



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 13, 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

Public: None

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

Agenda:

Resolution 06-13-173 M/S Councillor Storey/ Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to adopt the agenda"

Carried

Delegation:

None

Minutes:

Resolution 06-13-174 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 23, 2018"

Carried

Resolution 06-13-175 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Ray
"Motion to adopt the minutes of the In-Camera Meeting held on May 23, 2018"

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Storey requested amendment to her Councillor Report on Page 5 of 15. The last sentence of the first paragraph should be corrected to indicate the Better at Home program is currently \$1,300.00 over budget; not \$13,000.00.

Councillor Ray commented on the Minutes as present around his referral to management of the Adult Learning Centre Building. At the May 23rd meeting, he felt he was paraphrasing previous discussions of Council regarding that subject. He feels this issue is still a little foggy and asked for further discussion to clarify Council's position. Councillor Ray would like a clear unified position on the matter to be better able to reply to inquiries; such as the one made by Elaine Storey of Autumn Services.

Mayor Lindstrom agreed this is an important discussion. He feels the Village may have been placed in an undesirable position by the School District's decision. He would like the School District to provide a written explanation as to why they have chosen the route they are pursuing. Mayor Lindstrom stated he does not personally care whether the building goes to the Village or to a non-profit.

A discussion followed.

Councillor Storey feels the conversation is not about Autumn Services. She posed several questions around what is required to retain our residents? What Social Services are required to retain our seniors and what services are required to retain our youth? What services are needed for our Moms and tots. According to Councillor Storey, this is what other communities are doing. Making sure there are homeless outreach prevention programs and mental health supports. She stated we don't want these costs downloaded on the Village, however, in her opinion she feels Council needs to look at these services.

Mayor Lindstrom agreed these are important concerns. Mayor Lindstrom feels our Village and the surrounding area contain a lot of things for youth and people to do. Some of the services being described are available in larger centres. In some instances, people simply need to decide where they want to live. Do they want to live in a city or in the country? The Village provides a number of services which support our seniors and our youth.

Councillor Storey stated she was talking about after-school programming to keep kids out of trouble and the Food Share program. She referred to the many programs that are provided by Autumn Services. Nobody else in town provides those services. Councillor Storey believes other communities are envious of the services provided by Autumn Services. She repeated, the discussion is not about Autumn Services, its about what the community wants. She feels they are on the front lines and they hear what the community wants.

Mayor Lindstrom asked if the Regional District has been brought into the conversation, as a significant percentage of rural residents are consumers of services at Autumn Services.

Councillor Storey stated she would like to see the numbers. She said the centre was packed all day today. They maintain a sign in book but she doesn't know the breakdown between Village residents and Regional District residents. She feels it is great to have the service in town. She added it is not just seniors using the centre. Other groups hold meetings in the building.

Councillor Lepoidevin asked if there was fee for other groups to use the building.

Councillor Storey stated there was no fee for not for profit groups such as the Mud Bogs or the Arts Council. However, they can provide a donation if they chose to do so. If a business books the centre, they are expected to pay a fee.

Councillor Ray noted the Village is still in discussion with the School District around purchase of this building. In some ways its difficult to make firm decisions relative to the management of the building when we don't yet own it.

Councillor Storey stated other communities have encountered similar circumstances. In Fort St. James, the municipality owns the building and maintains the outside of the structure. The seniors maintain the inside of the building. She noted Fort St. James benefits from many private funders of their Senior's Centre. Councillor Storey went on to explain that in Prince George, the municipality gives \$20,000.00 to each of their eight seniors centres. She suggested Council could look at all the different options before deciding how to manage the building.

Mayor Lindstrom acknowledged there are good things happening at Autumn Service but asked why would other communities be jealous of Fraser Lake when there are good things happening in their communities.

Councillor Storey said the Fort St. James Council have indicated an interest in touring the Autumn Services Centre. Although they have a building, they don't have the events, activities or the volunteer base that Autumn Services enjoys. Burns Lake has also asked how they get all that we have? Councillor Storey stated they have volunteers who are willing to give their heart and soul for the centre. Councillor Storey stated many communities would like to have a multi use facility such as Autumn Services.

