaging into the EPR system for economies of scale, as well as the planning for a Solid Waste forum in 2020.
- The Minister agreed they would assist with a forum, and NCLGA can follow up when plans progress.
- NCLGA supported the development of geothermal power to contribute to the goals of Clean BC, and to offset firewood burning and associated air quality issues. That the provincial government needs to make the business case for geothermal power more viable by changing the regulatory requirements. (more detail in FLNRORD discussions)

Minister Donaldson, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

- NCLGA supported the need for communities to benefit from the forests around them and making sure the public interest is first and foremost under Bill 22 decisions; industry that is investing profits from local forests elsewhere have lost their social license and should likewise lose their forest license if they choose to leave a community. That the integrity of forest ecosystems provides benefits beyond a local forest industry, but also climate benefits and watershed health.
- The Vavenby Bill 22 decision is still outstanding. While the Ft. St. James tenure transfer from Conifex to Hampton has been approved with conditions.
- There have been some changes to the BCTS model to have a more regional model of operations with less direct control from Victoria.
- NCLGA raised concerns around the reallocation of some of the Rural Dividend Funding to the forest worker/community support, and the future of the Rural Dividend program.
 - o 40 Million early retirement
 - o 15 million new short-term forest employment (fire prevention/community resiliency projects)
 - o 12 Million Skills and Training
 - o \$2 Million Job Placement Office
- Discussion around the pension bridging, retraining, and job placement counselling.



- Concerns around the criteria and who can access the funds were not fully addressed. But communities that need more support in rural are now hit twice with bad news.
- Rural Dividend Fund applications that are on hold will be considered in the next fiscal cycle (2020-21). They could not confirm a year.
- Local government action: work to ensure that the Rural Dividend fund receives budget allocation.
- NCLGA also raised the need to make geothermal drilling/exploration more viable by moving the permitting process from the OGC to Ministry of Energy and Mines. Geothermal energy is a sustainable low carbon reliable and renewable option for electricity and heat, fits with the Clean BC plan, would reduce air pollution from wood smoke, is an energy source that would contribute to local food security and ecotourism and be reliable for attracting industry and business to areas that have no natural gas or unreliable/expensive hydro power. We asked each Minister about finding a champion to make this possible. Under Oil and gas, the cost to get a permit and drill is 10 times what it would be under the Mining Act, not only is the pricing scheme too high it's also a conflict of interest for Hydro and Oil and Gas.
- Ministry Response: BC Hydro has committed to Site C, with that power coming and the current debt level, BC Hydro does not need and cannot afford independent power sources. (Energy Purchase Agreement)

The NCLGA delegation met with the BC Green Caucus (Sonia Furstenau & Adam Olsen):

- Spoke about Geothermal and the solutions that would bring to the Province. It was agreed upon that the Oil and Gas Commission Permitting structure for Geothermal is a conflict and should be hosted under Mining not Oil and Gas for that reason. Makes sense to work with the Federal Government to access funding.

Resolution 11-13-374 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive the Councillor Reports"

Carried

Accounts Payable

Resolution 11-13-375 M/S Councillor / Councillor
"Motion to adopt Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$230,841.89"

Carried

Councillor LePoidevin requested more information about the payment of \$521.80 to the Men's Shed; cheque # 28479 refers.



Recreation Director LeEtta LaFontaine explained payment was for craft activity supplies and plywood cut-outs of leaves, fish and flowers. The plywood cut outs will be painted by the kids and put up on the chain link fences around Kin and White Swan Park.

Correspondence List

Resolution 11-13-376 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive the Correspondence List"

Carried

Business from the CAO

Development Variance Application:

At the October 23rd Regular Meeting of Council, Administration was directed to solicit feedback from the property owners of adjacent properties; as per the requirement of the Village of Fraser Lake Development Bylaw No. 684, 2008. A letter has been sent to property owners within 30 metres of the subject property. There have no concerns or objections received. With reference to the Public Hearing, none of the property owners attended to provide any input on this request.

The request for a development variance is to construct a 12'x20' garden shed on an otherwise vacant lot; 173 Carrier Crescent.

Councillor Watt-Senner declared conflict of interest and stepped out of the Council chambers.

Resolution 11-13-377 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin

"Motion to approve the Development Variance Application to build a 12'x20' storage shed on the property holding legal description Lot B, Range 5; Plan Number PRP9101, District Lot 2011, Land District 14; Neighbourhood; otherwise known as 173 Carrier Crescent, Fraser Lake, B.C."

