



## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 In Council Chambers

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

### Agenda:

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

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

Resolution 01-08-01 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/ Councillor LePoidevin  
"Motion to adopt the Agenda"

Carried

No new business was declared.

### Delegation:

None

### Minutes:

Resolution 01-08-02 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin  
"Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019"

Carried

Resolution 01-08-03 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Watt-Senner  
"Motion to adopt the minutes of the In-Camera Meeting held December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019"

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

No discussion.



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

None.

### **Business from Previous Meeting:**

Council Appointments—Appointment of a Municipal Director to the RDBN:  
Mayor Storey requested the postponement of this discussion as she has been gathering more information to bring to the table.

Councillor Watt-Senner expressed concern over postponing the discussion around the Municipal Director appointment to the RDBN. Councillor Watt-Senner feels delaying this decision impacts the Municipal Director's ability to conduct their role at the RDBN.

Councillor Jenkinson commented he would be interested in the new information Mayor Storey has offered. Councillor Jenkinson asked Mayor Storey to share the information in advance of the next meeting so it can be reviewed and digested.

Resolution 01-08-004 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to table the discussion of Council Appointments until the next Council meeting scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020”

Carried

Opposed: Councillor Watt-Senner

### **Councillor Reports**

Councillor LePoidevin had nothing to report.

Councillor Watt-Senner had nothing to report.

Councillor Fennema attended the Open House at MLA John Rustad's office in Vanderhoof on December 12, 2019. MLA Rustad was pleased to have a Village of Fraser Lake representative attend the event.

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, Councillor Fennema attended the Strategic Planning Session at the Village Office. She enjoyed the format of the facilitation and plans to use the same approach to develop a strategic plan for the Library Board.

Councillor Fennema attended the Charity Hockey Game. She felt it was a huge success. She thanked Director of Public Works Vern Hilman, Arena Attendant Zion Cruz and anyone else who worked to keep the ice viable for this community event.

On December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Councillor Fennema helped set up for the Family Christmas Social at the arena. Attendance was good and everyone had a good time.



On December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Councillor Fennema helped prepare food and set up tables etc. for Christmas Dinner at Autumn Services. Forty-six people attended. Everyone was appreciative of the event. Councillor Fennema found it a rewarding experience for herself and her husband.

Councillor Jenkinson had nothing to report.

Mayor Storey thanked Councillor Fennema for representing the Village of Fraser Lake at MLA John Rustad's Open House.

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Storey attended the Timber Supply Review meeting in Burns Lake. Mayor Storey shared a document with CAO Holland and has offered it to all council members should they wish to review it. The allowable cut has been reduced dramatically. A West Fraser representative was there, as well as, the Mayor of Burns Lake. They went to dinner together after the meeting to discuss how this will impact our communities.

Strategic Plan. Mayor Storey feels the team is on board with the pulse of the community.

Mayor Storey, CAO Holland, EDO Christie, Jason Regnier and Dave Johnson conducted a tour of the Community Forest. Mayor Storey was impressed with the project and how many local workers are employed. This is good news for our community. The logging contractors are doing an amazing job of sustainable logging. She appreciates the number of small trees that are being left standing instead of clear cutting the area. She feels there will be a lot of good-news stories coming out of this operation. She also feels it is a more sustainable model which will impact how logging is done in the future.

Mayor Storey shared the proposed schedule for Premier Horgan's visit to Fraser Lake.

The Family Social & Dance on December 23<sup>rd</sup> turned out well. Attendance was great. Mayor Storey voiced her appreciation of the community donations that supported the event.

Resolution 01-08-05 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Jenkinson  
"Motion to receive the Councillor Reports"

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.  
No discussion.

#### **Accounts Payable**

Resolution 01-08-06 M/S Councillor Fennema/ Councillor LePoidevin  
"Motion to adopt Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$362,367.23"

Carried



Councillor Fennema asked for more information about cheques #00785 and #00786. Cheque 00785 is a payment to MSP in the amount of \$412.50. Cheque number 00786 is a payment to Group Health in the amount of \$8189.19.

CAO Holland explained cheque 00785 was the last payment to MSP. The Employer Health Tax will replace that process. The Village will pay approximately \$12,000.00 in Employer Health Tax payments this year. As for Cheque 00786, this payment is for Village Employees and the two members of Council who receive Group Health Benefits.

Discussion.

Councillor Fennema requested more information about cheque #28590 for \$30.00.

CAO Holland said this was a reimbursement to a Village employee who submitted a claim for a portion of his healthcare costs.

Councillor Jenkinson asked for more information about cheque #28563. This payment relates to the loan and interest payment for the rescue truck. It was Councillor Jenkinson's understanding this had been paid off.

CAO Holland advised this was the last payment on the Rescue Truck.

Discussion.

#### **Correspondence List**

None.

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

Use of the Village Logo by a local business:

A local business, who makes souvenir items, has asked permission to use the Village Logo on their wares. As the Village does not have a policy on this issue, CAO Holland want to determine Council's position on such requests?

