

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
in the Municipal Hall**

**Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 5:30 pm
210 Carrier Crescent, Fraser Lake, B.C.
Municipal Chambers**

Members Present: Mayor Sarrah Storey
Councilor Jolene Webb
Councilor Audrey Fennema
Councilor Craig LePoidevin
Councilor Joe Jenkinson

Staff Present: Ethan Fredeen
Jesse Gervais

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution Number: 2024-10-356

THAT Council adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2. Delegations

a. Fraser Lake Forest Consulting on behalf of Fraser Lake Community Forest

800,000 trees planted and sold 300,000 surplus trees. Significant reduction in liability will be reflected this fall in annual silviculture accrual. Later in the year will be going through block by block and assessing costs.

Waste assessments have been approved by Ministry this week, following a delay due to regulatory change. Trees left standing over 6" in diameter no longer considered waste post-change and results in increased AAC.

In year three after planting, a survey will be done including competition with planted trees and other species. Subsequent survey will be done in year six or seven.

Council asked if fire breaks of deciduous trees are being left; Fraser Lake Forest Consulting (FLFC) has not been operating in this way.

Council asked about planted tree survivability being reviewed; FLFC responded that no official survey is done but regular reviews are

conducted. Planting has been done in accordance with Fraser Lake's climate, and this is monitored closely. Planting early in the season significantly improves survivability, and FLFC has been successful in this with its contractors.

100,000m³ uplift request has been sent to Ministry of Forests to stimulate economy by harvesting low volume stands.

Council asked about the sustainability of an uplift in the long term; FLFC responded that 100,00m³ uplift is a one-time request. Analysis has been done on low-volume stands in Community Forest after pine beetle kill. FLFC will not likely harvest total, but was simplest ask to Province for full amount. Land base can't support 100,000m³ in the long term. Sustainable growing potential on current land base is 45,000m³/year, current cut is 12,500m³/year. Additional commercial thinning opportunities may present more economic opportunity.

Forest Stewardship Plan extension has been granted for two years. Extensions can be granted for up to 5 years. Will ask for five year extension upon end of two.

New timber supply analysis (TSA) is underway. Previous TSA was done by West Fraser, FLFC is using provincial data.

Commercial thinning blocks have been identified. Commercial thinning will focus on bringing more jobs. Requires more skilled labour, significant education will be required for workers, and current local workforce does not meet those needs.

\$130,000 in Forest Employment Program funding may be spent at either airport property or within Community Forest, but is specified for commercial thinning. Airport has disproportional amount of pulp logs. Traditional harvesting gear isn't effective for commercial thinning, and appropriate equipment for commercial thinning is expensive. Lack of certainty in commercial thinning approvals leads to disinterest in investment.

Pricing on commercially thinned wood and mills open to purchase are currently under investigation.

Council would like quarterly or semi-annual meetings going forward.

Stellat'en has visited commercial thinning operation, Nadleh will visit in next couple weeks. Council would like to be invited on future tours.

3. Adoption of Minutes

a. Committee of the Whole September 25, 2024

Resolution Number: 2024-10-357

THAT Council adopt the minutes from the September 25, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

b. Regular Meeting of Council, September 25, 2024

Resolution Number: 2024-10-358

THAT Council adopt the minutes from the September 25, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

5. Councillor Reports

Resolution Number: 2024-10-359

THAT the reports from Mayor & Council be received for information.

CARRIED

Resolution Number: 2024-10-360

THAT Council direct staff to return with a report for an additional plaque similar to those gifted to Stellat'en and Nadleh Whut'en for the Council Chambers.

CARRIED

a. Councillor Fennema

Attended SD91 Meeting on FLESS track.

b. Councillor Jenkinson

Along with Public Works and Administration, donated lumber to FLESS.

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c. Councillor LePoidevin

d. Councillor Webb

Attended National Day of Truth and Reconciliation at Lejac and presented plaques along with Mayor Storey to Stellat'en and Nadleh Whut'en.

Attended SD91 Meeting on FLESS track.

e. Mayor Storey

Attended RDBN meeting on September 26. Discussed public transportation options. Received presentation from Rio Tinto Alcan on water levels.

Attended National day for Truth and Reconciliation and presented carvings with Councilor Webb to Stellat'en and Nadleh Whut'en First Nations.

Attended NCLGA meeting. Next conference in Prince Rupert in May.

Attended SD91 Meeting on FLESS track.

Met with Stellat'en and RDBN on potential REDIP applications.