Mayor Lindstrom noted Council is working with Tax Payer dollars, so, there is a need to be responsible. Has Autumn Services approached West Fraser, Endako Mine or New Gold for corporate support of their centre?

Councillor Storey stated they have approached Fraser Lake Sawmill, Endako Mine, New Gold, the Regional District and the Village. In the past, MLA John Rustad provided funding but that was not renewed this year. Autumn Services also pursues grant funding. Councillor Storey acknowledges the Village has a very limited budget, so, support may not be financial.

Councillor Ray voiced concern about Councillor Storey's comments suggesting the other members of Council don't understand or are not supportive of Autumn Services. He would like to develop a better understanding of where those comments are coming from. Councillor Ray agrees a better relationship could be developed and he would like that.

Councillor Storey responded Autumn Services is what seniors want. The seniors and Autumn Services Board members, past and current, have looked at what other municipalities are doing

for their seniors and they want the same. Other municipalities are funding their senior centres. Local seniors want the municipality to back them.

Councillor Lepoidevin noted Fraser Lake is in a different circumstance.

Councillor Storey stated when there was money, when the mine was operating, the seniors asked for financial support and they received nothing. That was back when Autumn Services was incorporated, before the Autumn Service Centre. The seniors have been after the School District building for many years. To be told they are not sustainable is a frustration. The \$1,150.00 rent they pay is a big challenge. Autumn Services is not sustainable because the rent is so high.

Councillor Storey acknowledges the “your not sustainable” comment comes from the School District; not Council. The cost of rent and lack of core funding are the challenge. Councillor Storey said it’s difficult to get core funding when you have *Better at Home* funding.

Mayor Lindstrom brought the discussion back on track. He stated that Council did not say “No” to Autumn Services acquiring the School District building. Nobody from Council has been against Autumn Services.

Councillor Storey agreed. She acknowledges that all members of Council appreciate what Autumn Services provides to the community. Councillor Storey says that Autumn Services has asked for financial support and that is what Autumn Services really needs.

Councillor Lepoidevin stated it would appear there are several topics that need to be discussed.

Councillor Storey admitted this situation is not one sided. Councillor Storey stated the treasurer was supposed to email Councillor Ray and Councillor Lepoidevin to invite them to the AGM and other Autumn Services meetings. Unfortunately, the treasurer lost their email addresses so those notifications were not occurring. They talk about wanting communication and Village presence. Not keeping Council informed is their issue.

Councillor Lepoidevin asked when their AGM is scheduled?

Councillor Storey stated they just had it.

Councillor Lepoidevin stated he’d be willing to meeting with the Board members any time.

Councillor Ray revisited the discussion of any group or agency not being sustainable. He feels Council needs to have a long term vision for the building. If a group or non-profit dissolves, what happens?

Councillor Storey stated the Autumn Services constitution stipulates if Autumn Services were to dissolve, the building would go to another non- profit or the municipality. She indicates she is

irritated that the school board is considering the sustainability of Autumn Services. She talked of other examples in other communities where properties have been sold to a non profit for low cost.

Mayor Lindstrom commented that he's heard many times that Autumn Services will have to close if they don't get at this grant or that grant. Those comments get back to the School Board. What are they to think?

Councillor Storey agreed. She stated this is the reason why she's worked so hard to obtain the School Board Building for Autumn Services so they don't have to pay rent.

Mayor Lindstrom asked Councillor Storey if she has any idea what it would cost to run and maintain the School District's building? He stated Council has never been against Autumn Services acquiring the building.

Resolution 06-13-176 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Ray

"Motion to receive Business Arising"

Carried

Business from the Previous Meeting:

CAO Holland referred to the request from Autumn Services to waive the Water, Sewer and Garbage levy for the Senior's Centre. CAO Holland explained the WSG levy is tied to the property. It should not be waived. Instead, administration suggests providing a Grant in Aid for the cost of the WSG levy.

Resolution 06-13-177 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray

"Motion to provide Autumn Services a \$366.60 Grant in Aid to assist with their Water Sewer and Garbage levy from January 1 to June 30, 2018"

Carried

Council Reports:

Councillor Lepoidevin participated in the Bicycle Rodeo at the Fraser Lake Arena on May 27th. Around 85 boys and girls participated in the event. It's a well attended Community event. Almost every participant received a prize with close to \$3,000.00 in donations.

