

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 12, 2017  
In the Municipal Hall in Open Forum**

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

Staff Elizabeth Litke Director of Finance

Delegations Darrel Hill – Northwest Invasive Plant Council

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

**Agenda:**

Resolution 04-12-104 M/S Councillor Storey/ Councillor Reyden

“Motion to adopt the agenda as presented”

CARRIED

**Delegation:**

Invasive plants are non-native plants to the area. They pose a problem because they tend to push out the native species. They are more than just the commonly known Noxious Weeds (these are listed in the Weed Control Act). The Noxious Weed list is what land managers are required to control. Some of the characteristics of invasive plants are: they grow rapidly, they are very prolific and there are no natural controls. They love disturbed soils and can out compete native species. Some invasive plants can co-exist with out too many negative impacts. An example is dandelions.

Invasive plants have an environmental impact. They can put the ecosystem at risk and potentially even destroy it if the non-native plant is very aggressive. An example is the Japanese nock weed which was brought over to act as a bank stabilizer. The root system did not hold the dirt. Instead the root broke off and the nock weed spread quickly. Invasive monocultures threaten the productivity of the land. The economic impact on utilities, transportation, recreation and tourism to eradicate these plants is costly. Invasive plants can cause a loss of biodiversity. You can lose the birds, insects and even the micro – bacteria in the soil (some non-

native plants will poison the ground) so native plants cannot grow. Some of these non-native plants may also pose a threat or concern to human and animal health.

Plant Councils are in place to actively control these plants. The Invasive Species Council of BC is responsible for the outreach of information and materials and to act as a liaison. This provincial organization is divided into regional areas. The Northwest Invasive Plant Council consists of the Fraser Fort George Regional Districts, the Bulkley Nechako Regional District, the Kitimat Stikine Regional District, the Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional and the Stikine. NWIPC currently has 23 funding partners – including various Regional Districts, Municipalities, First Nations, the Province, various industries and Agricultural associations. The NWIPC is a non-profit society with a board of directors; they have contracts with 8 invasive plant managers and staff to meet the day to day needs of the council. They primarily coordinate and deliver an integrated program. This program treats invasive plants regardless of the jurisdiction they are located in. They provide education and awareness to the public with a focus on prevention.

Treatment for non-native plants is primarily mechanical and herbicides. Mayor Lindstrom asked what the impact herbicides have on the Honey Bees. Mr. Hill explained that they use herbicides which are non-carcinogenic not pesticides or insecticides. They collaborate with local area Bee Keepers; they manage the plants either before flowering or after flowering; not during. Councillor Storey asked about the Honey-nut Cheerios Ad campaign for wild flower seed mix. Mr Hill responded that – the mix is safe for our area.

#### **Minutes:**

Resolution 04-12-105 M/S Councillor Storey / Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to adopt the Regular Meeting minutes from the March 22, 2017 meeting”

CARRIED

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

None

#### **Council Reports:**

Councillor LePoidevin -None

Councillor Reyden- Attended the Library AGM; their 2016 Financial Statements were presented with revenues totalling \$120,000 and expenses totalling \$121,000. Their 2017 budget is \$119,000. The Library Board has some new directors. Some stepped down and a few empty seats were filled.

Councillor Storey –sat in on a webinar for Aboriginal Local Government Collaboration on Economic Development. We appear to be on track with our regularly scheduled Tri-Council dinners (the next one should be in April /May)

Attended the UNBC presentation on economic development for the area including - cafes with hydroponics, Sturgeon Caviar and Hemp agriculture to produce products.

Still Standing comedy show – it was well attended and CBC/ Johnny Harris did a very good job representing our community. The episode is expected to air around June 2018.

NGLGA phoned Councillor Storey to follow up on the idea for newly elected mentorship program. The idea is that newly elected officials can learn from someone with experience.

Community Volunteer Banquet cannot be held in April. There is not enough time to properly organize the event. The tentative date will be September 15, 2017.

Mayor Lindstrom –Attended COFI last week. Mayor Lindstrom spoke with Minister Thompson briefly about the Community Forrest application. There is not expected to be any announcements until after the May 9<sup>th</sup> election.

In Japan, a 30 story building has been constructed entirely of wood.

