



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 11, 2018 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
Dave Christie, Economic Development Officer

Public: None

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

Agenda:

Resolution 04-11-93 M/S Councillor Storey/ Councillor Reyden
"Motion to adopt the agenda"

Carried

Delegation:

Dave Van Dolah and Heather Wiebe of the Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations presented on the Provincial Caribou Recovery Program. The Province has been working on a variety of plans related to Caribou Recovery. Some of our caribou herds are listed as "at risk" through the Federal *Species at Risk Act*. The Federal Ministry of Environment has authority to mandate the initiation of plans to ensure Caribou Recovery. As a Provincial response, several specialists have been identified to manage the Caribou Recovery Program.

There are 54 separate caribou herds in the Province of British Columbia. Thirty-seven (37) of those herds are in the Northern zone. Heather Wiebe is the lead Caribou Specialist for the Northern zone.

Heather Wiebe explained the *Species at Risk Act, 2009*, has jurisdiction over these issues. This Federal legislation imposes a responsibility on the Provinces to protect "at risk" animal species and their critical habitat. Under normal conditions, the Federal Government does not step in where a Province has a management plan in place. However, where there has been a

complaint or petition from persons or groups in Canada, the Federal Government will insert themselves to see if enough is being done to protect vulnerable or “at risk” species.

When the Federal Ministry of Environment becomes involved, they first complete a protection assessment. If they feel the listed species requires protection, Canada has the authority to issue an order that could limit the activities allowed in specified areas.

Some of our BC caribou herds have been identified as “at risk”. The Province of British Columbia would prefer to stay ahead of the Federal process to ensure we maintain jurisdiction and decision-making authority around land use.

The Federal Government and Province have different priorities in these processes. The Federal Government is only mandated to look at the science, while the Province looks at both the science and Socio-Economic impacts.

The Federal Government has stated they don’t think the Province is doing enough.

Over the next three years, the Province has committed \$27 million dollars to the Caribou Recovery Program. The various districts are working collectively on this issue. The herds with the greatest likelihood of sustainability will receive most of our resources. The herds that are struggling will be assessed and a plan will be developed as to what happens next.

The stakeholder consultation and engagement process has begun. The province hopes to sculpt the story of Caribou Recovery in BC. Once the Recovery Plan is developed, it will be submitted to the Federal Government for approval. If the Federal Government endorses the plan, the province will work collaboratively with the Federal Government to execute the plan.

Heather Wiebe referred to a map that depicts the location of the various herds.

The Boreal Caribou herds in the northeastern of the province are under intense pressure from industrial activity.

The Northern Caribou in northern and northwestern BC are doing well.

The Mountain Caribou in the southern part of BC are under intense pressure and considered to be most at risk. Heather Wiebe referred to the caribou in the Selkirks. This is a transplanted herd of caribou. If decisions were being made today, efforts to establish caribou in that area would not be considered. However, there is a historical agreement between Canada and the US to maintain a caribou herd in that area, so, there is pressure to maintain that herd.

Heather Wiebe would like to discuss what Caribou management should look like with local stakeholders. Socio economic impacts are an important consideration. What are the expectations for recreational and industrial access and how can those interests be balanced with caribou recovery.

Mayor Lindstrom commented on the importance of balancing these discussions. He noted there is a very small piece of caribou habitat on the New Gold mine site. Mayor Lindstrom understands that piece of land to be approximately 4 hectares. From previous presentations at

the Regional District, it is the Mayor's understanding there have not been caribou in that area for decades. Circumstances such as these should not impact the development of the mine.

Heather Wiebe stated the discussion around the New Gold project is a hot topic. The small piece of land Mayor Lindstrom referred to is part of the caribou matrix habitat. It is not part of their core habitat. The data the Federal Government has been using is old. There is disagreement between the Province and the Federal Government around where those boundaries should be drawn. This piece of caribou habitat has been a high-pressure issue for the new gold project and it appears to be ramping up.

Mayor Lindstrom commented about his observations of caribou in the east Oosta area. Decades ago, logging was shut down seasonally in support of the caribou migration. Mayor Lindstrom has watched caribou moving along the mountain tops and notes they move constantly. They'll cover significant distances in very little time. A 4-hectare parcel of habitat would not have a significant impact on traveling caribou.