Councillor Lepoidevin reported the Heart and Stroke Big Bike fundraiser occurred this past Monday. The event raised a little over \$2,700.00. Councillor Lepoidevin commended the good work of Sylvia Legary. She is the Community Champion for this event. She called or texted

everyone the morning of the event to remind them. He also noted, Sylvia Legary is often the top fund raiser for this event in our community.

Councillor Ray took the FLESS Boys Golf Team to Osoyoos, B.C. for Golf Provincials. The team played well. They demonstrated excellent etiquette and represented the community well. It was an excellent competition. Councillor Ray reports the school year is wrapping up, so it's a busy time.

Councillor Reyden attended the Fraser Lake and District Senior Citizens Home Society AGM. The Society is still waiting for a decision on funding for the new Senior's Housing development. The Board is still working hard on the project. On a smaller scale, they've created a few garden beds for the residents. They seem to be doing well at Silver Birch Lodge.

Councillor Storey participated in the Heart and Stroke Big Bike Ride. She also attended the Centerra Gold Open House at the Legion. The event was well attended. Everyone was hoping for a positive announcement about re opening the mine. Unfortunately, that did not occur. They provided a good update on Centerra's mining operations plus their safety record. Centerra continues to complete dust control measures at Endako Mine. It was a good presentation.

The Community Appreciation event was a great success. Approximately 280 people attended. 39 awards were given out. The food was very good. There were a lot of supportive people who provided good speeches in support of their nominees. Councillor Storey noted she'd received letters of appreciation for Chief Archie Patrick and Chief Larry Nooski.

Councillor Storey participated in a meeting with representatives of the Community Energy Association. They talked about installation of electric vehicle charging stations in Fraser Lake. They talked about funding opportunities that may be available for these projects. This would be a 2019 project that may be possible through funding from the Province of British Columbia. There are two types of charging stations. The first level takes approximately 5 hours to re charge an electric vehicle. The second level takes about 20 minutes. They also talked about home charging stations. If you wanted a charging station at your home or at your apartment building it would cost between \$3,000.00 and \$5,000.00.

Updates from NCLGA. Councillor Storey travelled to Victoria, B.C. with the NCLGA Board. They met with 17 Ministers in one day. Most of those meetings were In-Camera, so, Councillor Storey could not provide details of those meetings.

Mayor Lindstrom participated in the Heart and Stroke Big Bike Ride and the Centerra Gold Open House. He also attended the NDIT Regional Advisory Committee meeting this past Friday. NDIT

has instituted several new policies that effect the amounts being awarded. Many of the recent NDIT Intakes have been heavily over subscribed. The new policies have changed the scoring of grant applications to make the process a little more stringent. The new policies have the potential to reduce awards. The Village of Fraser Lake did well on our applications.

Resolution 06-13-178 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Ray
"Motion to receive Councillor Reports"

Carried

Accounts Payable:

Resolution 06-13-179 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Ray
"Motion to adopt accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$93,368.18"

Carried

Councillor Lepoidevin asked about phone charges. He noted the cost of Village phones and mobile devices are significant. Councillor Lepoidevin stated from his experience in dealing with Telus, he may be able to identify savings for the Village. He offered to review the Village phone and cell phone accounts with the goal of identifying possible savings.

Councillor Reyden asked for more information about Cheque #27336 for a 6" nylon gate for \$7,500.00.

CAO Holland advised this was the purchase of 6 water main valves. This is a budgeted purchase for a 2018 Capital project that will replace existing shut off valves in our water mains.

Councillor Reyden asked for more information about Cheque 27346; coagulant for the Water Plant. Councillor Reyden asked how long that quantity of coagulant lasts.

CAO Holland replied this is considered to be a 6-month supply.

Correspondence List:

Resolution 06-13-180 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Ray
"Motion to receive the correspondence list"

Carried

CAO Reports:

Park Lease Agreement proposal:

Last year Council discussed allowing local families and groups the opportunity to use local parks and sport fields for family events. Administration has prepared the Park Lease Agreement proposal. The agreement is intended to make it very clear what the user is responsible for. The agreement does not impose a cost for use of the park or sports field but it does require a

deposit from the user to ensure clean up and damage is not at the cost the Village. The agreement also makes it clear, that if the user wants Village staff to set up tents or tables or chairs, it is at the user's expense.

