

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 28, 2018 In the Municipal Hall in Open Forum

Those in Attendance:	Mayor Storey Councillor Watt-Senner Councillor LePoidevin Councillor Jenkinson Councillor Fennama
Staff	Rodney Holland LeEtta LaFontaine
Delegation	Jason Slater April Hughes Brian Malchow
Public	Michael Licari Norm DeLong

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

### Agenda

Resolution 11-28-330 M/S LePoidevin / Jenkinson

“Motion to adopt the agenda and declaration of new business”

Carried

### Delegation

#### Sergeant Slater – Quarterly Report

Sergeant Slater congratulated the new Mayor and Council and presented the BC Elected Officials guide to each member of Council

-Quarterly report: There is some increase in four top areas (over same period as last year). Property crime and mischievous crime are up by a small percentage. Mischievous crime mostly vandalism, things tipped over, and some property damage.

During August, there was a break & enter and theft of vehicle by travelling criminals. They were caught in Smithers and charged with the offences. There were no more issues since their arrest.

-No concerns or reports related to CDSA. No calls or reports since the legalization.

Councillor Jenkinson asked if there was anything Council could do with regards to the CDSA implementation with the legalization of cannabis.

Sergeant Slater replied that right now there are no concerns and that since he's come to Fraser Lake he's been impressed with how the community comes together during times such as Canada Day or Halloween. Praise was given for the Mayor and Council's involvement at these times. Instead of having

to bring in more guards to deal with full cell blocks there have only been one or two persons in a cell during any of these times.

Councillor Watt-Senner expressed appreciation for the involvement of the RCMP detachment here and how well they work with the Council and the public as well.

The detachment is over-staffed by one member right now because his house hasn't sold. Constable Kim's stay has been extended until the sale of his home.

#### **April Hughes – Northern Health Update**

April Hughes congratulated the new Mayor and Council.

-There will be an open house on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Community Health Centre from 4pm-6pm. Everyone is welcome to come meet the new physicians and health care practitioner at the clinic. Selina Westerman, the new x-ray technician will replace Perry Cherniwchan. Perry is retiring. Dr. Alene Lees and Dr. Julia Beveridge are two physicians joining the team and Shawna Glassel, is the new nurse practitioner. Community paramedic, Cathy Scott, will be at the open house as well.

-The X-ray department will be replaced with minimal disruption and plans are to have it complete in March 2019. A portable x-ray machine will be used during this time, although will not be able to do as much so patients will have to go out of town for more extensive x-rays. Lab hours have been extended ½ hour earlier for public convenience.

-Northern Health is happy to participate in talks about cannabis. The Northern Health Medical Health Officer, Andrew Grey, may make himself be available, depending on the date and time of the meeting to provide information.

Mayor Storey asked a question about the after-hours health care and weekend health care. Is there ever a possibility of ever getting this back in our community. A 45-minute wait for an ambulance is too long. How do we go about getting after-hours healthcare back? What can Council do to make a difference to move this along?

April Hughes replied that it was important to have dialogue with their CEO, Cathy Ulrich with these concerns. April Hughes offered to give the CEO a heads up regarding this concern.

Councillor Jenkinson asked whether the physicians at the open house were on a rotational basis or are they full-time within our community. What is their shift?

April Hughes stated that these were part-time and, couldn't think of any physicians who permanently live in Fraser Lake. They are all on rotation, part-time.

Councillor Jenkinson asked if this is what's happening in other communities? Locums coming in and rotating through?

April Hughes explained that these are not locums, they are contracted physicians.

Councillor Jenkinson questioned continuity of care for residents and is there something Council can do to assist or is this the model that Northern Health strives for?

April Hughes says it's certainly not the model they strive for because their job is to service the community. We have part-time physicians in all communities. There are doctors here on a regular basis. Some are here for one month and go out for two months, some are here for one month and go out for two months. We do have those rotations as well. But the mix of part-time and non-part-time is consistent. It's either this or no physicians.

Mayor Storey shared that they did talk to Cathy Ulrich and were told that they would not see the same consistency of care again. Most likely it's the way the millennials and the system has gone with doctors and how they want to work. This is not an easy concept for most of us to get used to.

April Hughes shared a comparison of a small community's issues with part-time doctors to a city's lack of doctors and the problems of getting care in this circumstance. Hopefully the electronic medical record allows for some continuity in care.

### **Brian Malchow – Concerned Citizen**

Brian Malchow- Congratulated the new Mayor and Council.

