

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 22, 2017
In the Municipal Hall in Open Forum**

Those in Attendance: Mayor Lindstrom
Councillor Reyden
Councillor LePoidevin
Councillor Ray

Staff: Rodney J. Holland, Chief Administrative Officer

Public: April Hughes

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

Agenda:

Resolution 02-22-60 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Ray

“Motion to adopt the agenda and declaration of new business with the addition of April Hughes of Northern Health as a delegation”

Carried

Delegation:

April Hughes thanked Council for the opportunity to provide an update on Northern Health business

Mrs. Hughes reports the Primary Care model of service delivery is moving ahead. This service model focuses on keeping people healthier longer in our communities. This is done by assisting people in whatever way to maintain their health. The program is directed to persons in the following categories; one or more chronic diseases, youth, maternal and child care services, mental health and addictions and frail seniors. These populations are targeted because they tend to be the highest users of emergency departments and acute care. By providing more comprehensive health care, these groups will remain healthier longer.

Northern Health works with the remaining population through the Healthier Communities initiative. Healthier Communities initiatives are intended to encourage healthy lifestyles so people don't end up in a more vulnerable population.

Northern Health continues to move away from the old style of health care. In the past, Northern Health used language like public health, home support, mental health and home care nursing. Each group held their own electronic health records. These groups worked in isolation of the other groups, so, there were often communication challenges. To break down those communication barriers, Northern Health is moving to a shared electronic medical records system. Health care providers are meeting and talking about care. They are pro actively planning for the health care needs of the higher needs populations. This provides the opportunity to share in care planning and the medication history with acute care as people move into the hospital system. The goal is to address issues that contribute to long term health challenges that ultimately result in re-hospitalization.

Northern Health has recently hired a Social Worker for the Omineca region. Her name is Andrea. She will serve Fraser Lake, Vanderhoof and Fort St. James on a rotational basis. Andrea has a background is Social Work with youth and children and is quickly learning to work with seniors and families. Mrs. Hughes feels this position will be a positive addition to Northern Health's service model.

Mrs. Hughes took questions from Mayor Lindstrom and members of Council.

Councillor Reyden asked if there was a specific day a week that Andrea would be in Fraser Lake.

Mrs. Hughes felt Andrea would be in Fraser Lake on a specific day per week to allow scheduling of appointments. Mrs. Hughes was unable to provide the specifics of Andrea's schedule.

Mrs. Hughes advised Council that Northern Health continues to recruit physicians for positions in Fort St. James, Vanderhoof and Fraser Lake. The 3.0 FTE positions for physicians in Fraser Lake are full. However, there is always the opportunity to include a .5 position in Fraser Lake due to Dr. Douglas' commitments to other facilities. Our local physicians include Dr. Shannon Douglas, Dr. Tim Bowen-Roberts (3 days a week), Dr. Emanuala Tura (half time), Dr. Rena Romain (half time) and Dr. Midori Yamamoto (half time). Ginny Burns is our full time nurse practitioner.

Mayor Lindstrom voiced concerns about wait times at the Fraser Lake clinic.

Mrs. Hughes advised the Vanderhoof Hospital is the hospital for the area. The Fraser Lake clinic does not maintain evening or weekend hours. Persons with medical requirements outside office hours or in emergency situations are encouraged to attend the St. John Hospital.

Regarding the wait list, there was a pattern involving the way appointments were booked at the Fraser Lake Clinic. Physicians provided their availability monthly. Patients were asked to wait until the end of the month to book their appointment for the following month. Northern Health has recently modified this system. Appointments are now scheduled on a rolling basis. The receptionist can now look at each physician's availability for the next 4 weeks. If a patient

prefers to see a specific physician, they may have to wait until that physician is back in the community. This recent change to scheduling will make a difference.

Mayor Lindstrom asked about the planned upgrades to the Fraser Lake Clinic. Mayor Lindstrom sits on the RD Hospital Board. This upgrade looks like it's come off the books.

