

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

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 5:30 pm  
210 Carrier Crescent, Fraser Lake, B.C.  
Municipal Chambers**

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

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer E. Fredeen

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Called to Order the Regular Council Meeting for March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:30 PM.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted.

***Resolution 2024-03-070***

**CARRIED**

**2. Delegations**

None.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**a. February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, be adopted as corrected.

***Resolution 2024-03-071***

**CARRIED**

**b. February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, be adopted as presented.

***Resolution 2024-03-072***

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

## 5. Councillor Reports

### a. Councillor Fennema

Councillor Fennema attended and reported on the following:

- February 29<sup>th</sup> Town Hall
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Village of Fraser Lake budget meeting

### b. Councillor LePoidevin

Councillor LePoidevin attended and reported on the following:

- February 29<sup>th</sup> Town Hall
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Village of Fraser Lake budget meeting
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Job Fair at the Professional Building

### c. Councillor Jenkinson

Councillor Jenkinson attended and reported on the following:

- February 29<sup>th</sup> Town Hall
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Village of Fraser Lake budget meeting
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Job Fair at the Professional Building

### d. Councillor Webb

Councillor Webb attended and reported on the following:

- February 29<sup>th</sup> Town Hall
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Village of Fraser Lake budget meeting
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Job Fair at the Professional Building as a representative for her employer Canfor. They received a lot of applications and will be moving forward with some hiring.

### e. Mayor Storey

Mayor Storey attended and reported on the following:

- February 29<sup>th</sup> Mayors meeting with surrounding communities
- February 29<sup>th</sup> Town Hall
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Village of Fraser Lake budget meeting
- March 4<sup>th</sup> UBCM meeting to discuss decriminalization lawsuit
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Regional District Meeting regarding the hospitals in the area
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Job Fair at the Professional Building, there were 135 people that attended.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Stelat'en First Nation ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the Salmon Pavilion.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Council Reports be received for information.

**Resolution 2024-03-073**

**CARRIED**

**6. Accounts Payable**

- a. **Village of Fraser Lake Cheque Register February 24<sup>th</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$65,071.05**

Council inquired about the charge for Radio License Renewal 2024 of \$1,541.13. Council discussed that this charge is to hold the licensing on the radio channel frequency.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Village of Fraser Lake Cheque Register from February 24<sup>th</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup> be received for information.

**Resolution 2024-03-074**

**CARRIED**

**7. Correspondence List**

- a. **Norman DeLong, President for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 274, regarding the Leased Land located at the Fraser Lake Legion, dated March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council direct Staff to coordinate a meeting between the Village and with West Fraser to discuss the land leased to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 274.

**Resolution 2024-03-075**

**CARRIED**

**8. Staff Reports**

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

Staff have been finishing up the interviews for the Director of Operations and Economic Development Officer postings.

CAO Fredeen had a meeting with the RCMP and Northern Health this week and invited them both to come to a future Council meeting to introduce new staff members and go through a regular update.

CAO Fredeen provided Council with an update on Phase II of the Community Hall project, including the floor plans for the retrofit. He has met with the architect and contractor to discuss the quote for the kitchen.

The Village will be moving forward with desludging the lagoons in the spring and replacing the aeration system in the summer months. CAO Fredeen has been meeting with Urban Systems to go over plans for both of these projects.

CAO Fredeen provided a quote from Bud's Electric for an outdoor outlet at the Public Library which will be installed before the next winter season.

Bud's Electric have been approved to move forward with the heater and thermostat install at the curling rink before the Bonspiel this weekend.

A discussion followed surrounding the Community Hall project.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Chief Administrative Officer verbal report be received for information.

**Resolution 2024-03-076**

**CARRIED**

## 9. Reading List

- a. **Travous Quibell, Mayor for the District of Hudson's Hope regarding Support for Bill-34, dated March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**
- b. **Dave Christie, Regional Manager for the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development, and Innovation, regarding March Funding Opportunities, dated March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Council discussed some of the funding opportunities and how these funds could be used in the Village for projects or other items that may come up over the course of the year. Discussion included grants available for housing projects, as well as for businesses to beautify community places.

- c. **Debra Lamash, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor for BC Hydro regarding the Prince George to Glenannan Transmission Project and North Coast Electrification Open House, dated February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the correspondence 9.1 to 9.3 be received for information.

**Resolution 2024-03-077**

**CARRIED**

## 10. New Business

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** resolution 2024-24-032 adopted during the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Council Meeting that discussed the 2024 tax rates be rescinded.

**Resolution 2024-03-078**

**CARRIED**

Moved/Seconded

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

- Residential 7.5987
- Utilities 49.3473
- Major Industry 39.8124

- Light Industry 39.8124
- Commercial/Business 25.2009
- Recreation 9.6749

**Resolution 2024-03-079**

**CARRIED**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** there be a 4% wage increase to staff wages.

**Resolution 2024-03-080**

**CARRIED**

Council discussed that there have been some complaints from community members citing the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 788, 2018 about certain properties in the Village. Council inquired about whether something could be done about properties with excessive amounts of stuff in the yard. A discussion followed and moving forward, residents with complaints will be directed to the Village Office to fill out a complaint form.

Council has received many compliments about the Town Hall the Village hosted on February 29<sup>th</sup>. The public were thankful for this event and to get more information about what is happening with the closure of the Fraser Lake Sawmill.

Council brought up that there is a Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at Autumn Services. The Chamber President would like to discuss the Community Transition and would like representatives from the Village to be present at the meeting.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the New Business be received for information.

**Resolution 2024-03-081**

**CARRIED**

**11. Bylaws**

None.

**12. In Camera**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the meeting is closed to the public at **6:13PM** in accordance with the Community Charter section 90 (1) (c) labour, (e) land, and (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 2024-03-082**

**CARRIED**

**13. Return to the Regular Meeting**

Return to the Regular Meeting at 7:13PM.

**14. Next Regular Meeting of Council**

Regular Meeting March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:30 PM.

**15. Rise with Report**

Council rose with report at 7:14PM with the following:

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council direct staff to draft a letter to support for the Eco Co-Op and their application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program through the Forestry Impact Transition stream.

**Resolution 2024-03-092**

**CARRIED**

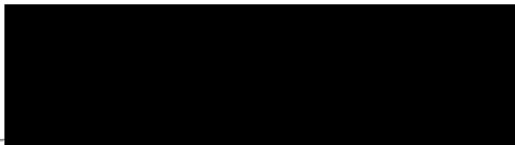
**16. Adjourn**

Moved/Seconded

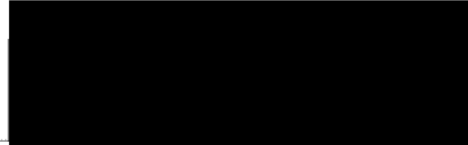
**THAT** the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at **7:15PM**.

**Resolution 2024-03-093**

**CARRIED**



Sarrah Storey, Mayor



Ethan Fredeen, Corporate Officer