Mr. Malchow wanted to address a couple of issues, voice concerns, and offer some advice.

Mr. Malchow introduced himself, talked about his connection to the community for the last fifty years, and spoke of how he is aware of how Council works. He's paid taxes for forty-two years and lot of people are in the same position of paying taxes in this community for a lot of years, some lived here all their lives.

Brian shared some of his background of being on the school board for 14 years, sat on the Nechako Valley Community Services board for 20 years, and has had School Board leadership roles.

His biggest concern is taxes. Council can raise and spend tax money. Brian shared about his concerns and queries of the assessment value relating to property taxes. An assessment is used as a tool by the community to raise taxes.

When he was at the forum and listened to each of them speak, everyone spoke about getting people to make everything look better. But, as a Council, it needs to start with the leadership at council. Not saying it didn't exist in the past, but, it needs to exist now.

Leadership is not based on how you raise the dollars, but on how you spend them too. Mr. Malchow is concerned with the Village's budget. When lots of tax money is coming in, it should be set aside for rainy days. The mine is closed, and the rainy days are here now. The accountability of expenditure starts with Council and ends with Council because Council and administration are the ones where the buck stops.

Caution needs to be in place when it comes to spending money. A concern raised in 2008, when Richard Bisanz was the interim Mayor, and in 2009 when Dwayne Lindstrom was the mayor, was the condition of the road down to the lake and everything down to the end of Park Drive. Excuses came up, and when he addressed Council again they said they were going to engage an engineer to fix the hill, so money wouldn't be thrown away to do the wrong thing again. What he sees happen down there that for some reason a ditch was dug and now the whole hill is sluffing off. Employ the right people or ask for help to get the job done right. Mr. Malchow is concerned about the seal coating, the lack of preparation before it went down, and the wrong materials used. These are a couple of big examples where money has been spent and wasted because now the jobs must be redone. His concern, not getting into details about the hill being addressed, but would like to see Council provide leadership, set some goals, and get a plan in place. Reflecting on past plans, Mr. Malchow sees a lot of money being spent on waterfront development. There have been probably two or three studies done on waterfront development and

every time, whether it's grant money or not, it's money being spent repeatedly because the new Council doesn't like the direction the other people had set. In his opinion, a lot of what's been at the waterfront is a waste of money. He thinks it's been spent in the wrong direction. It wasn't his position to make those decisions. Mr. Malchow is concerned about the Village addressing people's yards and cleaning things up. Mr. Malchow feels that the Village needs to look at themselves first. Right from stop signs that have been bent over and been that way for three or four years, to fences that have fallen apart. The fence down at the lake sat there for so long not being addressed, that when someone did a roll-over down there everyone thought it was CNs fence because nothing had been done to it. Mr. Malchow believes that Council has an opportunity, we all pay a lot of taxes whether it be federal, provincial, sales, or property and as a new council you have an opportunity to be part of the solution not part of the problem. We don't need to be adding on people's taxes. Mr. Malchow does not agree with BC Assessment and is not in favor of how Council changes the mill rates depending on the assessment value.

Mr. Malchow opened the floor for questions to him.

Mayor Storey thanked Mr. Malchow for sharing. She thinks that mostly everyone on Council is new except herself and Councillor LePoidevin. Everybody has their definite issues with some of the things that have gone on in the community as of late. Had he ever called BC Assessment and asked them questions?

Mr. Malchow replied that he had emailed them questions; that's how he found out that just because you have a gravel road, no water system, and a substandard sewage system, your assessment does not go down. Mr. Malchow thanks Council and administration for providing water.

Mayor Storey explained how their role as Council is a fiscal responsibility, and budget talks are coming and what he has said will be considered, we have a lot to discuss with staff and the works crew and discuss some of the things Council will be doing. Everything will depend on the budget, which is very small compared to what it used to be. She liked Mr. Malchow's reflection on past plans and know certain things have been worked on like the water treatment plant which had been worked on with the previous council and the next council got in and then scrapped it and then brought it back to put in later. She realizes how each Council does things differently. Mayor Storey asked if Mr. Malchow took part in the OCP at all?