Dave Van Dolah referred to the forest fire that went through the East Oota area 12 years ago. There was concern the fire had incinerated the caribou's food source. The caribou have adapted to the new conditions by changing their food source. They have been able to maintain stable populations. The Province continues to study these developments, placing radio collars on a number of caribou to track their movements and to learn more about their range and their habits.

In the following discussion, pressures such as logging, gas exploration, and predation by wolves and grizzly bears was discussed.

Heather Wiebe noted caribou feed on lichen. This is a very low protein food source, so, caribou need to feed all day long. When wolves come in to the area, the caribou feeding habits are disrupted. This causes them to weaken and become more susceptible to predation. This is a big deal for caribou. Quite often, industrial activity such as logging creates habitat for moose. When moose move in, wolves follow. Because of these natural progressions, industrial activities and caribou are unable to co exist.

It is not feasible to do effective predator control or maternal pens in Northern BC. However, in the south and north east, efforts are being taken to address these issues. As a biologist, Heather Wiebe feels every landscape has a carrying capacity for ungulates; moose, elk, deer or caribou. Which ever species that is best adapted to the conditions at the time will fill the niche. As an example, in MacKenzie, the caribou are being impacted by increasing populations of deer. Nature is providing excellent conditions for the deer so the deer are capitalizing on those conditions.

Dave Van Dolah agreed the species landscape is changing. When Mr. Van Dolah was young, there were no elk in the Bulkley Nechako. Elk have since moved into the area. They are

competing with caribou for food. The presence of the elk also adds to the nervousness of the caribou. That impacts their ability to feed. That increases their susceptibility to predation.

Heather Wiebe noted the Province of Alberta has stepped away from the table around caribou recovery. That decision by the Province of Alberta is unique because it has never happened before. Heather Wiebe doesn't believe the Province of British Columbia would follow the same route. The Province of British Columbia is taking serious steps to develop our recovery plan.

Mayor Lindstrom feels the moose population is a bigger concern in our area. There seems to have been a significant decline in the local moose population. As a hunter and fisherman, Mayor Lindstrom has observed the declining numbers personally.

Heather Wiebe agrees there needs to be discussions on caribou, moose, deer, grizzly and fish populations. These populations are changing. Some of that is the result of industrial activity but some is the result of climate change. Logging activities create habitat for moose, which in turn attract wolves and grizzlies, which are in turn harmful to caribou populations. However, all of the changes we are seeing in the environment are not solely the result of industrial activity.

Dave Van Dolah commented their field staff are seeing as many grizzly bears on the land as black bear. In some instances, these bears have become a problem for local ranchers and a concern in populated areas when they get too close to residential development. Last fall a large grizzly bear was in a home owner's back yard trying to get crab apples off their tree. The residence was occupied by a family with young children. The Conservation Officers were called. They had to put down the bear. Grizzly bear populations in the Nechako Valley are increasing. Several years ago, there were 6 known grizzly bears in the Nechako Valley. Today, there are 34 known grizzly bears in that same area. Determining how to manage these populations will be interesting.

Councillor Storey asked about the Grizzly Diversionary feeding program. This program involved dropping road killed animal carcasses into grizzly territory. The idea was to reduce the need for grizzlies to come into populated areas for food. Is this program still in place?

Dave Van Dolah stated he wasn't familiar with that program.

Heather Wiebe felt it's an interesting idea and a good use of road kill.

Mayor Lindstrom noted there has been a lot of conversation about the Telkwa Range Caribou herd.

Heather Wiebe stated the Mountain Caribou in the Telkwa Range herd were transplanted into the area. Since then, the Province has learned more about Mountain Caribou. The routes mountain caribou take at certain times of the year are engrained; not instinctive. This knowledge is passed down from mother to their young. When mountain caribou are

transplanted into unfamiliar terrain, they don't function well. The caribou don't instinctively understand when they should be in high elevations or where hiding spots are located. The biologist monitoring the Telkwa herd noted the wolves had very few challenges to their predation of these animals. So, when these animals were placed on the Telkwa range, their populations went up for a very short period and then it came crashing down when the wolves found them. Tinkering with ecosystems is dangerous.