Carried

Park Drive Water Main Extension Project:

CAO Holland provide a re cap of this project. Requests for this water main extension date back to 1997 when the 9 waterfront properties on Park Drive were sold into private ownership by CN Rail. Shortly after, Park Drive property owners began petitioning the Village to provide access to the Community Water system. Although there were two earlier attempts to complete this project, both attempts were unsuccessful.

In 2017, Council responded to new requests from Park Drive residents for access to the community water system. To determine whether an extension of the Community Water Main would be viable, Council authorized the expenditure of funds to hire an engineer to assess the capacity of our Community Water system. When capacity was established, Council authorized



the expenditure of funds to develop a shelf ready project to be ready for future funding opportunities by completing the planning and design aspects of the water main extension. CAO Holland noted this work was not completed in consultation with Park Drive residents. It is worth noting, the engineering company that completed the Planning and Design estimated the construction cost of the project at \$460,000.00. In consideration of the interest from Park Drive residents, regular correspondence was going to Park Drive residents to keep them informed and to measure their level of commitment to achieving this project.

In 2018, an application was submitted to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Fund. Our application was successful in the amount of \$354,310.00. The project was sent out for bids. The lowest bid came in at \$401,000.00. The Park Drive property owners were updated and asked if they wished to proceed based on an obligation to repay the difference between the grant funding and the cost of the project. Eight of the nine property owners supported this project; renewing their petition to the municipality and agreeing to repaying their share of the project cost by way of parcel tax based on road frontage.

Unfortunately, midway through the process, CN Rail changed their policy relating to under rail crossings. This change in policy added an additional \$46,000.00 to this project. That unforeseen cost was not included in our initial grant application or in our discussion with Park Drive property owners.

The Park Drive Watermain Extension Project is all but complete. Final payments have been made to both the contractor and the Engineering firm who oversaw the project.

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a recap of expenses paid and remaining balances; following receipt of the funding provided by the UBCM Federal Gas Tax Revenue agreement.

The costs of Planning and Design were not calculated in the sum Park Drive property owners were to repay. These expenses were necessary to prepare the grant application; however, consideration was not given to recovering these expenses from the property owners.

The change in CN Rail policy added an additional \$29,285.00 to the cost. It may be noteworthy to note CN Rail changed their policy twice in the time it took to get the under-rail crossing permit. Due to the timing of their decision, the additional cost was not factored into our grant application or discussions with property owners.

The Village of Fraser Lake's Community Works Fund can be used to offset some or all these costs. The CWF is a conditional grant provided to the Village through gas tax dollars. We can expend these funds in support of drinking water. Our Community Works Funds holds an uncommitted balance of \$200,270.80. All or some of the \$56,071.00 overage could be expended from the Community Works Fund.



Once Council has decided the apportionment of costs, Park Drive Property owners will be advised what they will be responsible for. A Parcel Tax will be drafted, and the cost of this service will be levied against the nine properties on Park Drive in conjunction with annual tax notices over the next 20 years.

Resolution 11-13-378 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema

"Motion to expend \$56,071.00 from the Village of Fraser Lake's Community Works Fund in support of drinking water and the installation of the Park Drive Water Main Extension project"

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

No discussion.

Resolution 11-13-379 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner

"Motion to create a Parcel tax based on road frontage and apportion \$47,000.00 to the nine property owners on Park Drive"

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

No discussion.

Security Lighting at White Swan Park:

This past year, the Village experienced several acts of vandalism on Village-owned facilities. Outdoor washrooms, the stage and BBQ facility at White Swan Park have been most susceptible to these activities. Most, if not all the damage is occurring during the dark hours of the night. The facilities being damaged have no lighting associated with them.

Administration proposes to install lighting adjacent to the boat launch, boat launch washroom, the two public washroom facilities in White Swan Park and the BBQ structure. This project involves installing five new light standards and upgrading four existing fixtures to LED.

The layout would see two overhead lights in the boat launch/picnic table area, one overhead light at the boat launch washroom/trail head and two more overhead lights at the parking lot and washroom facility at the east end of White Swan Park.

The cost is projected at \$24,725.00. Administration would like to apply to NDIT for \$15,000.00.

The remaining \$9,725.00 would come from the Community Works Fund. Each year our Community Works Fund sees an infusion of \$102,000.00.



The installation of lighting is thought to be the least invasive security measure available to the Village to deter these acts of vandalism.

Resolution 11-13-380 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to apply to NDIT for \$15,000.00 for security lighting in the White Swan Park area”

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

No discussion.

Resolution 11-13-381 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to expend \$9,725.00 from the Community Works Fund to install security lighting at the boat launch and White Swan Park”

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

No discussion.