Mr. Malchow replied that yes, he's gone but couldn't remember what year he'd taken part in the community planning meetings. Talking about the increased costs over time, he'd gone over four letters he'd written to Council over the years. When he first started writing the letters it cost \$130,000 to put a water system in along Park Drive. Talking to Rod he found out one of the bids came was over \$700,000. When things are put off they end up costing a lot more. This was only part of the challenge over the years. He will be writing a letter to Council regarding the water because he has a concern how the previous council has decided to do a frontage tax versus a parcel tax. He knows Council has challenges ahead of them and have an opportunity to work together as a new group of minds to work as a team provide some good leadership for the community.

Councillor Jenkinson thanked Mr. Malchow for coming in, raising a lot of good points, and concerns. Councillor Jenkinson looks on his role the same as his superintendent goal, they are there to set policy and CAO Holland is there to make the policy happen. Councillor Jenkinson expressed that the phone

lines to the Councillors are always open and invited Mr. Malchow to use them, or to stop by, to express any more concerns he has with any of them.

Mr. Malchow expressed appreciation to have the opportunity to express his concerns. He's talked to CAO Holland a few times.

### **Minutes**

Resolution 11-28-331 Mayor Storey M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin "Amendment to the agenda. Add an In-Camera meeting under Section 90 (1) (a)"	Carried
Resolution 11-28-332 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin "Motion to add an In-Camera meeting under Section 90 (1) (a)"	Carried
Resolution 11-28-333 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner "Motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting"	Carried
Resolution 11-28-334 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor LePoidevin "Motion to adopt the Supplemental Agenda"	Carried

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Councillor Fennema asked if the Alexandra Panagopoulou rezoning request was advertised? Administration reported the request was denied.

### **Business from Previous Meeting**

Village purchasing policy 2009 Waterfront Feasibility Study.

Resolution 11-28-335 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Jenkinson "Motion to receive the 2009 Waterfront Feasibility Study"	Carried
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### **Councillor Reports**

Councillor LePoidevin had nothing to report.

Councillor Watt-Senner attended the Lidstone conference in Smithers. It was very informative and quite frankly a little scary. Councillor Watt-Senner had a query about contacting the committee liaison for the positions she sits on. How does this happen?

Mayor Storey said that if she didn't have a number then she can call up the Village Office and CAO Holland can help her.

CAO Holland explained that each Council member had been given a list of Council appointments at the first meeting.

Councillor Jenkinson attended the Lidstone training in Smithers; he felt it was very informative. Councillor Jenkinson attended the Emergency Preparedness table top here at Village. Councillor Jenkinson expressed how impressed he was at how well the table top had been set up. Some people have put a lot of hard work into this compared to what it was seventeen years ago when they did the first table top. He generally stops into the Village office on Fridays and the support staff has been great helping him set up emails and getting him the information, he needs.

Councillor Fennema attended the Emergency Preparedness table top here at Village and found it very informative. Andy Akerman led everyone through all sorts of road blocks and scenarios constantly and had Councillor Fennema very impressed by the Village staff. They met each challenge, thought on their feet quickly and worked well together. High praise to all of them.

Councillor Fennema attended the Tri-Council meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> with CAO Holland and Fire Chief Joe Pacheco.

Councillor Fennema also attended the Autumn Services meeting. The food share program is used by seventy different families and are looking for new accommodation as they can't accommodate the needs they offer right now, and the rent is very high at their current location. They will be putting on a Christmas dinner at noon on December 8<sup>th</sup> in FLESS.

Councillor Fennema attended the Lidstone training. She learned it was important each member of Council reads the Fraser Lake Bylaws, The Community Charter, the Local Government Act, Privacy Act, etc. Councillor Fennema asked if the Village has a Social Media Policy because this was something talked about quite a bit and we all need to know our rights and responsibilities as Council members, so they don't inadvertently get themselves into trouble. The handout received at the conference about social media is well worth handing out to anyone of the staff that didn't attend.

Mayor Storey reported the impending closure of CIBC on September 12, 2019 and there will be no ATM left in town. There will be a meeting in early April. CBC daybreak would like her to speak on this closure; she will do this and advocate for the community's wants and needs. She was approached by two banks; both are working on a business plan.

Mayor Storey had a meeting with Community Futures, they asked her to stop by before her New Gold meeting and they talked about "Ideas to Market". She met with Graham Stanley who basically said that if we had twenty ideas to market in Fraser Lake it would equate to the loss of the mine. Graham is coming Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at noon at Autumn Services to discuss Cottage Industry Strategies.