Dave Van Dolah noted in the north east, they've done the maternity penning projects, they've done the feeding programs and they've done the wolf kill program. They've found the wolf kill program to be tricky. If it's not done right, the wolves come back very quickly. If you begin a wolf kill program, it must be done in perpetuity. Mr. Van Dolah noted programs such as a wolf kill are not always socially acceptable. A wolf kill was planned for the northeast in the 1980's. There was significant resistance from concerned persons in more urban centres. That wolf cull didn't happen.

Heather Wiebe stated wolves are very smart predators. In many instances, they've found initiatives such as maternity pens and feeding programs simply create improved opportunities for the wolves to prey on these animals. There are no solutions that work really well for caribou.

Heather Wiebe has offered an update to Council as these consultations progress. The goal set by the Province is to have recovery plans for more than 2/3's of the 54 Caribou herds in the next two years. That's an aggressive goal.

Councillor Ray asked if this study would set a precedence for the study of other species in the future.

Heather Wiebe agreed that is an important point. The persons involved in this project are asking whether these studies should be addressed species by species or in a more holistic manner. The species by species approach will be quite burdensome.

Councillor Storey asked if there are any considerations of building overpasses across Highway 16 for migrating animals. She asked if caribou are being hit by vehicles? Councillor Storey has nearly hit moose on several occasions but she doesn't believe caribou have been a hazard on the highway.

Dave Van Dolah felt trains are a bigger problem for ungulate populations. Caribou are rarely impacted by vehicular traffic along Highway 16. The Ministry of Transportation has considered building an overpass for deer at McColl Hill because it's a natural deer crossing.

Heather Wiebe advised wolves exploit opportunities that improve their chances of successful predation. Highway overpasses concentrate game populations as they funnel over the overpass. The wolves would take advantage of those circumstances.

Heather Wiebe noted Councillor Storey had talked a lot about moose. She asked if Councillor Storey had a preference, would it be moose or caribou.

Councillor Storey stated her preference would be moose. Local hunters focus on moose; not caribou.

Heather Wiebe noted moose are an adaptive animal. They adapt to many conditions that provide forage i.e. fire or logging. If a local audience is interested in learning more about changes in local wildlife populations, Heather Wiebe would be happy to help organize a speaker. Heather Wiebe noted there is a lot going on with moose and they would be very happy to talk about those initiatives.

Mayor Lindstrom stated he's heard a lot of comments about why the moose population is declining. People wonder if it's ticks or over hunting or too many wolves, some other issue like climate change or too much snow or whatever.

Mayor Lindstrom thanked Dave Van Dolah and Heather Wiebe for their presentation. Mayor Lindstrom noted the Council members are a well-rounded group and should be able to have a good discussion of the issue.

Minutes:

Resolution 04-11-94 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 14, 2018"

Carried

Resolution 04-11-95 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Ray

"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 12, 2018"

Carried

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting:

Councillor Storey asked for clarification of the tax rates for 2018 as set in the March 12, 2018 Special Meeting. She was interested in learning whether the mill rate for Utilities was 40.00 or 40.66.

CAO Holland advised that point has not been settled. Administration has time to research this issue. It needs to be clarified before the adoption of this year's Tax Rate Bylaw.

Councillor Storey asked to discuss Council's travel and expense allowance. She acknowledged that in 2017 she was over her \$6,000.00 allocation. She is concerned she will be over that allocation again this year. Councillor Storey attended the Local Government Leadership Conference in February 2018. She has registered herself to attend NCLGA in Fort Nelson, B.C. this May and UBCM in September. Councillor Storey anticipates the flight to Fort Nelson will be

significantly more expensive than last year's travel cost to NCLGA in Dawson Creek. She believes attending the three conferences will put her over her allocation.

Councillor Storey explained some municipalities create a pool for travel expenses. Collectively, Council has \$36,000.00 for Travel and Expenses; \$12,000.00 for the Mayor and \$6,000.00 per Councillor. Councillor Storey proposes to pool that funding to facilitate travel by those members of Council who can travel and represent the Village at these conferences.