Councillor Jenkinson commented he and his wife had to travel to Prince George to get a Fraser Lake souvenir earlier this year. He felt it was a good idea to have something available locally.

Council agreed, use of the Village logo on souvenir cups or other souvenir products would be fine.



Resolution 01-08-07 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to allow Nik’s Custom Creations to use the Village of Fraser Lake Logo on mugs and other small items for sale at local venues”

Carried

Village of Fraser Lake – Strategic Plan for 2020 to 2022:

CAO Holland presented the completed Strategic Plan 2020-2022 package for Council’s review.

Councillor Fennema felt the plan captured Council’s comments and discussions quite well. Councillor Fennema enjoyed the process and intends to adopt a similar approach when the library has their next strategic planning session.

Councillor Watt-Senner agreed.

Mayor Storey also felt the Strategic Plan package captured Council’s vision.

Councillor Jenkinson felt CAO Helmer was a great facilitator. He thanked Mayor and Council for postponing the strategic planning session until he was able to attend.

Mayor Storey expressed how important it is to have the entire team participate in planning such as this.

Resolution 01-08-08 M/S Councillor Fennema/Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to adopt the Strategic Plan 2020 - 2022 with the requested amendments”

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

No discussion.

2020 Leadership Forum – February 5 – 7, 2020:

The forum is quickly approaching. CAO Holland provided the up to date information for the event.

Councillor LePoidevin asked if anyone had attended this before?

Mayor Storey said she attends every year. Last year most of the Council attended the Leadership Forum in Prince George. That event was held not long after the municipal elections. She explained this is an event for all new councillors and mayors to learn about leadership and direction.

Discussion.



NCLGA - Session Case Studies – 2020 NCLGA AGM:

NCLGA is looking for case studies for presentation at the 2020 NCLGA AGM. These case studies should be based on forestry and/or working relationships between first nations and local governments. CAO Holland noted the Village is doing good work in both cases; however, he suggested a longer track record on each of these subjects might be prudent before doing a presentation or case study.

Councillor Fennema inquired about Council's relationship with the Fire Training Centre, Sprinkler Protection Unit and first nations fire training. Would there be time for anyone to put together a report for the event.

Mayor Storey mentioned to NCLGA Board she would be willing to speak about what we are doing in Fraser Lake. She feels there is time to get a presentation together if requested.

Discussion.

Emergency Services Ice Time Policy proposal:

A proposed Emergency Services Ice Time policy was presented to Council. The rules and regulations set out in the new policy parallel those found in the ice rental agreement. Comments from several emergency service providers suggested they were not skating due to the presence of non-emergency response persons. Administration has compiled a list of emergency personnel and medical staff who would be eligible under the proposed policy. The new policy and list would be provided to representatives of the local police, fire, ambulance and medical services. Of those spoken to about this change in policy, all were enthusiastic about parring the list back to emergency services, medical personnel and Village employees.

Councillor Fennema felt it would be appropriate to add the consumption of alcohol as an unacceptable activity at the arena.

Councillor Watt Senner feels this ice time should also be offered to retired emergency service employees in the area. If they want to participate, they should come to the Village Office and have their name placed on the list.

Discussion.

Resolution 01-08-09 M/S Councillor Fennema/Councillor Watt-Senner

“Motion to adopt the Village of Fraser Lake Emergency Services Ice Time policy with the requested amendments”

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

No discussion.



**Budget Meetings – Schedule:**

CAO Holland noted it's the time of year to begin discussion of the 2020 budget. CAO Holland asked Council to identify dates and time when the majority will be available for this purpose.

Mayor Storey called for a Special Meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 10:00 am for the first budget meeting.

Resolution 01-08-10 M/S Councillor Fennema/Councillor Watt-Senner  
"Motion to receive the CAO Reports"

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.  
No discussion.

**Staff Reports**

None.

**Reading List**

Resolution 01-08-11 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/Councillor Fennema  
"Motion to receive the Reading List"

Carried

**New Business**

Councillor LePoidevin had no new business to discuss.

Councillor Watt-Senner had no new business to discuss.

Councillor Fennema asked to discuss the senior's snow clearing program. She feels Council should decide on the continuation or conclusion of the service sooner rather than later. The main discussion she's had with senior's regarding the cancellation of senior snow removal was the sudden cancellation of the service with no time to line up snow removal for the winter. A large percentage of seniors she had talked to said they could or would be able to do their own snow removal. The one thing they didn't want to see was the Village giving money to someone or some group to subsidize snow removal for seniors. They'd rather choose their own service provider.

On another topic, Councillor Fennema would like to discuss the Music Festival/Car Show. She feels Council needs to decide whether they are going to support this event this year. She would like to be able to provide the event organizer adequate notice of any changes for this year's event.



Mayor Storey feels Senior's snow clearing should continue. She received phone called from Mayors of other communities who are interested in learning more about our program. They feel this is part of the aging-in-place program that more communities are offering. She feels dropping the senior's free snow removal is a reversal of the direction we are going in to become an Age-Friendly designated community.