Mayor Storey went to the RDBN meeting, the new chair is Mayor Jerry Thiessen and the Vice Chair is our area director, Mark Parker. The RDBN will be changing their approach to recycling in the region. At this same meeting she was told that Telkwa was awarded eight senior houses. Mayor Storey offered to talk to the Telkwa Council to get more information.

Mayor Storey attended a New Gold meeting and was told that it is opening in late 2020 or 2021. It will create 500 jobs. Mayor Storey, requests that Council members form their own opinions of support of this project. Job creation is huge, and Mayor Storey feels this is important for our community. At this meeting there were more tidbits of information, Vanderhoof pool is looking for a life guard; Burns Lake

has an unsafe drinking water issue; and there were sixty-four wildfire alerts and orders in the 2018 wildfire summer events.

Mayor Storey attended the NCLGA meeting, the annual general meeting will be held in Williams Lake in May 2019

The Caribou issue was discussed with New Gold, NCLGA and RDBN. All three groups are working on this and all three have basically come to the same conclusion that it needs to be a science-based approach and done each place locally. No caribou seen in the New Gold area building site since the 70s or 80s. This is a huge issue because it could mean there's no tourism, forestry and mining in a lot of areas in BC. It's a huge issue for Fraser Lake because it affects communities and lack of jobs. Mayor Lynn Hall, from Prince George, has sent a letter regarding the Government's announcement and will be signing a letter of intent with regards to Section 11 of the Conservation Agreement for Caribou Protection. This is affecting areas all the way up to Dawson Creek and Fort St. John, so it is a concern and we haven't done enough to stop it. Mayor Storey would like to make a motion to write a letter opposing the signing to voice our concerns with the rest of the region.

Mayor Storey attended the Smithers Don Lidstone training on legal responsibilities. What is our liability? Don Lidstone's advice is to raise the insurance to 5 million on all village vehicles. Most communities are going to 45-50 million. Ours is 2 on vehicles, 5 on the airport, standard coverage. Recommendation to have minimum of 5 million now.

Mayor Storey mentioned that when money is moved from one place to another, we have to amend the financial plan.

Mayor Storey said there was a lot of information on Public hearings. Lots of good information about bullying and harassment policies. It Important to have a good policy on this, be reviewed yearly, and have a training policy for Council and Staff. If our staff is being bullied or harassment by outside or even inside there is a good policy on this as well. Don Lidstone also mentioned getting advice from WorkSafe BC when we do those bullying harassment policies.

If Council has a third-party representation at In-Camera they need to be asked to sign a non-disclosure statement. Moving forward it would be wise to keep this in mind.

Resolution 11-28-336 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor LePoidevin  
"Motion to adopt Councillor reports"

Carried

### **Accounts Payable**

Councillor Fennema questioned an expense regarding dog waste receptacle bags for \$656.39 and if it was an annual expense.

CAO Holland explained that it was probably for over a year and they are quite expensive, each bag costing approximately .05 cents or more.

Councillor Fennema questioned an expense for two sets of sharpening blades cost. Were they for two different blades or the same ones?

CAO Holland shared that the cost was for Zamboni blades and the other was for the wood shop blades.

Councillor Fennema also questioned the \$17 thousand to Vadim Computer Management fee, is this an annual fee?

CAO Holland explained that it was an annual fee for financial software tech support.

Councillor Fennema wanted to know if the Village had received any grants to help with the repairs being done.

CAO Holland said yes, we have \$60 thousand from the Nechako Kitimat Development Fund; \$46 thousand from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako; and \$15 thousand from Northern Development Initiative Trust. The whole expense is probably between \$11-\$12 thousand dollars for the Village. Basically, the Village paid .08 cents on the dollar for the repairs in the Arena project.

Councillor Jenkinson shared his appreciation for Councillor Fennema asking questions to help clarify concerns she has.

Resolution 11-28-337 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema

“Motion to receive accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$261,527.78.”

Carried

#### **Correspondence List**

None.

#### **Business From CAO**

**Council appointment- New Gold/Blackwater Project:** New Gold would like a Council appointment for the Community Leaders Committee

Resolution 11-28-338 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to appoint Councillor Joe Jenkinson as liaison for New Gold Community Liaison Committee”

Carried

**Heritage Canada** provides grant funding up to 75% of the student’s wages to an organization for work in a museum or heritage environment. Employers are eligible up to \$8000 in financial support.

Resolution 11-28-339 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to apply to the Canadian Heritage Summer Works program for museum and Visitor Centre for \$8000”

Carried



**BC Hydro/ Tree Canada Community Re-Greening:** Tree Canada and BC Hydro partner to offer funding opportunities for Community Re-Greening Projects.