Mayor Lindstrom stated he didn't feel that would be a fair solution. The allocation is intended to provide each member of Council with enough funding to attend conferences of their preference. If those dollars are spent by another Member of Council who is doing more travelling, and then an interesting opportunity presents itself, the Member of Council who has not travelled may be unable to attend the new opportunity. Mayor Lindstrom agreed this is a good discussion and one that is important to have.

Councillor Ray agreed it is important to maintain an allocation for each member of Council.

Councillor Storey stated most members of Council already know what they will attend in the coming year. Its not often that something new presents itself. She suggested the three big conferences are LGLA, NCLGA and UBCM.

Councillor Lepoidevin agreed that for each of these conferences, some can go and some can't. He stated, just because Council is allocated funds, that doesn't mean it must be spent.

Councillor Reyden felt anything over the allotted amount should be brought to Council for approval.

Councillor Storey stated she didn't want to be over her allocation without Council's approval. She stated she has already attended LGLA and she has booked flights and a room for NCLGA and a room for UBCM.

Mayor Lindstrom commented each year he plans what he wants to go to and works to keep his travel plans within his allocation.

Councillor Lepoidevin suggested Councillor Storey take it step by step. He suggested Councillor Storey attend NCLGA and then see where she's at. Although Councillor Storey will have a rough idea of what NCLGA will cost, the true cost won't be known until after the event. When Councillor Storey knows what she has left over, she can bring the discussion back to the Council table.

Mayor Lindstrom noted this discussion really begs the question of how much do we really want to travel?

Councillor Reyden added, the bigger question is “are we getting a bang for our buck”. What are we bringing back from these conferences to benefit the community?

Councillor Storey stated she was really working hard at UBCM last Fall. We need to have people at these conferences representing our community. Councillor Storey feels she did a lot of talking last year, writing letters to Ministers until late hours of the evening for issues such as the Silver Birch’s initiative. She agrees this is an important discussion for our Council to have.

Councillor Storey stated the next point she would like to discuss relates to attendance to conferences, if the member of Council is not running for the next term. She referred to a past member of Council who attended NCLGA, knowing he would be resigning his seat in the weeks following the conference. Councillor Storey felt it didn’t make sense for that member of Council to attend NCLGA. She feels if a member of Council won’t be running for Council in the next term, they should not be attending UBCM this fall.

Councillor Ray strongly disagreed with that position. Members of Council go to these conferences to represent and speak on behalf of our community. The past member of Council Councillor Storey was referring to has a lot of knowledge of the community. He would be able to provide good information to generate good discussion. Councillor Ray doesn’t feel it should matter whether a person is running for Council for the next term or not. The member of Council can speak on behalf of the community and still advocate good things for our community.

Councillor Storey asked what if you are going for a learning opportunity and you’re not running for Council? How should that be considered?

Councillor Ray noted there are many opportunities to work on behalf of the Community. That’s possible regardless of whether you’re running for the next term of Council.

Mayor Lindstrom stated it is up to members of Council to make these decisions for the betterment of the community.

Councillor Storey stated this is not about a specific member of Council. She is bringing this up for discussion to see if there are ways to save money and how such matters should be addressed. She stated if she wasn’t running for Council next term, she would not attend UBCM this fall.

Councillor Reyden commented if a person has been managing a certain file for the past four years, they’ve gained significant knowledge. That person is the one who should be speaking on behalf of the community. We want the best people at the table when we’re talking to a Minister or Provincial representative.

Councillor Storey asked about the Employee Benefits Policy. She noted the policy only allows the past employee to remain on the Village Benefits plan until 65 years of age. Councillor Storey asked what if the individual decided to work until age 66 or older.

CAO Holland replied Council is at liberty to decide how long any employee can remain on the Village benefits plan. The previous policy provided Village paid benefits to employees with 25 plus years service for 24 months. After that, the injured or ill employee could pay the monthly cost of benefits premiums until their LTD terminated. That typically occurs at age 65. The reason a past employee would like access to our benefits plan are our prescription drug benefits. The new policy reflects that age. CAO Holland noted, this policy is for a person who is on LTD or eligible for LTD. It is not intended for a person who returns to work at another place of employment.

Mayor Lindstrom asked Council to finalize discussions around travel expenses.

Councillor Reyden felt we should stay with the \$6,000.00 limit. Should a member of Council find a need to spend more, that member of Council should bring that discussion to the Council.

