

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 27th, 2019 In the Adult Learning Centre

#### Those in Attendance:

Council:

**Mayor Storey** 

Councillor LePoidevin Councillor Watt-Senner Councillor Fennema Councillor Jenkinson

Staff:

Rodney Holland, Chief Administrative Officer

LeEtta LaFontaine, Recreation Director

**Public** 

Norm DeLong

Rick Wymer

Delegations:

Fraser Lake Fire Rescue — Long Service Awards

Fire Chief Joe Pacheco — 40 years

Deputy Fire Chief James Cochran — 40 years

Captain Ian Balcombe — 35 years Lieutenant Fernando Silva — 30 years

Captain Ted Hardy — 20 years Fire fighter Lucas Six — 20 years

Assistant Deputy Fire Chief Diane Harder — 10years Lieutenant/Training Officer Kevin Prince — 5 years

Captain Jeremy Reeves — 5 years Fire fighter Rob Kuffert — 5 years Fire fighter Nin Kuffert — 5 years

#### Agenda

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

Resolution 02-27-071 M/S Councillor Fennema / Councillor Jenkinson "Motion to adopt the Agenda"

Carried

#### **Delegation**

Mayor Storey presented longest service awards to members of the Fraser Lake Volunteer Fire Department. She thanked the Fire fighters for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the Community. She noted being a member of the Fire Department demands a significant commitment of time and energy. As active members of the Fire Department, these members

often give up time with family and friends. This is an important activity that is integral to the safety of our community. Mayor Storey stated thanks is never said enough and moving forward we plan on addressing volunteer recognition more often.

Members were called forward individually to receive their long service award. Fire Chief Joe Pacheco and Deputy Fire Chief James Cochran received 40-year medals. Following receipt of the long service award, congratulations were extended by each member of Council.

Fire Chief Joe Pacheco – 40 years
Deputy Fire Chief James Cochran – 40 years
Captain Ian Balcombe – 35 years (not available)
Lieutenant Fernando Silva – 30 years
Captain Ted Hardy – 20 years
Fire Fighter Lucas Six – 20 years
Assistant Deputy Fire Chief Diane Harder – 10 years
Lieutenant/Training Officer Kevin Prince – 5 years (not available)
Captain Jeremy Reeves – 5 years
Fire Fighter Rob Kuffert – 5 years
Fire Fighter Nin Kuffert – 5 years

Fire Chief Pacheco thanked council for all they do for the Fire Department.

#### **Minutes from the Previous Meetings**

Resolution 02-27-072 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Jenkinson "Motion to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting held February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019"

Carried

Resolution 02-27-073 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner "Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019"

Carried

Resolution 02-27-074 M/S Councillor LePoidevin /Councillor Jenkinson "Motion to adopt the minutes of the In-Camera Meeting held February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019" Carried

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

None

#### **Councillor Reports**

Councillor LePoidevin attended the Budget Meeting February 19<sup>th</sup> and the Family Day event at the Arena on February 18th. Councillor LePoidevin enjoyed seeing the number of people participating in the activities that were available: snowshoeing, skiing and skating. He felt the day was well organized and thanked Village staff for providing the event for the community.

Councillor Watt-Senner attended the special meeting on February 19, 2019.

She also attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting on February 20, 2019. There was a lot of discussion regarding the Coastal Gaslink LNG camp coming to our area. Inquiries regarding housing came up. The Chamber of Commerce is encouraging people to register on Airbnb if they intend to rent rooms. There have already been inquiries regarding Airbnb availability. Currently there are none registered in our area.

Local merchants are getting ready for the LNG Camp at Lejac. There are strong indications stores will be open on Sundays to retain and accommodate the pipeline crews in our community.

The Village of Fraser Lake Resource Guide will be updated and available by August 2019. It has been suggested to have one in each room at the camp.

The Regional District meeting was basically housekeeping. A significant number of applications for funding have been given out. More details are coming at the next RD meeting.

There will be a Carrots & Cattle trade show in Smithers on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event will include workshops and an agriculture gala.

Plans are being developed for an emergency livestock preparedness workshop. The workshop is intended to assist farmers in being better prepared should another situation develop as experienced in past summers. The tentative date is April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The location is to be announced.

Councillor Watt-Senner attended the Provincial update on February 26<sup>th</sup>. She popped into Autumn Services earlier today and is impressed with the project. Councillor Watt-Senner voiced her appreciation for the hard work of Mayor Storey, Elaine Storey and the volunteers who are making this happen.

Councillor Jenkinson attended the budget meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>. He has been doing homework on the budget. This has included email communications with CAO Holland and Public Works about the budget. He has also been reading through the community forest plans.

Councillor Fennema attended the budget meeting on February 19th.

She also attended the Family Day event at the Arena on February 18<sup>th</sup>. She commended the organizers of the event. Councillor Fennema enjoyed seeing the public taking advantage of the opportunities that were available at the event; skating, skiing and snowshoeing. Councillor Fennema attended both an Autumn Services meeting and an Historical Society meeting. Both groups are looking for new members.

She also attended the soft opening at Autumn Service; which was very nice.

Councillor Fennema attended the Provincial update on February 26th.

Mayor Storey attended the Resource Benefit Alliance meeting in Terrace on Friday February 22nd.

Mayor Storey was happy to hear the Provincial announcement to provide funding to northern communities. The announcement promises money for planning and infrastructure needs. She stated this will be great for our community. This announcement does not negate the work of the Resource Benefit Alliance. The RDKS has a new CAO who will work with a project manager to move this initiative forward. This will include the development of a steering committee and negotiation team. Things feel good here and the government really is paying attention to

Northern BC. Although the \$100 M for Northern Communities is a good first step, the RBA is seeking a 25-year agreement to establish long term revenue sharing and a means of addressing our Infrastructure deficit.