This is the grant that we have used for planting along the highway and White Swan Park. It's 100% funding, the grant pays for the trees and material and the Village covers the labour. This will include a tree in commemoration of 100 years of Local Government Management of BC and four maple trees for the cemetery the rest of the trees go along the highway.

Resolution 11-28-340 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin

"Motion to apply to Tree Canada Community regarding greening for up to \$3500 to plant trees along the highway corridor and in the cemetery"

Carried

### **Group Benefits**

The query into group benefits for two members of the Council wasn't possible. CAO Holland is looking into facts and figures for benefits through Blue Cross for Council members.

### **Rezoning Application-Royal Canadian Legion:**

The Legion wants to change their liquor license restriction. Going to Liquor Primary to bring them to the status of Pub and can then advertise services. Village doesn't allow Liquor Primary, so this would be specific to the Legion and non-transferrable. This can always be amended, but we are tying this to the Legion. Regional District suggests we don't name them but describe them in another means. Any rezoning requires a public meeting because the effected neighbourhood or community can make comment whether they like this idea or don't like this idea.

Part of the process is to advise Council of the request and the next step is to notify everyone within thirty metres of the subject property. Administration has sent letters to give a written submission to or attend a public meeting, which CAO Holland proposes to be for a half an hour period from 5-5:30pm during the next Council meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

CAO Holland asked if there were any other parties that Council feels would be appropriate to notify of this proposed amendment?

Mayor Storey said that she had no other parties to suggest. Personally, she is okay with the rezoning and the way it's happening.

CAO Holland explained that this will give time to advertise and meet the criteria outlined in the Community Charter.

The first and second readings of the Re-Zoning Bylaw #800, 2018 took place on November 28, 2018 at the Village of Fraser Lake. Council will await replies from the public and then the third and fourth readings can take place.

Resolution 11-28-341 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner

"Motion to move the first and second reading of the Village of Fraser Lake Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 801 2018"

Carried

**RDBN – Village of Fraser Lake Emergency Social Services Agreement:**

The RDBN has proposed an agreement to share resources in the event of an emergency or disaster. The proposal is specific to ESS the agreement sets out the roles and duties of the RDBN and the Village of Fraser Lake. At this time, they just want to know if Council will support this agreement or not.

**Resource Benefit Alliance** in Terrace on December 15<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

**Price Waterhouse Cooper**

Community Forest, Jason Regnier has been working on the Village’s behalf for the Community Forest, with Price Waterhouse Cooper. No previous application has ever been made for anything. They want the village to sign a registration to be eligible to make an application in the future. They will pay for two things, advanced silviculture fertilization and commercial thinning. Jason would like to eventually apply for 2500 hectares for fertilization. With fertilization and commercial thinning there would be improved growth. This agreement signing is a preparation for a future opportunity.

Resolution 11-28-342 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner  
“Motion to sign the Price Waterhouse Coopers Recipient Agreement”

Carried

Resolution 11-28-343 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Jenkinson  
“Motion to receive CAO reports”

Carried

**Staff Reports**

None.

**Reading List**

Resolution 11-28-344 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner  
“Motion to receive the Reading List”

Carried

**New Business**

**Street Lights**

Councillor LePoidevin brought street light issue to the table-a discussion ensued regarding the process of street light problems.

CAO Holland stated that most people are unaware that the Village pays hydro for the street light usage and BC Hydro is responsible for all upkeep and repairs. A report is given to the Village Office regarding any outage which is then forwarded to BC Hydro to repair. It is suggested to take a picture of the triangle containing information on the pole to bring to the Village office to report any problems with a pole.

Councillor Jenkinson reiterated that Council would like an annual or semi-annual report from the Works yard regarding the street lights in town because it is a liability issue.

Councillor Watt-Senner would like to see a report in the summer and would prefer to see two reports in the winter again because of the safety issue.

CAO Holland will deal with this issue with the works yard.

### **Student Leadership**

Mayor Storey attended the FLESS Student Leadership Class to let them know Family Fun night had been cancelled for this year. Mayor Storey talked about the role of Council and asked the group if they had thought about having a youth leadership council. Mayor Storey talked about how voting works having elections and applying for grants.

### **Premier Horgan**

Premier Horgan said that if Mayor Storey got elected as Mayor that he would come and visit our community.