Mrs. Hughes stated the upgrade is still on Northern Health's schedule. The upgrade does not have a specified date. Mrs. Hughes felt this would be a good topic for a letter or discussion with CEO Cathy Ulrich.

Mayor Lindstrom voiced his concern about the age of the building and the need for renovation. There are several large projects on the books for Fort St. James and Vanderhoof. Fraser Lake does not want to lose our place in line. Mrs. Hughes agreed.

Mrs. Hughes reminded Council we are still in Flu Season. The Public Health Officer will declare the end of flu season which is usually around the end of March. This year there have been a number of flu like illnesses. Respiratory and gastro intestinal illness have been significant this year. These illnesses struck the very young and very old. Mrs. Hughes encourages everyone to wash their hands often.

Mrs. Hughes discussed opioid and fentanyl overdose incidences. All our communities are affected. We don't have high numbers in our area, however, Northern Health staff is receiving training. Fentanyl risk reduction kits are being distributed to family members and friends who may be able to assist opioid users should they choose to use.

A general discussion followed.

Mrs. Hughes discussed the preliminary proposal for seniors group housing. Fraser Lake was represented for that proposal. Fraser Lake was identified as *ready to go* if an opportunity develops.

Mrs. Hughes discussed the Healthy Communities Committee work. A grant application has been submitted for funding this year. Mrs. Hughes circulated two Northern Health publications: "The Northern Way" and "Healthier You". Mrs. Hughes would like to highlight the many activities in Fraser Lake that promote healthier lifestyles. These articles assist Northern Health in their effort to recruit physicians, nurses and staff to the community.

Mayor Lindstrom advised Mrs. Hughes CBC will be here the first week of April 2017. Mayor Lindstrom would like to talk about healthier communities during discussions with them. Mayor Lindstrom thanked Northern Health for all the assistance Northern Health has provided to Fraser Lake over the years. Our community has benefited from exercise equipment on our trails, ice skates and helmets at our arena, cross-country ski equipment and the indoor playground.

Councillor Reyden asked how staffing levels are decided for the Fraser Lake Medical Clinic.

Mrs. Hughes advised Northern Health looks at community population and the utilization of services. They look at that data and come up with the number of full time equivalents (FTE's). The physicians in Fraser lake are on contract. They are on an alternate payment contract. Their contracts are for one year and are renewed on an annual basis. Their salary is based on the contract versus fee for service. This system allows the physician to have a turn key practice. The physician does not have to worry about the day to day operation of the clinic. The physician is better able to spend more time with a patient versus the standard 7-minute turn around.

A general discussion followed about the schedule of our physicians.

Mayor Lindstrom thanked Mrs. Hughes for attending the Council meeting and for her presentation.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Resolution 02-22-61 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin

“Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated February 8, 2017 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council dated February 9, 2017”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

None

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Lepoidevin attended the Fire Hall AGM this past Monday. The Fire Department welcomed 4 new recruits, which brings their manpower up to 18 or 19 members. The Fire Department has a lot of training coming up. Councillor Lepoidevin commented that everyone at the meeting appears to be happy to be part of the Fire Department.

Councillor Ray reported his students participated in a Coffee House at the Fraser Lake Legion. This was the first time these students performed in this type of venue and they did well. Attendance was very good. Councillor Ray felt it was good community event.

Councillor Reyden had nothing to report.

Mayor Lindstrom attended the Premier's Northern Resources Forum in Prince George. It was an interesting and well attended event. Highlights included a \$27 million-dollar investment in Cariboo herd rehabilitation. During the Forum, Mayor Lindstrom had the opportunity to speak

with Minister John Rustad and Minister Steven Thomson about our Community Forest application. Both Ministers are interested in our application. Mayor Lindstrom also had the opportunity to speak with Kyle Giddens of TransCanada Pipeline. Kyle Giddens asked about the community and our 2017 projects. On behalf of TransCanada Pipeline, Mr. Giddens would like to identify a project that TransCanada can be part of. Mayor Lindstrom stated he would like to see a sprinkler system installed at White Swan Park to keep the park looking green through the summer.