Resolution 04-12-106 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Storey

“Motion to receive the Councillor reports”

CARRIED

#### **Accounts Payable:**

Resolution 04-12-107 M/S Councillor LePoidevin/ Councillor Storey

“Motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$175,025.74”

CARRIED

Councillor Reyden enquired as to why we do not use Praxair at Autosense instead of Western Gasco Cylinders.

#### **Correspondence List:**

Resolution 04-12-108 M/S Councillor Storey / Councillor Reyden

“A motion to receive the Correspondence List”

CARRIED

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

- 1) Councillor Storey, Councillor LePoidevin and Mayor Lindstrom will be available for the Small Business fair on April 22, 2017.



- 2) Councillor Reyden and Councillor Ray will not be attending the NCLGA so their hotel rooms can be released.
- 3) Administration would like to nominate White Swan park for the BCAA Play Here 2017 revitalization award. Council would like to see another play ground be nominated as we just installed a new playground at White Swan last year. It was suggested that Kin Park would be a more appropriate choice. The swing sets and tires are getting old, the wood chips need to be replaced, there are several thistles around the water park. Council is still in support of the Pirate ship concept that was put forward for White Swan.

Resolution 04-12-109 M/S Councillor LePoidevin / Councillor Storey

“Motion to nominate Kin Park for the BCAA Play Here 2017 revitalization award”

- 4) Resolution 04-12-110 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Storey

“A motion to put forward a resolution to TransCanada Yellowhead to request more signage along the Highway 16 corridor to indicate points of interest, local artisans and recreational stops.”

CARRIED

- 5) Resolution 04-12-111 M/S Councillor Reyden/ Councillor Storey

“A Motion to accept the amendments of the draft MOU as presented from the Resource Benefits Alliance”

CARRIED

Resolution 04-12-112 M/S Councillor Storey/ Councillor LePoidevin

“Motion to accept the Business from the CAO”

CARRIED

#### **Staff Reports:**

None

#### **Reading List:**

None

### **New Business:**

A date needs to be set for the next Tri-community meeting. Stelat'en will be hosting the next meeting. May 25<sup>th</sup> or May 16<sup>th</sup> works for council. Councillor Storey will pass this information on to Stelat'en

In the past, the Village staff/ Council have hosted an interagency meeting for the area – it is believed that Jackie Lytle spearheaded the meeting. Council would like Administration to see if any notes can be located from that meeting and to determine whether such a meeting would be of interest in the future. We would host the next meeting. Administration will look to see if we can locate any information from the previous meeting. The purpose of the interagency meeting is for knowledge sharing to ensure that no one is duplicating services and to see what areas we can work together. The next step would be deciding who is facilitating the meeting and organizing it.

Resolution 04-12-113 M/S Councillor LePoidevin / Councillor Storey

"A motion to receive the New Business"

CARRIED

### **Bylaws**

Resolution 04-12-114 M/S Councillor Storey/ Councillor Reyden

"Move the first three reading of Bylaw 785, 2017 Village of Fraser Lake 2017-2021 Financial Plan"

CARRIED

Resolution 04-12-115 Councillor LePoidevin / Councillor Storey

"That the regular meeting of Council be closed and that we move "In Camera" at 7:14 pm"

CARRIED

### **In Camera Meeting:**

**And as per section 90(1)(j) of the Community Charter which says that information that is prohibited, or information that is it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act***

Resolution 04-12-118 Councillor Reyden / Councillor LePoidevin

"Motion to increase the budget for the Walking Trail Feasibility Study by \$4000"

CARRIED

Resolution 04-12-119 Councillor LePoidevin / Councillor Reyden

"Motion to award the Walking Trail Feasibility Study to L&M Engineering "

CARRIED

**Next Meeting of Council:**

Resolution 04-12-120 Councillor Reyden / Councillor LePoidevin

"That the next meeting of Council be held on April 26, 2017 at 5:30 pm"

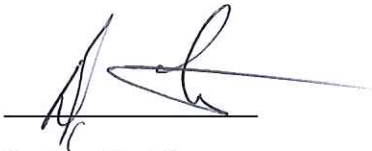
CARRIED

Resolution 04-12-121 M/ Councillor LePoidevin

"That the meeting adjourns at 7:24 pm."

CARRIED

Certified Correct

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**Dwayne Lindstrom**  
Mayor

A blue ink signature of Rodney J Holland, featuring a large, looping 'R' and 'H' followed by a horizontal line.

**Rodney J Holland**  
CAO