Mayor Storey reported members of the Kinsmen Club attended the Autumn Services Open House. They provided a BBQ. Mayor Storey felt this was a very wonderful thing for the community. She added her appreciation for the many volunteers who have provided time and their skills to making the Autumn Services Centre happen.

Mayor Storey received a request from Nadleh to provide a video to encourage members to join the Nadleh Fire Department. She also recognized the \$60,000.00 contribution to the Fraser Lake Fire Training Society. Mayor Storey recognized this would not have occurred had it not been for the work of EDO Christie and Fire Chief Pacheco. She also thanked them for going to Nadleh Whut'en to recruit members for the Nadleh Whut'en Fire Department. These partnerships that have developed from these interactions is amazing. Twenty six people signed up for the Nadleh Whut'en Fire Department. This will assist Nadleh Whut'en in their development of an accredited fire department in their community.

Resolution 02-27-075 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Jenkinson "Motion to receive the Councillor Reports"

Carried

#### **Accounts Payable**

Resolution 02-27-076 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor LePoidevin "Motion to receive Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$77,944.48"

Carried

#### **Correspondence List**

None

#### **Business from the CAO**

#### **UBCM Model Code of Conduct - Policy Development**

The UBCM has developed a model Code of Conduct for Council. This model is intended to prompt discussion amongst Council around responsible conduct. This topic was previously brought to Council. Council asked Administration to prepare and propose a sample Code of Conduct. CAO Holland referred to the Code of Conduct adopted by the City of Dawson Creek, District of Kent and Comox Valley Regional District. This is a policy development activity. Although other jurisdictions have adopted their own Code of Conduct, Council may wish to discuss their preferences and have them embodied into the Village of Fraser Lake Code of Conduct.

Councillor Watt-Senner asked what is needed to start this process.

Mayor Storey explained Council could direct staff to create a composite of all four.

Councillor Watt-Senner was satisfied with that suggestion.

Mayor Storey said she believes development of a Code of Conduct will be important for this council and future councils.

CAO Holland asked if there was a preference from any of those provided in the reference material?

Councillor Watt-Senner stated she has read all three of the examples. She would like a copy of each to compare more thoroughly and highlight favorite parts for comparison. Is this possible?

Mayor Storey agreed that this was a good idea. CAO Holland will have them ready for the next meeting to hand out.

#### **UBCM Resolutions – Paramedics – Resolution Development**

Each year Councils can submit resolutions to NCLGA for consideration at the May NCLGA Conference. Our community concern relating to BCEHS deployment of our local Paramedics, it may be appropriate to draft one or several resolutions for consideration at NCLGA. Mayor Storey has contacted UBCM and identified previous resolutions relating to paramedics. Those resolutions were provided to council members for review and consideration. Do they address our local circumstance?

Mayor Storey noted the deadline for 2019 submissions is nearing. It was agreed, Mayor Storey, Councillor Jenkinson and CAO Holland would meet Friday morning to begin development of these resolutions.

#### Festival of the Arts - NDIT - Fabulous Festivals Funding

The Arts Council does not hold the status required to apply to NDIT for funding through their Fabulous Festivals program. NDIT provides up to \$2500.00 in grant funding for community events under their Fabulous Events and Festivals program. CAO Holland noted the Festival of the Arts has become an annual event. Fundraising for the Festival is a challenge. The Arts Council has asked the Village to apply for the \$2500.00 in funding through the NDIT Fabulous Events and Festivals program to help bolster their event.

Resolution 02-27-077 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor Watt-Senner
"Motion to apply for the NDIT grant under the Fabulous Events and Festivals funding program on behalf of the Festival of the Arts"

Carried

#### NCLGA Conference – Registration open

Registration for the 2019 NCLGA Conference is open. Although there is time to register, Hotel accommodation is quickly snapped up. Administration is asking those members of Council who intend to attend NCLGA to register. Staff will assist by booking hotel rooms.

Resolution 02-27-078 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner "Motion to receive the CAO Reports"

Carried

# **Staff Reports** None **Reading List** None **New Business** Councillor Fennema received correspondence from MP Nathan Cullen. MP Cullen is seeking support for his Bill C-429 - Zero Waste Packaging Act. Councillor Fennema was unsure who should deal with this request. Mayor Storey commented she spoke with MP Nathan Cullen about some of this and they were doing some research for us. She also received a phone call from Area Director Mark Fisher. Mark Fisher is interested in discussing a recycling plant in the North. Area Director Fisher believes there is a big possibility of this happening, but it does have to go through Regional District first. Councillor Watt-Senner would like Council to have professional looking name tags to use at events. She would like to have the name and position on it with a magnet base for easy use. Mayor Storey agreed. Mayor Storey had a request from Shelly Gleave for a letter of support for the Eco Co-op from the Village. Resolution 02-27-079 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor LePoidevin "Motion to send out a letter of support for the ECO Co-op" Carried

In-Camera

Resolution 02-27-081 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Jenkinson "Motion to move to In-Camera meeting under Section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter at 6:44 pm"

Resolution 02-27-080 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/ Councillor Fennema

Carried

Carried

Return to the Regular Meeting at 8:15 pm.

"Motion to receive New Business"

## **Next Meeting of Council**

Next Council Meeting on March 13, 2019 at 5:30 pm at the Adult Learning Centre.

## Adjourn:

Resolution 02-27-084 M/S Councillor / Councillor "Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm"

Carried

**Certified Correct** 

Sarrah Storey, Mayor

Rodney J Holland, Chief Administrative Officer