Celebrate Canada – 2020 Funding Opportunity. This funding is used to support our Canada Day celebrations and is typically used to supplement funding of our Canada Day Fireworks Display.

Resolution 11-13-382 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to apply to Celebrate Canada for \$5,000.00 in support of our 2020 Canada Day Celebrations”

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

No discussion.

Small Communities – Small Business Awards:

Mayor Storey believes she has already submitted a nomination for our community through the Small Business Awards program.

Resolution 11-13- 383 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Fennema

“Motion to proceed with a nomination for the Village of Fraser Lake through the Small Business Award program”

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

No discussion.



UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program:

On July 10, 2019 Council authorized an application to the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program to complete fuel reduction activities at the base of Mouse Mountain. These fuel reduction activities are intended to reduce the likelihood of a catastrophic interface wildfire at the edge of our community.

At the July 10th Regular Meeting of Council, Administration asked Council to support an application for \$75,000.00. Staff have since obtained a quote from a local contractor to conduct the work. Staff would also like to include funding to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

This is 100% funding.

Administration is asking Council to increase the amount previously authorized from \$75,000.00 to \$101,150.00.

Resolution 13-11-384 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to apply to UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program for \$101,150.00 to complete fuel management activities around the base of Mouse Mountain and to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan”

Carried

Caribou Recovery Program:

On behalf of our community, CAO Holland attended a presentation/discussion at the Regional District. The presentation was a very informative and practical.

Sean Mitchell was the biologist who presented. Currently, there are 54 Mountain Caribou herds in British Columbia. Not all are considered recoverable or sustainable.

The program is in the community consultation process as they move toward their Herd Planning for the Tweedsmuir Mountain Caribou Herd. This herd is believed to consist of 160 caribou. At the current rate of predation by wolves and bears, this herd will be extinct in an estimated 22 years if nothing is done to support the herd.

Currently, the wolf population in the Tweedsmuir/Entiako area is 26 wolves per 1000 square kilometers or approximately 8 ½ times the sustainable population of wolves. The sustainable population set by the Federal Government is 3 wolves per 1000 square kilometers.

The Tweedsmuir – Entiako caribou herd ranges over approximately 17,000 square kilometers on the Nechako Plateau. Interestingly they have the longest migration of any known caribou herd at 180 km.



There are several significant issues that have impacted the herd;

- Predation by wolves and bear
- Wildfires
- Loss of habitat
- Habitat alteration – logging, mining and development of roads

The Caribou Recovery team are asking for council's feedback on what you can support as representatives of our community:

- Predator management – reduce the number of wolves on the land base
- Habitat restoration – seeding lichen and replanting burnt trees
- Habitat protection – making certain areas off limits to industrial development/development of roads
- Recreation Management – restricting human activity during calving periods or maybe entirely
- Primary prey management – reducing numbers of prey (moose and deer) to reduce the attraction of wolves
- Maternal penning – capturing caribou cows and penning them for 4 to 6 months following birth

Top three chosen to represent by council members:

- Predator management
- Habitat restoration
- Recreation management

BC Natural Resources Forum – January 28-30, 2020:

Registration is open for the 2020 BC Natural Resources Forum.

Rooms will be reserved for Mayor Storey and EDO Christy.

FLESS Parent Advisory Committee – Use of Community Vehicle:

The PAC Committee is organizing a fundraising New Year's Eve event and would like to use the Community Bus to provide safe rides home from the event.

Councillor Fennema voiced concerns about who we allow to operate the vehicle in light of new ICBC regulations.

CAO Holland commented Village staff would need to drive the vehicle. Fire Chief Pacheco volunteered his time last year and may be willing to volunteer again this year. He will let administration know if he is available.



Resolution 11-13- 385 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema

"Motion to authorize the request from the FLESS Parents Advisory Council to use the Community Vehicle for a safe ride home program on New Year's Eve, assuming they pay mileage and wages for the Community Vehicle and driver."

Carried

Discussion.

Resolution 11-13-386 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor LePoidevin

"Motion to receive the CAO Reports"

Carried

Staff Reports

None.

Reading List

Resolution 11-13-387 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner

"Motion to receive the Reading List"

Carried

New Business

Councillor LePoidevin had nothing to report.

Councillor Watt-Senner asked about the Village Bylaw regarding living in a motor home outside Subway. She has had a couple of inquiries regarding this.

CAO Holland shared that no, they are not supposed to be there. Our zoning bylaws require trailers to be in the trailer park. The owner of the trailer and business did come into the Village Office to speak with CAO Holland. They are moving to the Okanagan in March. They have sold their permanent property on the north shore and the mobile home park didn't have an appropriate site for them to rent. They have had the regulations explained to them and CAO Holland gave them permission to park by Subway until March. The couple are utilizing the services of J Nik Septic to have their trailer pumped.