CAO Holland advised since disseminating this agenda, other considerations were identified. Should the costs of additional porta potties that may be required for large gatherings or weekend garbage collection be at the cost of the user?

Resolution 06-13-181 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray

“Motion to adopt the Village of Fraser Lake Park Lease Agreement with the inclusion of costs for outhouse rentals and labour for weekend garbage collection at the cost of the leaser”

Carried

Commercial Vehicle Parking – Southside Subdivision:

Administration asked Council about the future of Commercial Vehicle parking in the Southside Subdivision. Three lots in the Southside Subdivision have been sold and a fourth lot has received an offer to purchase. During a recent walk through of the Southside Subdivision, CAO Holland noted a fair amount of garbage in the ditches. Most of the garbage can be directly linked to the commercial vehicles being in the subdivision. Is it fair to the new property owners to have commercial vehicles parked randomly throughout the subdivision? Is it time to notify or forewarn commercial vehicle drivers and owner of the need to find a new place to park their vehicles. Administration suggests asking for their input or suggestions. This may include purchasing a lot and parking on private property.

A discussion followed.

Councillor Reyden asked if one of the Light Industrial lots should be made into a parking lot and to charge a monthly fee.

CAO Holland advised this idea of creating a parking lot for Commercial Vehicles was considered several years ago. At that time, the estimated cost was not economical.

Council has asked Administration to prepare a letter to notify commercial drivers and vehicle owners of the need to find new parking off the roads of the Southside Subdivision.

Vandalism:

Administration notified Council of a new event of Vandalism in the washroom facility in White Swan Park. Vandals attempted to start two fires inside the washroom nearest the big fish

playground. One fire was set in the paper towel dispenser. The paper towel dispenser was destroyed. A second fire was set in the middle of the floor which damaged the flooring. The damage is estimated at \$1,000.00.

The police have been advised. They have promised more police presence to deter further vandalism. This washroom will be locked at the end of each day to prevent overnight vandalism. The washroom facility, nearest the RV Park will not be locked. Administration believes the amount of activity in that area will be deterrence enough to prevent vandalism at that site.

Boys Golf Team - Grant in Aid application:

Administration has received a Grant in Aid application from the FLESS Boys Golf Team following their participation in Golf Provincials in Osoyoos, B.C.

Resolution 06-13-182 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to provide the FLESS Boys Golf Team a Grant in Aid in the amount of \$250.00 for their achievement”

Carried

Fraser Lake Sr. Girls Soccer Team – Grant in Aid application:

Administration has received a Grant in Aid application from the Fraser Lake Sr. Girls Soccer Team following their participation in Sr. Girls Provincial competition.

Resolution 06-13-183 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to provide the Fraser Lake Sr. Girls Soccer Team with a Grant in Aid in the amount of \$250.00 for their achievement”

Carried

BBQ Request – Use of Village Equipment:

Richard Cannon has requested the use one of the Village BBQ's for the Lakeview Bible Chapel's annual Father's Day BBQ. The request is for the use of the large BBQ, which is contrary to existing policy.

Resolution 06-13-184 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to allow Richard Cannon and Lakeview Bible Chapel to use the Village BBQ for the Father's Day BBQ”

Carried

Mouse Mountain Day update:

Administration provided an update on the planned Mouse Mountain Day events.

2018 UBCM Meeting requests:

Correspondence has been received from Premier Horgan's Office and Minister Selina Robinson, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs for Meeting Requests during the 2018 UBCM. Does Council want to meet with both Premier Horgan or Minister Robinson. Both would like to know what you'd like to speak to them about.

NDIT Grant Success:

CAO Holland advises NDIT provided a verbal confirmation of the awards received. We were successful in all three grant applications. We have received \$15,000.00 through the Community Halls funding stream to upgrade our Arena Condenser. We've also received \$15,000.00 to change our Arena and Visitor Centre exterior lighting to LED. And we've received funding to refurbish the Old Mine Haul truck and Shovel bucket.