Resolution 11-28-345 M/S Mayor Storey/ Councillor LePoidevin

“Mayor Storey made a motion to send a letter to Premiere Horgan to come to Fraser Lake for a tour to see what challenges a small community face”

Carried

**COFI Convention** extended an invitation to Mayor Storey to attend their conference on April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver. She’s sure she is unable to attend this year and offered to have the sawmill liaison, Councillor LePoidevin to take her place. He would have to pay for two nights accommodation and air-fare there. Registration fee and one-night hotel is paid for.

### **Skate Sharpening**

Mayor Storey was concerned about skate sharpening now since Par 3 closed. Councillor LePoidevin said that Ace Hardware is providing the service.

Nathan Cullen has suggested the Village of Fraser Lake send him a letter regarding the Village of Fraser Lake needing \$40 million dollars for aging infrastructure costs. Explaining in detail what we need and the barriers we face here.

Resolution 11-28-346 M/S Mayor Storey/ Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to send a letter to Nathan Cullen regarding the Village of Fraser Lake needing \$40 million dollars for aging infrastructure costs. Explaining in detail what we need and the barriers we face”

Carried

A second letter to Nathan Cullen is required regarding the investigation of a recycling plant. This doesn't mean the Recycling Plant will happen, Nathan Cullen said they would do the investigating from the Federal Legislative side of things. Mark Fisher and the Regional District were very interested to hear about the project and would like to talk more about it and possibility of jobs in Central BC.

Resolution 11-28-347 M/S Mayor Storey/ Councillor Watt-Senner

"Motion to send a letter to MP Nathan Cullen to investigate if we can have a Recycling Plant in Fraser Lake to create jobs in central BC"

Carried

### **Coastal Gaslink of Trans Canada Pipeline**

Mayor Storey received a phone call from Kiel Giddens from Coastal Gaslink of Trans Canada Pipeline. There's some issues going on, there's an injunction going on with the Maurice River Bridge. He mentioned that it won't affect what's going on right now with the Coastal Gaslink Section 8 will start in January in Kitimat, Fraser Lake area will start so there will be some jobs. She mentioned some things Fraser Lake has been going through so he's going to get his people in touch with our people, he'll call her right away and help the mill workers find jobs.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

Emergency back-up was a topic of conversation between Mayor Storey and Fire Chief Joe Pacheco about generators and emergency back-up. The Village and the Medical clinic have generators for emergency back up.

Councillor Jenkinson offered that Centerra Gold has generators as well and as liaison he'd be willing to talk to Centerra Gold to form an agreement with the Village regarding emergency response mutual aid.

General discussion took place on having more conversation around generators and about being more prepared in the future would be beneficial on all levels.

CAO Holland talked about the buildings around town that could be prepared for use of a generator, but at this time to buy generators to have around town isn't feasible.

### **Cannabis**

CAO Holland explained there is always more information coming in regarding how communities can address the cannabis issue. A local business man has applied for a private cannabis retail outlet, part of this process is them seeking support from the local government because if the local government will not give support then the application cannot go forward.

Councillor Watt-Senner asked if it's a possibility of Fraser Lake having a government run facility instead of a private business with regulations?

CAO Holland said yes it would be run by the Liquor Control and Cannabis Regulation Agency, it would be like a government liquor store. A Community can request this.

Councillor Watt-Senner would like to find out if it's possible to invite Mr. Dahliwal to a meeting to discuss the Council's major concerns regarding the infractions and to give him an opportunity to explain.

Resolution 11-28-348 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Jenkinson

“Motion to invite Mr. Dhaliwal to a Council meeting to discuss his Cannabis Retail Application”

Carried

### **Community Infrastructure Grant**

Community Infrastructure Grant was brought to the table for discussion by Mayor Storey, she explained that this is a grant that is probably a once in a lifetime opportunity to apply for a 100 percent infrastructure funding we could build a community centre/tourism centre with maybe some micro stores and some business. Fort Nelson has their arena attached to the Tourism Centre and had people that sold all their local wares. Conferences, movie nights and licensed drop-down screen, stage as examples for possibilities. Something we don't have in our community is a Community Hall that available to use for a big event. Concerns are maintaining the building and yet, the possibilities are great for what we could do with this building. Mayor Storey would really like to see something like this in our community to help retain members of our community here in town.

Councillor Watt-Senner enquired about the OCP open house coming up. Should we ask the public what their priorities are for this Council?