Councillor Watt-Senner asked for more information about the new resident in the old trailer park.



CAO Holland advised the new tenant is a pipeline related contractor; Frost Logging. The Village has rented them a space for the next three to four months. All costs related to hooking up hydro have been at their expense. Their fuel tank meets fire code requirements in terms of set up and distances from neighbouring dwellings.

Discussion.

Councillor Fennema was approached regarding the fire hydrant off Taluk Crescent. Councillor Fennema was told the hydrant was too low. She was also told the Village does not always clear both sides of the hydrant of snow. She asked if it needs to be raised?

Mayor Storey responded, saying the Village does always clear both sides of the fire hydrant.

Mayor Storey asked about the doors at the arena with blankets stuck under them. She asked if there was something else that can be used to stop the winter weather from coming under the doors. The blankets don't look professional.

These doors have been discussed with the Director of Public Works. Unfortunately, the cement floor heaves each year. This bends the doors, which are very expensive. This issue will be discussed with Public Works again and may be placed on our 2020 Capital Project list.

Discussion.

Mayor Storey was talking with Zion Cruz. Apparently, he is using his own Sirius Radio account used for Friday night Cosmic Skating. Mayor Storey doesn't feel its fair to ask our employees to use their services for Village activities. She feels it would appropriate to reimburse him for the monthly charge. Mayor Storey added the Wi-Fi in the arena is terrible. The poor or weak signal is affecting the transmission of information between the time-keepers box and the score clock. She would like to have the internet signal boosted or a more efficient professional plan in place for the building. The bad connection also affects businesses renting the upstairs and expecting to use the internet for presentations.

Discussion.

Mayor Storey reminded council of the looming deadline of November 22nd to apply for the Childcare Grant. The grant would fund the purchase of an existing building. Mayor Storey stated our community has gaps in Childcare. We have private childcare, but we don't have any subsidized public childcare. We can apply for \$1M dollars to buy an existing building and up to \$3M to operate the service. She would like to include a youth hub and a Mental Health space into the building as well.



Discussion.

Resolution 11-13-388 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner

"Motion to apply for the Childcare Grant for up to \$1,000,000.00 to purchase and renovate an existing building, hire staff and provide subsidized public daycare"

Carried

Laundromat subsidization:

Mayor Storey asked administration to investigate water charges in other communities.

CAO Holland explained the water rates paid by the laundromat were established in the 2014 Water Rates Bylaw No. , 2014. With only two washing machines, the laundromat in the mall likely pays a high premium for their water usage but that statement is speculative. The most accurate means of measuring consumption would be the installation of a water meter. At approximately \$4000.00 per meter, who would be responsible for that cost.

CAO Holland advised Council the Village has hired a consultant to develop a Water Conservation Plan for the community. Administration has asked the consultant to assist with our understanding of how to best regulate water consumption. At present, the Village has water meters on 15 commercial properties. This initiative has not advanced to a point where we have developed a regulatory framework to monitor consumption and to charge for volumes of water. Administration feels that is coming in 2020. Administration would like to wait for the completion of this study. However, as an alternative, Council could decide to alter the Water Rates Bylaw.

CAO Holland advised the matter of installing a meter at the Fraser Lake Mall is not a simple matter. The plumbing in the mall complicates such an installation. Regardless of the cost of the meter, the fairest solution is to install a water meter and bill based on consumption.

A discussion followed.

Resolution 11-13-389 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor LePoidevin

"Motion to receive New Business"

Carried

Bylaws

None



In-Camera

Resolution 11-13-390 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/Councillor Fennema
"Motion to move the Regular meeting of Council to In Camera under Section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter"

Carried

Return to the Regular Meeting:

Return to the Regular meeting at 8:13 pm.

Next Meeting of Council

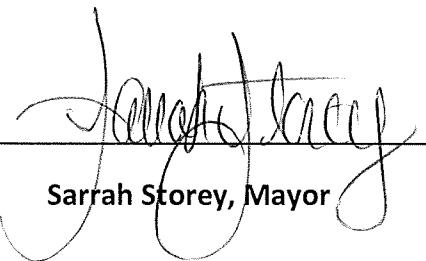
Next Council Meeting on November 27, 2019. Mayor Storey will verify if there is a quorum for this meeting or if another date will be set.

Adjournment:

Resolution 11-13-394 M Councillor LePoidevin
"Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm"

Carried

Certified Correct:



Sarrah Storey, Mayor



Rodney J Holland, Chief Administrative Officer