CAO Holland noted the Village applied \$16,300.00 for the lighting upgrade. The remainder was to be covered by the Community Works Fund. We received less than requested. To make the project go, we will need to spend an additional \$1,300.00 from the Community Works Fund. Administration is requesting authority to spend the additional \$1,300.00 from the Community Works Fund.

Resolution 06-13-185 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

"Motion to expend an additional \$1,300.00 from the Community Works Fund to complete the lighting upgrade to the exterior of the Arena and Visitor Centre"

Carried

Resolution 06-13-186 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to receive the CAO Reports"

Carried

Staff Report:

None

Reading List:

Resolution 06-13-187 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

"Motion to receive the Reading List"

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Lepoidevin asked about efforts to hire a Recreation Director. Was the position re advertised? Has a Recreation Director been identified?

CAO Holland advised the Job Posting was advertised for an additional two weeks. Advertisement occurred in the Omineca Express, the Village Website, Facebook Page and Indeed. We did not receive any appropriate applicants. CAO Holland reported recently being contacted by Jennel Harder; our past Recreation Director. She is looking for employment for the summer and available for the months of July and August.

Councillor Lepoidevin asked if one of the University Students could fill the Recreation Director's role?

Administration advised the University Students have indicated a preference to work in Public Works. There is no indication they are interested in Recreation.

Resolution 06-13-188 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to offer Jennel Harder the Recreation Director role for the summer"

Carried

Councillor Lepoidevin asked if Public Works is fully staffed following the retirement of Gary Smith?

CAO Holland advised Public Works is down one employee with the departure of Gary Smith. This is further complicated with Vern Hilman away on medical leave. The hiring process for this employee will wait until Vern returns to work. At the latest, that will be early July 2018.

Councillor Storey noted tonight was Chief Archie Patrick's birthday party. She would like to send Chief Patrick a birthday card to say thank you and well wishes.

Resolution 06-13-189 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Lepoidevin

"Motion to send Chief Patrick a Birthday card from the Village Council"

Carried

Councillor Storey stated she's been invited to attend the Senior's Summit in Prince George, B.C. The Provincial Office is paying Councillor Storey to attend.

Councillor Storey spoke with Administration about a Facebook Post. She also told someone she would not approve a post on Heck Ya Fraser Lake. It was about the tree holes. The person who made the post was complaining about the holes and the hazard posed to pedestrians and persons operating ATV. The holes were two feet deep. The person felt the holes should be fenced off.

Councillor Lepoidevin also saw the Facebook Post. A brief discussion followed relating to our communication strategy. It was noted a staff member commented on the post. Administration will review our Communications Strategy with the staff member.

Councillor Storey commended the Public Works Crew for the fast and efficient response to a complaint of glass in the parking lot and a broken washroom door. Two Public Works employee arrived almost immediately after she placed a phone call. They were quick to fix the issues.

Councillor Storey went to Gary Smith's farewell party. Fire Chief Joe Pacheco did a good job with the event.

Mayor Lindstrom attended the FLESS Grad and awarded the Village bursary. The recipient was Julian Chmelyk.

Resolution 06-13-190 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Storey
"Motion to Receive New Business"

Carried

Bylaws:

None

In Camera:

Resolution 06-13-191 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Reyden

"Motion to move the Regular Meeting of Council to In Camera under Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter to consider a matter that relates to the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements at 7:33 pm."

Carried

Return to Regular Meeting:

Resolution 06-13-194 M/S Councillor Storey/Councillor Reyden

"Motion to accept the "Offer to Purchase" of Lot 12, Southside Subdivision from Radley Contracting for \$31,000.00"

Carried

Next Meeting of Council:

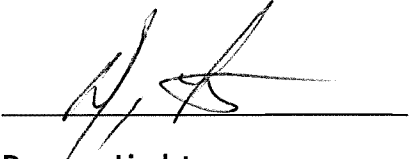
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Adjourn:

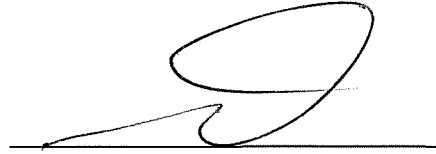
Resolution 06-13-195 M Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm"

Carried

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**Dwayne Lindstrom,
Mayor**

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**Rodney J Holland,
Chief Administrative Officer**