6. Accounts Payable

Council asked about the final cost of the Village's new grader; The final price was \$50,000 under budget. Council would like to see an event celebrating the arrival of the new grader.

Resolution Number: 2024-10-361

THAT the Village of Fraser Lake Cheque Register for the dates of September 20 - October 2 for the amount of \$837,372.24 be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence List

Resolution Number: 2024-10-362

THAT Council receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

a. Forest Enhancement Society of BC

b. City of Merritt - Taxes in Arrears

Council asked about Fraser Lake's situation for Taxes in Arrears; Staff responded that the Village does not currently have any tax sales due to unpaid taxes.

c. RDBN - Transit Bylaw Amendment

RDBN is advocating to province for further funds to ensure sustainability of service; may not increase Village's costs.

Some RDBN Area Directors are considering supporting the service, which may impact overall costs.

Council would like to defer a decision to October 23, 2024. Staff will report back on more details and service ridership and Mayor Storey will seek more information at the next RDBN meeting.

d. **Royal Canadian Legion - Request for Support**

Council asked for staff to report back on previous years' support to the BC/Yukon Legion and further information on the publication.

e. **BC Building Trades**

8. **Staff Reports**

a. **Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**

1. Local Government Internship Program

Resolution Number: 2024-10-363

THAT the Village of Fraser Lake supports the application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of up to \$60,000 to host an intern under the Local Government Internship Program

CARRIED

Resolution Number: 2024-10-364

THAT the Village of Fraser Lake commits to provide sufficient financial and staffing resources to host an intern and is committed to providing training and professional development opportunities for the intern.

CARRIED

2. Quarterly Report

Resolution Number: 2024-10-365

THAT The Chief Administrative Officer's Quarterly Report be received for information.

CARRIED

b. **Economic Development Officer**

1. Business Facade Improvement Program Application

Resolution Number: 2024-10-366

THAT the Village of Fraser Lake supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Business Facade Improvement Program for \$20,000 for 2025.

CARRIED

2. Quarterly Report

Resolution Number: 2024-10-367

THAT The Economic Development Officer and Deputy Corporate Officer's Quarterly Report be received for information.

CARRIED

3. Eco Co-op Grant-in-aid Application

Council noted that Eco Co-op was not successful in their REDIP application for a feasibility study.

Resolution Number: 2024-10-368

THAT Council award \$1,000 in Grants-in-aid to the Eco Co-op.

CARRIED

c. Director of Finance

Resolution Number: 2024-10-369

THAT the Director of Finance Quarterly Report be received for information.

CARRIED

d. Fire Chief, Animal Control Officer, and Bylaw Officer

Resolution Number: 2024-10-370

THAT the 3rd Quarter Fire Rescue Report be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Reading List

10. New Business

11. Bylaws

a. Bylaw 857, Northwest Funding Reserve

Resolution Number: 2024-10-371

THAT Council give fourth and final reading to Bylaw 857, Northwest Funding Reserve 2024.

CARRIED

b. Bylaw 858, Winter Parking Amendment

Resolution Number: 2024-10-372

THAT Council give fourth and final reading to Bylaw 858, Winter Parking Amendment Bylaw.

CARRIED

c. Bylaw 859, Tree Bylaw Enforcement Amendment

Resolution Number: 2024-10-373

THAT Council give fourth and final reading to Bylaw 859, Tree Bylaw Enforcement Amendment.

CARRIED

d. Bylaw 860, Sign Bylaw Enforcement Amendment

Resolution Number: 2024-10-374

THAT Council give fourth and final reading to Bylaw 860, Sign Bylaw Enforcement Amendment.

CARRIED

12. In Camera

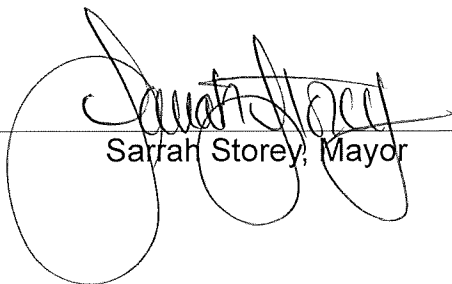
13. Rise with Report

14. Adjournment

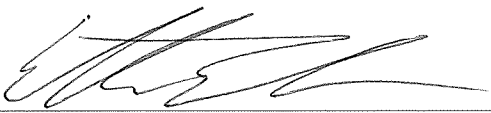
Resolution Number: 2024-10-375

THAT The meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Sarah Storey, Mayor



Ethan Fredeen, Corporate Officer