A discussion followed. Council feels this service would best be provided by the private sector. Shoveling or plowing snow from driveways provides economic opportunities for students, entrepreneurs and existing businesses. Where family, friends or neighbours are unable to assist those seniors who need help, there is the Better at Home program through the United Way.

Resolution 01-08-12 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/Councillor Watt-Senner

"Motion to discontinue senior driveway snow clearing service as of October 2020"

Carried

Opposed: Mayor Storey

Councillor Watt-Senner asked how seniors would be notified of this decision?

CAO Holland suggested seniors be notified by individual letters, a notice on the Village Facebook page, and articles in the Village newsletter and the Fraser Connector.

Mayor Storey asked to discuss the Music Festival at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Resolution 01-08-13 M/S Councillor Fennema/Councillor LePoidevin

"Motion to table the Music Festival discussion until the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting"

Carried

Mayor Storey noted February 1<sup>st</sup> is the first annual RCMP Appreciation Day and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the RCMP. How would council like to acknowledge this?

Councillor Watt-Senner suggested a platter of goodies from a local business and a thank you card delivered to the detachment.

Resolution 01-08-14 M/S Councillor Watt-Senner/Councillor Jenkinson

"Motion to have staff order a platter of baked goods, a thank you card for council to sign and then deliver to the Fraser Lake RCMP detachment office"

Carried

Councillor Jenkinson asked to discuss the wharf. He asked about Village liability relative to the wharf.





CAO Holland confirmed the Village does maintain liability insurance in the event of a mishap involving any of our facilities or property.

Councillor Jenkinson asked if we had insurance to cover repairs of the wharf:

CAO Holland advised he didn't feel the Village held comprehensive insurance on the wharf to address beaver damage or broken pilings, but CAO Holland offered to consult with our insurance agent.

A discussion followed.

CAO Holland advised three bids were solicited to repair the wharf. Only one of those bids involved an engineered repair. All three bids were very expensive. Although CAO Holland agreed something should be done about the wharf, he noted the Village staff are still working to identify economical options.

The repair or removal of the wharf would best be conducted during winter months when the work can be completed on the ice. CAO Holland and EDO Christie have discussed increasing the ice thickness around the wharf by removing the accumulations of snow in preparation of reconstruction or de construction. CAO Holland commented shortening the wharf is likely the best alternative, however, by how much is the question. So far there is no concrete plan as what to do. This significant undertaking is not something our Public Works crew can take on. If the decision is to rebuild the wharf, the cross bracing could be completed by the village. However, work, such as driving pilings would need to be contracted out. If the wharf is to remain, it should be brought up to code compliance.

Discussion.

Councillor Jenkinson commented about his observations on the wharf. There are deck boards that are rotten, even at the beginning and it's another significant, high maintenance structure the Village works crew will have to take care of. Most of the people he's talked to want to have the wharf fixed until the substantial cost is mentioned. Nobody wants to see a substantial increase in taxes to pay for this repair.

Mayor Storey agreed this is a tough decision to make, although, feels Council is on track to resolving the issue. She would prefer to invest in a marina or something that will last a long time. It's disappointing to see the wharf has come to this point, but there isn't a whole lot council can do.

Discussion.



CAO Holland advised a Sidewalk and Walk trail study was completed in 2017. One feature of the plan was a raised boardwalk along the lakeshore between the wharf and the point of land west of the wharf. This might be a project that could accommodate re- use of some of the salvageable wharf materials to provide a nature viewing area

Councillor LePoidevin suggested the Village also remove the old pilings by the canoe shed while we have equipment down at the lake to prevent someone being hurt on the pilings.

Discussion.

Councillor Jenkinson would like all salvageable wood from the wharf stored somewhere to be used later.

Resolution 01-08-15 M/S Councillor Jenkinson/Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to allocate funds to remove the entire wharf to a maximum of \$100,000.00”

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

No discussion.

Resolution 01-08-16 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Fennema

“Motion to receive New Business”

Carried

Mayor Storey called for discussion.

No discussion.

### **Next Meeting of Council**

Next Council Meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Councillor Watt-Senner noted she'd be away for the next Council Meeting. She asked to have the discussion about Council Appointments tabled until February 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment:**

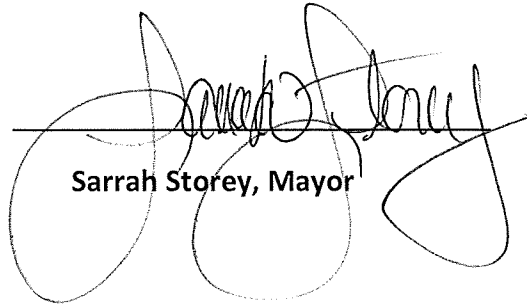
Resolution 01-08-17 M/S Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm”

Carried



Certified Correct:



**Sarah Storey, Mayor**



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**Rodney J Holland, Chief Administrative  
Officer**