



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 22nd, 2020 In Council Chambers

Those in Attendance:

Council: Mayor Storey
Councillor LePoidevin
Councillor Fennema

Staff: Rodney Holland, Chief Administrative Officer
LeEtta LaFontaine, Recreation Director
Vern Hilman, Director of Public Works

Public: Norm DeLong

Agenda

Mayor Storey called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Mayor Storey requested a motion to adopt the agenda and for the declaration of any new business.

Resolution 01-22-18 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin
"Motion to adopt the Agenda"

Carried

No new business was declared.
Mayor Storey called for discussion.
No discussion.

Delegation

None.

Minutes from the Previous Meetings

Resolution 01-22-19 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 08th, 2020"

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.
No discussion.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Councillor Reports

Councillor LePoidevin

- Attended the Premier John Horgan meet and greet and was fortunate to have a few minutes conversation with him.

Councillor Fennema

- Attended the budget meeting on January 16th. She extended appreciation to Director of Finance Laura McMaster for all the work put into preparing the proposed budget and answering any questions posed to her with ease. Councillor Fennema was pleased with how much had been accomplished at this meeting.
- Attended Premier Horgan's visit on January 18th. Although the visit was short, she appreciated the efforts to make the visit happen smoothly. Councillor Fennema had a couple of people say once the event was cancelled people assumed the Premier wasn't coming. Others felt there should have been a way to present questions from the public to have answered by the Premier.

Mayor Storey replied that she would be meeting with the Premier again and if members of the community sent her their questions, she would be able to forward them the Premier when they meet.

- Attended the Autumn Services meeting on Monday, January 20th. They received a \$10,000.00 grant from Integris Credit Union for new tables and chairs. Autumn Services has also recently purchased new kitchen equipment.

Discussion.

Mayor Storey

- was interviewed by a consulting group hired by the Bulkley Nechako to do a Skills Gap Analysis regarding barrier and gaps with jobs and lack of employment in Fraser Lake. The conversation included possibilities to help shift job opportunities in the community. There is a survey online for information gathering on jobs, or lack-of, in Fraser Lake and area.
- Mayor Storey shared how preparing for the Premier's meeting was an interesting lead-up with lots of work involved getting ready for the visit. The meeting was short and

didn't include an infrastructure conversation, but she felt it was important for the Premier to see how close the fires came to our community. She also felt the relationship building with the Premier went well and she looks forward to a continuing conversation with him. Fraser Lake was fortunate to have a meet and greet with the Premier, an opportunity not offered in most communities. Mayor Storey shared appreciation of help to set up and prepare for the afternoon and a few highlights of the Premier's visit with council.

Discussion.

- Mayor Storey is attending the Resource Forum on behalf of Nadleh Whut'en who invited her to attend as their guest. During that week she was invited by Chief Larry Nooski to attend the Pathways Agreement signing with Carrier Sekani and the seven first nation communities.
- Mayor Storey hopes to connect with MLA John Rustad at the Resource Forum.
- Mayor Storey and CAO Holland had a meeting with Chief Archie Patrick, Chief Larry Nooski and R. Radloff & Associates about the line to connect sewage from Stelat'en to Nadleh. The concern with the project is that the Village would still have to maintain their own system and the others as well. The issue is how much it will cost the Village to get the system up and going. If the Village applies for the grant subsidy it will get a 75% discount for Municipalities; but if Nadleh Whut'en and Stelat'en First Nation apply they receive a 90% discount for First Nations. The win/win would be if the First Nations applied first for the grant subsidy which would give the Village the extra 15% bonus. No decisions have been made to bring to council at this time.
- Mayor Storey received a phone call from Cindy Shelford, NKDF, there's a coalition of the Lakes TSA (Timber Supply Analysis) and they've invited us to the table. Only two coalitions have been approved, this is the third one. There will only be three coalitions approved in BC for the province to fight for forestry resources to come up with plans and solutions.

Resolution 01-22-20 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema
"Motion to receive the Councillor Reports"

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.
No discussion.

Accounts Payable

Resolution 01-22-21 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin
"Motion to adopt Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$146,264.94"

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

Councillor LePoidevin asked about cheque #28614 regarding the Community Forest.

Mayor Storey explained it is a Community Forest Contractor that was paid.

Councillor LePoidevin then asked about #28612 for Portable Generator.

CAO Holland explained the Village received \$25,000 from UBCM for emergency preparedness. This was to purchase a portable generator and a receptacle which will be installed at the Fire Hall.