Mayor Lindstrom feels there must be a limit. He used FCM as an example. If a member of Council wants to attend FCM and its in Halifax, that would be approximately \$10,000.00. That spending should not occur without Council's approval.

Councillor Reyden agreed.

Mayor Lindstrom asked how that would be managed?

CAO Holland suggested those requests to exceed the \$6,000.00 allocation are a consideration of Council. Administration would like to be notified in advance to allow our Financial Clerk to prepare a report on what has been spent and what is remaining. We want to be able to answer the question, can we even afford the request. Then Council can make an informed decision relative to the request.

Resolution 04-11-96 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to require Council's pre- approval of expenditures that are known or anticipated to exceed a Council members budgetary Travel and Expense allocation"

Carried

Resolution 04-11-97 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

"Motion to receive Business Arising from the previous meeting"

Carried

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Storey reported attending the Parking Lot meeting that was held at Autumn Services. The meeting was organized by Kim Watt-Senner. She felt it was interesting but Councillor Storey doesn't understand what the petition is going to do. Councillor Storey appreciates the initiative to get the community together. Councillor Storey felt the members of Council who were present did what they could to present the Village response to this issue. In conversation with Kim Watt-Senner, Councillor Storey has suggested she come to Council as a delegation. Councillor Storey added, when Mrs. Watt-Senner began her campaign, she spoke of raising funds to repair these parking lots. Councillor Storey pointed out these parking lots are private property. The crowd funding idea was dropped. Councillor Storey commended Mrs. Watt-Senner for her efforts to do something to improve these parking lots.

A discussion followed around parking lot maintenance. Parking lots and pot holes are a concern. In the past, letters have been sent to property owners asking them to correct defects.

Councillor Storey reports she was able to listen in on part the RBA Conference call but had to leave to attend the Men's Shed Open House. She said she missed out on the part of the discussion around community needs.

CAO Holland advised the RBA asked for a list of projects or opportunities that we were not participating in because of the lack of LNG revenues.

Councillor Storey reported the RBA has announced they've received \$300,000.00 from the Province to assist with RBA negotiations.

Councillor Storey participated in the Healthy Living conference call, which was coordinated by the Better at Home coordinator; United Way Lower Mainland. They are asking all municipalities to get on board to sign a declaration. He has asked for a Resolution to help with aging in place and seniors. Councillor Storey is working with Councillor Susan Scott of Prince George to draft a resolution that will be presented at NCLGA this spring. Councillor Storey reports it was an interesting phone call, with participation from quite a few municipalities. The top concerns included transportation and housing, senior centres and Better at Home funding. There was also discussion on consistent medical care. Seniors suffering from dementia need to see the same doctors.

Mayor Lindstrom attended COFI April 4 -6th. He and members of the RDBN were invited to meet with the Minister of Forests, Doug Donaldson. A range of topics were discussed including wildfire mitigation, timber harvesting practices and species at risk. Over the next three years, there will be \$72M available for wildfire mitigation activities. The discussions around timber harvesting practices included the reduced AAC and improved use of the fiber that is currently being left in the bush. We also discussed grizzly bear, caribou and mountain goats. Minister Donaldson was very interested in these topics.

The second meeting was with the Minister of Environment. Those discussions centered around Species at Risk, predator control and climate change. It was a very similar discussion to what we've already had tonight.

This year's COFI Conference was the largest ever, with 550 delegates. There was representation from five Ministries. Mayor Lindstrom felt that was impressive.

Mayor Lindstrom provided the following report and statistics:

Bio Energy was discussed. The City of Prince George heats 11 buildings through Bio Energy.

BC produced 13.7 billion in world exports last year.

BC is the largest producer of softwood lumber in North America

BC has 14% of the World's forests; 52 million hectares. Less than 1 % of our land is harvested annually.

140,000 people depend on the Forest Industry.

60,000 jobs are directly attributed to the Forest Industry

The forest industry generates \$4 billion in government revenues annually.

BC is the largest bio energy producer in North America.

There is \$1.7 billion in trade every minute of every day between Canada and the US.

UBC has the tallest wood constructed building in the world. As of now it's 18 stories tall.

Norway is constructing a 24-storey wood building. Japan is planning to build a 80 story wood sky scraper in the near future.

There are 15,000 wood construction starts in Korea this year. A huge demand for wood products is expected to continue in the years to come.

All major licensees agree the forest industry needs to diversify and to make better use of the wood fibre that is currently being left in the bush.

Derrick Orr of Canfor spoke of the need for more truck drivers. He would like to see increased apprenticeships in support of our lumber industry.

Resolution 04-11-98 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to receive Council Reports"

Carried

Accounts Payable:

Resolution 04-11-99 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Ray

"Motion to receive accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$159,592.37"

Carried

Correspondence List:

Resolution 04-11-100 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Reyden

"Motion to receive the Correspondence List"

Carried

Mayor Lindstrom asked if either Chief Patrick or Chief Nooski participated in the OCP Meeting.

CAO Holland advised they had been invited but they did not attend.

CAO Reports:

Village of Fraser lake LTD Recipient/Continuation of Employee Benefits Policy:

CAO Holland asked Council to continue the discussion of the proposed Long-Term Disability policy update. There is an existing LTD Recipient/Continuation of Employee Benefits Policy. This is an employer loyalty policy to our employees. The current policy provides for only one outcome of illness or injury. If an employee develops a long term ill or injury, they have a 120 day waiting period before becoming eligible for LTD. The existing policy provides for only one circumstance, whereby the employee is accepted to LTD and the benefits set out in the policy follow. The update proposal provides for the alternative outcome where an employee is not accepted to LTD. It provides the employee with the same employer support as the previous policy, however, the clock starts ticking following the 120-day waiting period. Administration is looking for direction on how to address this issue by way of this policy proposal.

A discussion followed.

Councillor Reyden asked if an employee who does not receive LTD would be eligible for Village paid benefits after the 120-day waiting period?

CAO Holland stated, this policy reflects the benefits extended to our employees through the previous policy based on years of service to the Village. They are transitional benefits. Employees are provided Village paid benefits for a period, during which they are expected to make alternative arrangements for Health and Dental benefits.

Resolution 04-11-101 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

“Motion to adopt the Village of Fraser Lake LTD Recipient/Continuation of Employee Benefits Policy April 2018”

Carried

Highway 16 Corridor Study:

McElhanney Engineering has been contracted by the Ministry of Transportation to conduct a 25-year planning study. They have asked for input from Council on any concerns about the condition of the highway, passing lanes, etc.

Councillor Storey stated she'd like to see improvements to our cross walks on Highway 16 and a slow down sign as motorists enter the 50 km/hour zone.

Mayor Lindstrom feels there are too many visual barriers or obstructions around the cross walk at Chowsunket Street and Highway 16. Between the hydro poles and utility boxes on the south side of Highway 16 at Chowsunket Street, it's difficult to see pedestrians standing on the sidewalk at the highway.

Councillor Reyden would like to see a widened shoulder in front of the Subway Restaurant. Commercial vehicles stop on the shoulder of highway 16. The area is too narrow for the commercial vehicle, so, it creates a traffic hazard. He would prefer to a highway access from Subway to the highway but in the past the Ministry of Transportation haven't allowed it.

CAO Holland noted the Ministry of Transportation is working with the Village to review the design of the Highway 16 and Carrier Street South intersection. They surveyed that area last summer and are scheduled to meet with the Village to discuss their ideas sometime in June 2018.

Councillor Storey would like to see more passing lanes and she prefers future passing lanes not incorporate sharp curves.

Councillor Reyden feels the length of the passing lane west of Piper's Glen is too short.

EDO Dave Christie commented about the lack of local passing lanes that allow passing by oncoming traffic. In many other parts of the Province, passing is allowed assuming you yield to oncoming traffic.

Councillor Storey suggested rumble strips across the highway to remind people to slow down as they enter the 50 km/hr zone into Fraser Lake.

Climate Change Canada – Warning letter:

The Village received a warning letter from Climate Change Canada about the timeliness of our Waste Water reporting in 2013, 2014, 2015. Administration forwarded a letter in response to Climate Change Canada asking for a local contact and for feedback on our current reporting processes.

Mayor Lindstrom thought the letter to Climate Change Canada was a good response to their correspondence.

Good Neighbour Bylaw proposal:

This Bylaw proposal was discussed on October 11, 2017. During that initial review, some modifications were requested. Those modification have been inserted and *the Good Neighbour Bylaw* is back for review. A review and further comment is being requested.

CAO Holland felt the Bylaw could be amended to exempt the parking of recreation vehicles, boats, utility trailers at the rear of the property if topography of the lot, existing buildings and other obstructions inhibit this requirement.

Councillor Storey is concerned about limiting the number of RV's parked in the front of a residence. She mentioned her neighbour has four or more RV's parked in their driveway.

Councillor Reyden felt a person who cannot meet the requirements of the Bylaw, will have to approach Council and request a variance.

Councillor Lepoidevin noted the Bylaw is more about people keeping their property neat and tidy.

A discussion followed regarding what constitutes a recreation vehicle.

CAO Holland advised the Good Neighbour Bylaw is intended to address property maintenance issues. The Village is already receiving complaints about property maintenance such as cleaning up fecal matter from dogs and other animals.

Employee Benefits/Work Conditions/Current Rates of Pay policy:

This policy is updated annually when pay rates change.

Resolution 04-11-102 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Ray

"Motion to adopt the Employee Benefits/Work Condition/Rates of Pay 2018 Policy as presented"

Carried

Councillor Storey asked about the status of our Recreation Director.

CAO Holland advised we have advertised the Recreation Director position. The position is advertised in the Omineca Express, on our Facebook page and our website. The Village has received two applications. The job posting does not close until April 23rd. It has been advertised as a 6-month seasonal position, however, that term can be extended depending on the candidate's qualifications and performance.

NCLGA request for "Nomination Letter":

Correspondence received from NCLGA president Shaely Wilbur. Councillor Storey has been acting as the 2nd Vice president for NCLGA. With the AGM scheduled for May 7 – 11, 2018, NCLGA is requesting a letter nominating Councillor Storey for the role of 2nd Vice President.

A discussion followed.

Councillor Reyden asked who pays for Councillor Storey's attendance to NCLGA meetings and conferences related to her duties as the 2nd Vice President.

Councillor Storey confirmed NCLGA pays travel expenses for meeting attendance. The Village will not be responsible for these costs or other additional expenses that stem from her duties as the 2nd Vice President.

Resolution 04-11-103 M/S Councillor Ray/Councillor Reyden

"Motion to nominate Councillor Sarrah Storey for the position of 2nd Vice President of the North Central Local Government Association"

Carried

Mayor Lindstrom - Abstained

Councillor Storey - Abstained

Resolution 04-11-104 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to receive CAO Reports"

Carried

Staff Report:

None

Reading List:

None

New Business:

Councillor Storey presented two resolutions she would like to present at NCLGA; Fresh Water - Hazards Markers or Buoys and Rural Living Allowance.

Resolution 04-11-105 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to support and forward the Fresh Water – Hazard Markers or Buoys resolution to NCLGA"

Carried

Resolution 04-11-106 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to support and forward the Rural Living Allowance resolution to NCLGA"

Carried

Councillor Storey has discussed the Business Awards Banquet with the Mayor in an earlier discussion. She noted there has been no resolution from Council to financially support this event. She asked if the Village would like to contribute? She would also like to ask for the use of the Community Vehicle; which would be used as a Designated Driver Service. Stellaquo and Nadleh are participating in the event. Stellaquo is providing their community hall. Both communities are both providing \$2,000.00. The Chamber of Commerce is also donating. The Chamber is considering donating up to \$2,000.00 for prizes and awards. Better at Home will also provide \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00; depending on what is needed. Councillor Storey estimates catering for the event will cost as much as \$5,000.00.

Mayor asked if United Way is participating and whether that has something to do with Better at Home.

Councillor Storey stated the suggested funding is through the Better at Home program which provides funds for volunteer recognition and appreciation.

Mayor Lindstrom understood the Better at Home funding was intended to help local people who need help?

Councillor Storey advised there is funding ear marked for volunteer recognition.

Mayor Lindstrom asked if the RD is providing funding for this event?

Councillor Storey reports the Area D Director didn't get back to her.

Mayor Lindstrom explained the Regional District requires a grant in aid application before providing funding. He suggested Councillor Storey contact the Regional District for that application.

CAO Holland explained the Village of Fraser Lake contributes to the Chamber of Commerce each year by providing 100% of our business licence revenue. This year, that donation will be approximately \$7,400.00. If the Chamber of Commerce is contributing \$2,000.00, that donation is indirectly from the Village.

Councillor Storey reports she is organizing this event as a volunteer. She expects up to 350 people. A dance will follow the awards ceremony. The dance will be licenced.

Councillor Reyden asked about the liquor licence?

Councillor Storey advised the Fraser Lake Curling Club will run the bar.

EDO Dave Christie explained the Fraser Lake Curling Club will run the bar as a fundraiser for the Curling Club. This was discussed by the Curling Club Board and they have supported it unanimously.

Councillor Lepoidevin asked about use of the Community Vehicle for the proposed DD Service. What areas would be covered? Would rides be offered to persons past Fort Fraser or other distant places? He suggested two trips; one at 11:00 pm from Stellaquo into town and a second at 1:00 am; again, to Fraser Lake. Councillor Lepoidevin noted there is time to consider this request. A decision does not need to be made immediately.

Councillor Storey agreed. There is time to think about it. She added people can sponsor an award. For consideration, employee appreciation awards can be sponsored. Minimum donations are \$20.00.

Councillor Storey brought attention to a Facebook post from Elaine Watson. She is in the need of a new wheelchair. Donations are up to \$3,800.00. A new wheel chair is \$15,000.00. Councillor Storey asked members of Council to share the Facebook post with their networks in efforts to raise more funds.

Councillor Storey has received complaints about the lack of wheelchair accessibility at several of our local businesses. She would like to see something done about that.

A discussion followed about the importance to wheel chair accessibility in our Village.

Mayor Lindstrom noted a couple of years ago the Village took steps to improve access to our sidewalks.

CAO Holland advised there may be opportunities for businesses to address this issue. One possibility is the business façade program. The second is a possibility of a tax exemption for accessibility upgrades. In most cases these issues are on private property. Identifying incentives for business to address the issue would be the preferred approach.

Resolution 04-11-107 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Ray

“Motion to Receive New Business”

Carried

Bylaws:

Council Compensation and Allowance Bylaw No. 794, 2018

CAO Holland provided a brief overview of the Bylaw. Bylaw No. 794, 2018 reflects the 2 percent increase to Council Compensation. The 2 percent increase equates to \$125.00 per year per Councillor. As per Council’s request on March 14, 2018, Council’s Travel and Expense allowance has been added to the Bylaw.

Resolution 04-11-108 M/S Councillor Ray/Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to conduct the First, Second readings of the Village of Fraser Lake Council Compensation and Allowances Bylaw No. 794, 2018"

Carried

Resolution 04-11-109 M/S Councillor Ray/Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to conduct the third reading of the Village of Fraser Lake Council Compensation and Allowances Bylaw No. 794, 2018"

Carried

Next Regular Meeting:

CAO Holland advised, the Municipal Auditors from KPMG are only available May 2 or May 3, 2018 to present their Audited Financial Statements. Calling a Special Meeting is suggested.

Mayor Lindstrom noted NCLGA is May 7 to 11th. As Mayor Lindstrom, Councillor Storey and CAO Holland are attending NCLGA in Fort Nelson, B.C., they won't be in attendance at the May 9, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Councillor Reyden suggested, the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for May 9th, 2018 be cancelled. The Special Meeting on May 2, 2018 will take its place.

Resolution 04-11-110 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to cancel the May 9th, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council"

Carried

Resolution 04-11-111 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Ray

"Motion to call a Special Meeting of Council on May 2, 2018 to receive the Audited Financial Statements from KPMG"

Carried

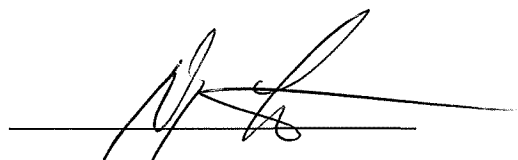
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Resolution 04-11-112 M Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm"

Carried

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Dwayne Lindstrom
Mayor

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Rodney J Holland
Chief Administrative Officer