Mayor Storey expressed concerns over being able to bring this to the public and meet the deadline in time. The turn-over time for this grant is a very short one and it take some time to apply for this grant. What would the max be, would we even be eligible and for how much?

Councillor LePoidevin brought the cost of upkeep and expenses of a multi-use centre. What about the taxes to keep it running?

Mayor Storey agreed that it would be wise to look at multi-use centres and how they are the wave of the future, so no one is running this as a single organization-run centre. Maintenance is a big thing and it's something that needs to be considered.

Councillor Jenkinson agrees with Councillor LePoidevin and the Village may not be able to maintain this for twenty or thirty years. But, did our Community Plan not say that we should be moving the Village office over to the Southside already?

Councillor Watt-Senner commented on how this community centre would become a hub of the community.

Councillor Jenkinson brought forward that the Village Office being in the Centre would help justify paying for the costs of the building. His concern with putting businesses in this Centre is because we already have an empty mall, and wouldn't this take business away from people in town that already run them? In some ways, the concept is a great one, but don't know if the return of the investment is as good as if we maintain wheelchair accessible kitchens or something. The complex, that we have that we can't use for anything with seniors or anyone with disabilities, he would like to see if we choose not to do this community centre that we choose to focus on our community arena upgrades and use this building.

Councillor Watt-Senner said that this goes back to what Mr. Malchow was saying about maintaining what we have already.

Mayor Storey said it was \$500,000 to put in the elevator in the Complex and it really isn't big enough for having large weddings or funerals in town. We Can't have conferences here because of lack of facilities. She knows this may not happen, but, certainly would like to have us apply to use it for something needed in our community.

Councillor Jenkinson asked if there was a satellite groups put in for brainstorming with previous councils for when a grant comes up. What was there future vision? Let's say we have five thousand dollars, you can pick a plan off the wall and say this is what we want when it comes available. Was there any committees or subcommittees for stuff like that?

Mayor Storey said that in the strategic plans it had all that in there. There was a map of the hall that someone built had done up. Do you know what this was CAO Holland?

CAO Holland said it was about relocating the visiting centre to the other side and would become the visitor centre/ museum centre/ senior centre and how it would be improved with renovations after the move. It was shut down after learning that it was \$600 thousand just to move the building.

Mayor Storey said this was where she was coming from, that it was so expensive to renovate so sometimes it's cheaper to start new.

Councillor Jenkinson and Councillor LePoidevin brought more concerns to the table regarding costs and downfalls with the maintenance of the building after it's built.

CAO Holland shared that a couple of meetings ago he and Dave Christie were asked to find out what the Village would be eligible for any funding for planning, design or feasibility. It must be a shelf-ready project. There are three different funding streams confirmed by the Community Infrastructure Grant employee that was talked to regarding the fourth lagoon. We have a project ready: the elevator project is shelf ready, this was a ½ million-dollar project two years ago.

Mayor Storey's issue is we could be asking for 5-7 million dollars to do something better for the community instead of something for 500,000.

Councillor LePoidevin said we don't have anything ready at this time and Councillor Watt-Senner agreed with him.

CAO Holland thinks some investment must be made into getting something designed with the view of dealing with this in the future as these funding opportunities occur. So, the other shelf -ready is the fourth lagoon. How did this come about? This does fall far short of the 5 million dollars. Could we engage an architect to put together a design, could we borrow plans from somewhere else that has done a community centre? The intake must be received by January the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It must be received by the 23<sup>rd</sup>. He wouldn't say anything is impossible.

Councillor Fennema would like to know if this is the only possibility for this kind of opportunity.

CAO Holland said the one thing that is absolutely a positive is that there is no such thing as a sure thing for any grant application, no assurances anywhere. The thing is that we fall far, far short of one hundred percent.

Councillor Jenkinson asked if we have a full plan for the fourth lagoon.

CAO Holland explained that it would be here on November 30<sup>th</sup>. That's when it's due.

Mayor Storey stated that monies for the fourth lagoon will come up again and probably not for an opportunity for a Community Centre, so she has had a really hard time with letting the community centre go and apply for something else. She really sees the value of building something over on the other side and getting things going, something positive for this community currently along with the Community Forest money.

CAO Holland explained the Community Forest money can be used for community capacity building and it can be used for anything from addressing infrastructure deficits to building a new town hall or whatever the case may be. again, next year and it's about picking the right project for us to convey the need for and get the most dollar value out of it.

