

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Chambers on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 5:30 pm

Mayor S. Storey presided. Councillors present were C. LePoidevin, K. Watt-Senner, J. Jenkinson and A Fennema.

Staff present was Chief Administrative Officer R. Holland and Economic Development Officer D. Christie.

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 pm.

Agenda:

Mayor Storey called for a motion to adopt the agenda and asked for the declaration of new business.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the agenda.

Resolution 10-12-330

Carried

**Delegations & Guests:** 

None

Regular Council Minutes, September 28, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2022, be adopted as presented on this day and that such Minutes as read set out all the business before Council that day and fully and properly record all the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Resolution 10-12-331

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED that the In Camera Minutes of September 28, 2022, be adopted as presented on this day and that such Minutes as read set out all the business before Council that day and fully and properly record all resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Resolution 10-12-332

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

None

# Reports on Council Activities:

#### **Councillor Fennema**

Councillor Fennema attended the UBC Drone project closing ceremonies on October 5, 2022. Councillor Fennema found the event quite interesting.

# **Mayor Storey**

Mayor Storey reports having been on a tour of the north for other work.

Mayor Storey met with a doctor that was at THE UBCM conference to discuss existing challenges with the Health Care system and how these problems can be resolved. A summit is being organized in Vancouver, B.C. It will be a health summit. The focus of these discussions is to find ways to revamp the health care system.

Mayor Storey attended the All-Candidates forum in Dawson Creek.

Mayor Storey talked about an automated washroom she saw in Valemount. The facility is full automated, including self cleaning. The system keeps the washroom clean. Mayor Storey talked to Mayor Torgerson about these washrooms. They were expensive at \$325,000.00 for the men's and lady's washrooms but Mayor Storey felt they were worth it.

During Mayor Storey's tour of the North for other works, she noted the number of hotels in Valemount. They are a similar sized community; however, they have 10 or 12 hotels. She commented on the amount of tourism Valemount enjoys because of Mount Robson, Jasper, and snowmobiling. Mayor Storey feels the Village of Fraser Lake also has potential for tourism.

Mayor Storey has booked three rooms for UBCM to ensure rooms for UBCM 2023 have been secured.

Mayor Storey attended the National Day of Truth & Reconciliation on September 30<sup>th</sup> in Nadleh Whut'en. Mayor Storey made a speech at the event.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive Councillor Reports.

Resolution 10-12-333

Carried

# Accounts payable:

The accounting reports were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt Accounts Payable and payroll in the amount of \$458,149.00

Resolution 10-12-334

Carried

# **Correspondence List:**

None

## **Business from the CAO:**

Professional Building Rental Agreement:

The rental agreement has been updated to reflect the change from COVID health restrictions. The new policy also clarifies the renter's responsibility for building security. The renter is only responsible for the areas of the building that are being rented.

Mayor Storey asked about the rental rates for non profit groups.

CAO Holland advised community service groups get use of the building for free when providing a community service.

MOVED/SECONDED to adopt the Professional Building Rental Agreement as presented with the addition of a clarification for use by not-for-profit groups for no charge.

Resolution 10-12-334

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the CAO reports.

Resolution 10-12-335

Carried

### **Staff Reports:**

#### Halloween activities:

EDO Christie reports the event is organized and ready to go. The BBQ and Pumpkin walk will be ready by 6:30 pm. West Fraser has donated a truck load of firewood for the bonfire. Nadleh Marco and Horizon North are donating four hundred hamburgers and all the buns for the BBQ. The Chamber of Commerce has purchased 190 pumpkins for Mouse Mountain Elementary and FLESS. EDO Christie noted in years past, the Mayor and Council have BBQ'd the burgers and hot dogs, along with the RCMP.

Mayor Storey feels members of Council, past and new would be happy to attend and help.

MOVED/SECONDED to receive staff reports.

Resolution: 10-12-336

Carried

#### **Reading List:**

MOVED/SECONDED to receive the Reading List.

Resolution 10-12-337

Carried

Mayor Storey if any staff had talked to the persons conducting the fish study.

EDO Christie advised he spoke with the biologists conducting the study. They have caught both sturgeon and burbot. Some of the fish were previously tagged. Others were wild fish and were tagged. EDO Christie learned that someone caught a 10-foot sturgeon on the Stellako River. This is the first-time sturgeon were known to travel the river. The person was able to successfully release the fish without injuring it. The fish study will continue for another three years.

A discussion followed about the fish study.

Councillor LePoidevin asked about the water leak at the Auto Sense Building. Who is responsible to fix the water leak?

CAO Holland provided an explanation. The leak is from a leaking curb stop. The Village is working with the property owner to repair the curb stop and ensure the valve is accessible in the future.

Councillor Jenkinson has noted a steady stream of water coming out of the Ditch between Park Drive and the boat launch parking lot. He has also noted the pump is on steady. He is sure its a leak.

Councillor Fennema asked about the garbage bins at Landstone Place.

CAO Holland advised staff took a tour of various locations around town to identify locations that require self dumping garbage bins. Several of the apartment blocks and several businesses produce significant amounts of garbage. Due to the lack of a self dumping bin, our Village employees are hand bombing many bags of garbage from sheds into the garbage truck. Administrations plan is to present Council with an updated Garbage Collections Bylaw that requires businesses and apartments to install self dumping bins that are compatible with our new garbage truck. The plan is to move away from hand bombing garbage by ensuring all garbage can be loaded in the garbage truck mechanically. This will ensure our employees are not susceptible to back strain. It also reduces the likelihood of our employees having to handle wet and potentially

### **New Business:**

unhealthy or hazardous materials.

Construction Agreement with Western Industrial Construction:

CAO Holland noted the construction agreement for the Community Hall project has been received and reviewed. Although Council has already passed a resolution to proceed with Phase I of the project, CAO Holland suggested a resolution from Council may be beneficial. There are three options. The first is to authorize CAO Holland to sign the agreement on behalf of the Village. The second option is to authorize the mayor and CAO Holland to sign the agreement. The third option would be no resolution and sign the agreement.

MOVED/SECONDED to authorize Mayor Storey and CAO Holland to enter into the construction agreement with Western Industrial Construction (WIC) to complete the construction of Phase I of the Curling Rink Retrofit Project.

Resolution 10-12-338

Carried

MOVED/SECONDED to receive new business

Resolution 10-12-339

Carried

<u>Bylaws:</u>

The Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake 2023 Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue Bylaw No. 836, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the fourth and final reading of the Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake 2023 Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue Bylaw No. 836, 2022.

Resolution 10-12-340

Carried

The Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake 2022 Permissive Tax Bylaw No. 835, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED to conduct the first, second and third reading of the Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake Permissive Tax Bylaw No. 835, 2022.

Resolution: 10-12-341

Carried

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**Next Regular Meeting of Council:** 

November 9, 2022, at 5:30 pm

MOVED/SECONDED to cancel the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for

October 26, 2022.

Resolution 10-12-342

Carried

**Adjournment:** 

MOVED/SECONDED that the October 12, 2022, Regular Meeting of

Council adjourn at 6:04 pm.

Resolution 10-12-343

Carried

**Certified Correct:** 

Sarrah Storey, Mayor

Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer