

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 11, 2018 In the Municipal Hall in Open Forum

Those in Attendance: Deputy Mayor Storey

Councillor Reyden Councillor Lepoidevin

Councillor Ray

Staff: Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer

Dave Christie, Economic Development Officer

Public: Jason Slater, Sgt - Fraser Lake RCMP

Lance Kim, Cst - Fraser Lake RCMP Michael Licara, Cst – Fraser Lake RCMP

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

## Agenda:

Resolution 07-11- 212 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Lepoidevin "Motion to adopt the agenda"

Carried

#### **Delegation:**

Sgt Slater of the Fraser Lake RCMP updated Council on expected changes to detachment personnel. Constable Lance Kim will transfer in November 2018. Constable Michael Licara will replace Constable Kim.

In his quarterly report, Sgt Slater reports a general reduction in reported crime over the past 6 months. In comparison to the surrounding areas, Burns Lake, Vanderhoof and Fort St. James, Fraser Lake experiences very limited serious crime. Although the statistics depicted on Page 3 suggest an increase in assaults, the statistic simply reflect a change in administrative reporting. Sgt Slater advises the detachment members to have been involved in a number of community-based activities; the Canada Day parade and celebrations and the Bicycle Rodeo. Constable Nathan Smith will continue to provide the DARE program in our schools. The detachment members are increasing the number of foot patrols around town. And to increase opportunities for positive interactions with local youth, the detachment is initiating a positive ticketing initiative. Detachment members will be handing out certificates for a slushie or ice cream cone to young people found doing something good.

Deputy Mayor Storey asked about the DARE program.

Sgt Slater explained that previously Provincial Funding covered the costs associated with the DARE program. That funding has been cancelled. Detachments are now required to fund the program if they chose to continue the program. There are no other obstacles to running the program.

Deputy Mayor Storey asked about the charges against the teenager who damaged the arena.

Constable Kim responded. Charges have not yet been processed.

Deputy Mayor Storey advises she spoke with the teen following the event. She ensured he knows he is not welcome back at future ball tournaments.

Deputy Mayor Storey asked about marihuana. She would like to have a discussion with the RCMP on their thoughts.

Sgt Slater advise he has not received any direction on cannabis. It is his understanding it will be treated in a manner like alcohol.

A discussion followed.

Sgt Slater advises the detachment members are now on their summer schedule. That ensures detachment members are on shift later in the evening.

Deputy Mayor Storey thanked Sgt Slater for his presentation.

#### Minutes:

Resolution 07-11-213 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray "Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 27, 2018"

Carried

# **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

None

#### **Council Reports:**

Councillor Lepoidevin took part in the July 1<sup>st</sup> Ball Tournament. He enjoyed the event. He also received many positive comments about the parade and the Canada Day events. Councillor Lepoidevin commended all those involved in organizing the weekend, stating it was a job well done.

Councillor Ray partook in the Canada Day festivities. He really enjoyed the parade.

Councillor Reyden was out of town but noted there were many positive remarks about the parade and the Canada Day festivities on Facebook. Councillor Reyden echoed the earlier comments, commending all those involved in organizing the parade and Canada Day festivities.

Deputy Mayor Storey was unable to make the pancake breakfast but did attend the parade. She noted there was a very good turnout at the parade. The rest of the festivities were well attended as well. Deputy Mayor Storey received several comments about the sound system at the stage next to the soccer field. People were saying they couldn't hear the people speaking on stage. It would be nice to investigate a better sound system for next year. She also noted a lot of people weren't bothering to come to the stage to listen to the speakers. A significant portion of the crowd prefer to socialize rather than going to the stage. Deputy Mayor suggested there may be some benefit in waiting 30 minutes before addressing the crowd. This would allow people to meet and to get ready for the official address.

Resolution 07-11-214 M/S Councillor Ray/Councillor Lepoidevin "Motion to receive Councillor Reports"

Carried

### **Accounts Payable:**

Resolution 07-11-215 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin "Motion to adopt accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$106,088.11"

Carried

Councillor Lepoidevin asked for more information about Cheque #27399 to Gary Atkinson in the amount of \$7,616.00.

CAO Holland advised this was the freshwater water intake screen that was budgeted for this year. Our freshwater intake screen is scheduled for replacement. Earlier in the planning process, Cariboo Divers estimated the cost of the screen at \$18,000.00. With Mr. Atkinson preparing to open a machine shop in town, we sought a price from him. His price was much more competitive, and administration believes the product produced by Mr. Atkinson is of superior quality.

Before the ice went off the lake, Cariboo Divers brought a remove camera to Fraser Lake. They inspected the freshwater intake screen. It is damaged but not punctured. This project will be completed over two years as Cariboo Divers were not available to install the screen this year. We have asked them to schedule us for 2019 to install the screen in the coming year.

Village of Fraser Lake Employee Benefits Director of Corporate Administration Holiday Pay Policy:

This policy is specific to the Chief Administrator's position. On February 10, 2016 Council provided CAO Holland with an additional week of paid vacation. The old policy from 2011 was never updated to reflect the 2016 decision. No new benefits are being incurred.

Resolution 07-11-218 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray

"Motion to adopt the proposed update of the Village of Fraser Lake Employee Benefits Director of Corporate Administration Holiday Pay Policy"

Carried

Funding opportunity – 4<sup>th</sup> Sewer Lagoon:

A new funding opportunity has been identified for the Wastewater Treatment Expansion project through the Canada – BC Investing in Canada Infrastructure program. The application would be through the Green Infrastructure & Environmental Quality sub stream. This is up to 83% funding. We've already planned an application to the Rural Dividend. However, that funding is no predictable, so, Administration is proposing to make a parallel application. Ultimately, we are looking for a viable source of funding for this project and since both funding opportunities are occurring at the same time, parallel applications are required. A criterion for the funding through the Canada – BC Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program is a Water Conservation Plan. Administration has contacted the administrators of the fund. They have agreed to allow us to apply without a pre existing Water Conservation Plan. However, we will be expected to develop a water conservation plan. Administration would like to apply for up to \$80,000.00 to complete the planning and design of the 4<sup>th</sup> sewer lagoon and to hire a consultant to develop a Water Conservation Plan for the Village.

Resolution 07-11-219 M/S Councillor Ray/Councillor Reyden

"Motion to apply to the Canada-BC Investing in Canada Infrastructure program through the Green Infrastructure & Environmental Quality sub stream for up to \$80,000.00 to complete the planning and design of the Wastewater Treatment Lagoon Expansion project and to develop a Water Conservation Plan for the Village of Fraser Lake"

Carried

Resolution 07-11-220 M/S Councillor Ray/Councillor Reyden "Motion to receive the CAO Reports"

Carried

## **Staff Report:**

None

#### Reading List:

Resolution 07-11-221 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Ray "Motion to receive the Reading List"

Carried

#### **New Business:**

Councillor Reyden asked for an update on the Community Vehicle garage.

CAO Holland explained Public Works staff have installed the floor drain and built the gravel base for the garage. The site visit for the RFP is scheduled for this coming Monday July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Reyden asked about Village staffing.

CAO Holland stated Public Works is still down several employees. One position is vacant. One employee is off due to medical reasons. Staffing the vacant position has been discussed with the Director of Public Works. Vern has asked to hold off until early Fall to post that position. CAO Holland noted this is a busy time for Public Works. This is the time of year when most of our construction projects occur. At the same time, our full-time employees would like to take a week or two off to spend time with family. Administration and Public Works are in regular contact. HR is regularly discussed. The Director of Public Works does not want to hire any new employees at this time.

Councillor Reyden asked about the tree bags.

The tree bags allow our Public Works employees to give each tree 15 gallons of water. The water seeps slowly through a fiberous seem in the bottom of the bag. The slow release ensures the water soaks into the ground. CAO Holland has asked the Public Works staff to water the trees twice a week to assist them during these dry windy conditions.

Councillor Reyden asked how the Good Neighbour Bylaw clean ups went.

Following the issuance of the Compliance Orders, Administration has asked our Bylaw Officer to work with the subject property owners to encourage compliance with the Good Neighbour Bylaw. Administration advised one property owner took no action in response to their compliance order. The second property owner has taken some steps to clean up their yard. They still have work to do, however, they have promised to complete the required work within the 30-day period. Where the property owner is not in compliance with the Good Neighbour Bylaw, Hurry Help has been hired to complete the required yard.

Deputy Mayor Storey asked if the Village had hired a Recreation Director?

CAO Holland confirmed LeEtta Fontaine has been hired as our Recreation Director.

Resolution 07-11-222 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Ray "Motion to Receive New Business"

Carried

**Bylaws:** 

None

**Next Meeting of Council:** 

August 22, 2018 at 5:30 pm

Adjourn:

Resolution 07-11-223 M Councillor Lepoidevin "Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 pm"

Carried

**Certified Correct** 

Dwayne Lindstrom,

Mayor

Rodney J Holland,

**Chief Administrative Officer**