Correspondence List

Resolution 01-22-22 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin
"Motion to receive the Correspondence List"

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

Mayor Storey asked to have a couple things changed in the letter going out to the Senior's regarding the cancellation of the Senior's Snow Clearing. She again expressed how it was unfortunate to have a sixteen-year service for local Seniors come to an end.

Discussion.

Business from the CAO

Council Remunerations:

CAO Holland had information for council about the remuneration paid from the Village and for comparison remuneration paid to council from communities from the Okanagan up of similar and larger size.

Canada Summer Jobs – Student Summer Program Employment Funding:

The Student Summer Employment Funding has been used for fifty percent (50%) subsidy on minimum wage for (4) high school students and (4) university students for Capital projects.

In the past the Village of Fraser Lake has applied for four university student positions (16 weeks) and four high school student positions (9 weeks). Seven of these students are employed with the Public Works Department and one student position in the Municipal Office. The Village budgets annually for summer students.

Resolution 01-22-23 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/Councillor Fennema

“Motion to apply for up to \$30,000.00 to the 2020 Canada Summer Jobs Grant to subsidize the wages of (4) University Students and (4) High School Students”

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

Mayor Storey inquired about a cheque the Village was waiting for from Young Canada Works for the Museum in the amount of \$5,304.58. CAO Holland answered they had not received information on it yet. EDO Christie had placed a call for an update and was told to expect the cheque in the next couple of weeks.

Discussion was prompted about the next Budget meeting date before the end of February. Two dates were chosen, and Mayor Storey offered to contact everyone via email to decide which one worked best overall.

Resolution 01-22-24 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/Councillor Fennema
“Motion to receive the CAO Reports”

Carried

Staff Reports

None.

Reading List

Resolution 01-22-25 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/Councillor Fennema
“Motion to receive the Reading List”

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.
No discussion.

New Business

Bobcat Repairs

Councillor LePoidevin asked for an update on the Bobcat repairs and if it was possible to use another method to clear snow off the lake.

Director of Public Works, Vern Hilman, explained there was no definite news yet on the extent of the damage to the bobcat. The crew at Williams Machinery, Prince George are going over everything and then getting back to him with a report and suggested repair list.

Mayor Storey mentioned she and CAO Holland had a discussion regarding a plan for moving snow on the lake and putting together guidelines for staff to abide by while doing work on the ice with equipment.

Discussion.

Revisit the Wharf Outcome

Councillor Fennema asked if it was possible to bring the wharf discussion back to the table for reconsideration.

Mayor Storey shared bringing the wharf outcome back up for reconsideration would have to be at a future meeting to be able to gather more information and have enough council members for a quorum.

Councillor Fennema made the motion to table the conversation until council was in full attendance.

Resolution 01-22-26 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to revisit and reconsider the wharf decision until full council is in attendance”

Carried

Ice Plant – Cold Weather Policy

The Cold Weather Policy used to be a -40 shut down of the arena, should it still be this way? CAO Holland believes it’s important to have someone in the arena at this temperature as well to make sure everything continues to run smoothly during extreme cold weather and for early detection of a possible problem.

Director of Public Works, Vern Hilman presented an expenditure overview for the existing ice plant; possibilities of repairs and consideration of a switch over from the existing ice plant to an ammonia-based plant; and a cost analysis of each.

Discussion.

Foreign Worker Support Inquiry

Mayor Storey would like to meet in council chambers on January 23rd to discuss signing a Foreign Workers Agreement with the local Chevron Manager, Mr. Pankul Katoch. Her main concern is the community’s existing high unemployment rate and bringing more people into the area may not be in the best interest of a community already struggling.

Discussion.

Resolution 01-22-27 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema

“Motion to receive New Business”

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.
No discussion.

Bylaws

Resolution 01-22-28 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema
"Move the Village of Fraser Lake Water Service Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 802, 2020 First,
Second and Third Reading"

Carried

Mayor Storey wanted to know if there was any resistance from property owners.

CAO Holland answered there was no resistance.

Next Meeting of Council

Next Council Meeting on February 12, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment:

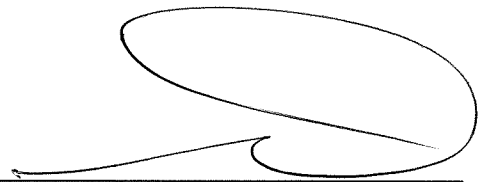
Resolution 01-22-29 M/S Councillor LePoidevin
"Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm"

Carried

Certified Correct:



COUNCILLOR AUDREY FENNEMA, A/MAYOR



Rodney J Holland, Chief Administrative
Officer