Mayor Storey believes we have a good shot at getting the maximum amount of money for Fraser Lake because they hear from us regularly about losing this and losing that.

Councillor Lepoidevin expressed concern about being able to build a community centre for 7 million dollars and it was shared that Nadleh Whuten's community centre cost 29 million to build their deluxe building. Mayor Storey shared that their building included a dental and medical facility and we wouldn't be doing this in ours. We just need a hall and a commercial kitchen.

Councillor Jenkinson asked if during the Tri-Council meeting was there any discussion about mutual involvement?

Mayor Storey said they only want to be part of the ECO Co-Op, which could be part of this new Community Hall. They might be interested in other components.

Discussion was reiterating, and fine-tuning information given regarding the fourth lagoon for the Council to take home and digest to make decisions, as well as, the possibility of finding a plan for a community hall could certainly be considered if that's the ultimate choice. The time-line to find a shelf-ready plan for the Community Hall is extremely short. Concern was expressed about this choice being made without a solid plan in place and without the public having their say in this large decision. Mayor Storey shared that part of their job is to make hard decisions and sometimes this must be done for the community without going to the community. We have had from September to January to decide and no one will make the decision about a choice and time is running out.

Councillor Jenkinson asked about the Waterfront Plan, is it shelf-ready?

Councillor Watt-Senner asked if there was another shelf-ready project.

Mayor Storey said that yes, we do, we have a Waterfront and a Recreation shelf-ready to go for this. We could become a slo-pitch tournament capital of Central BC easy. The Slo-pitch tournament in Fraser Lake is well attended.

CAO Holland shared that the cost for the recreation plan was estimated at 3.6 million in 2015.

Mayor Storey asked why we don't make a motion that the staff investigate the three options and bring them back to the next council meeting. Would you have the capacity to have that done by the next council meeting CAO Holland?

CAO Holland said he'll be away for the next week and a half and certainly can leave a request to get everyone a copy of the recreation plan for them to see what they think and when the plan from L&M is received that can be circulated as well. He will also do a couple of enquiries about an existing hall plan as well.

Resolution 11-28-349 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema  
"Motion to receive New Business"

Carried

### Bylaws

Local Area Service-Park Drive Bylaw #801

Councillor Jenkinson noted this bylaw impacts his residential property on Park Drive. He stepped out of Council Chambers for the duration of this discussion.

CAO Holland explains that this is Part A of a two-step process. This Local Area Service Bylaw effects lakeshore properties along Park Drive. The Village is creating a parcel tax, so the properties affected are paying their portion. At this time the cost is \$401 thousand dollars, The Village received \$354 thousand dollars worth of grant funding through the Federal Gas Tax Funding. There was a Petition in 2007 where much of land owners said yes, we want it. The prices at that time were substantially higher. There is a new property owner on Park Drive and the numbers are significantly different. We circulated an updated 2018 petition and 7 out of 9 property owners have signed the petition in favour of that. Mayor Storey didn't remember them having any issues or push back on that back then by the difference by metre.

CAO Holland explained that Parcel tax is repayment for service provided that are available to your property, so you pay your percentage whether you hook up to it or not.

Parcel tax is the umbrella term for the tax. Three ways to impose the tax:

- 1) Frontage tax (metres or feet along the front of the property)
- 2) Square footage of property (larger property pays more than a smaller property)
- 3) All pay the same (a parcel is a parcel, everyone pays the same amount)

Resolution 11-28-350 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema

"Motion to move the first, second and third readings of the Village of Fraser Lake By-law No. 801, 2018 Local Area Service Bylaw"

Carried

Resolution 11-28-351 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Jenkinson

"Motion to move In-Camera starting at 9:10 pm"

Carried

Return to Regular Meeting at 10:18 pm



**Next Meeting of Council:**

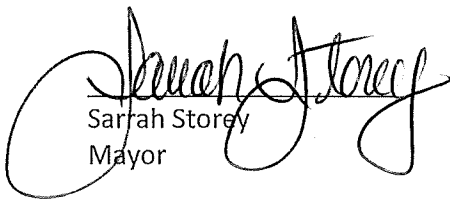
December 12, 2018 at 5:30 pm

**Adjourn:**


Resolution 11-28-353 M/S Councillor LePoidevin  
"Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 pm"

Carried

Certified Correct



Sarah Storey  
Mayor



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Rodney J Holland  
Chief Administrative Officer