Mayor Lindstrom has been invited to the Premier's Dinner on March 4th, 2017 by Minister Rustad. Mayor Lindstrom has been invited to sit at the Premier's table.

Mayor Lindstrom attended UNBC where he met with Shellie Gleave and representatives from UNBC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Community Cooperative proposal. Mayor Lindstrom feels UNBC is interested in Ms. Gleave's concept. They have cautioned her to keep the project manageable in size and to focus on local food production.

Resolution 02-22-62 M/S Councillor Ray/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to receive Councillor Reports"

Carried

Accounts Payable:

Resolution 02-22-63 M/S Councillor Ray/Councillor Reyden
"Motion to receive Payroll and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$114,798.63"

Carried

Correspondence List:

Resolution 02-22-64 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Ray
"Motion to receive the Correspondence List"

Carried

Business from the CAO:

TransCanada Scholarship:

CAO Holland reported having received correspondence from TransCanada Pipeline about their scholarship program. This information has been forwarded to Barbara Zang at FLESS. CAO Holland stated we maintain a good relationship with TransCanada and it is nice to see their continued support.

Transit System update:

CAO Holland advised this proposal is moving forward. From recent conversation with the Area D Director of the RDBN, the operational part of this initiative may be some time off. As for our

application for funding for a community transportation service, we have heard nothing from the Province. That initiative is dependent on provincial funding.

CBC -Still Standing:

CAO Holland advised David Kerr will be in our community the week of February 27th to March 2nd. He will be meeting with people who have already been interviewed by phone. The Village staff continue to work with David Kerr and CBC staff. A staff member has been offered to help guide David Kerr around as he works his way through his appointments. CAO Holland advised CBC intends to return to Fraser Lake April 3 – 7, 2017 to film.

Resolution 02-22-65 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Lepoidevin
"Motion to receive CAO Reports"

Carried

Staff Reports:

None

Reading List:

Resolution 02-22-66 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray
"Motion to receive the Reading List"

Carried

New Business:

Councillor Reyden asked about the excavation on Tunasa Crescent at Park Drive. CAO Holland explained the water line experienced a crack in the main line. The leak had percolated to the surface and a fair amount of water was being lost. The leak has been repaired.

Resolution 02-22-67 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Ray
"Motion to receive New Business"

Carried

Bylaw:

None

In Camera:

Resolution 02-22-68 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray
"Motion to close the Regular Meeting to the public at 6:45 pm under Section 90(1)(c) of the Community Charter as it relates to labour relations or other employee relations"

Carried

Return to Regular Meeting of Council:

Resolution 02-22-70 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Ray

"Motion to return to the Regular Meeting of Council at 6:58 pm.

Carried

Resolution 02-22-71 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Ray

"Motion to amend resolution 02-09-57, made at the February 9, 2017 Special Meeting of Council which provided CAO Rod Holland with a 5 percent increase in pay to a 10 percent raise as an award for exceptional performance".

Carried

Next Regular Meeting of Council:

Resolution 02-22-72 M/S Councillor Lepoidevin/ Councillor Ray

"That the next Regular Meeting of Council to be held on March 8, 2017 at 5:30 pm"

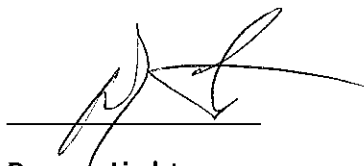
Carried

Resolution 02-22-73 M Councillor LePoidevin

"Motion that the meeting adjourn at 7:05 pm"

Carried

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Dwayne Lindstrom
Mayor



Rodney J Holland
Chief Administrative Officer