

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

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 5:30 pm  
210 Carrier Crescent, Fraser Lake, B.C.  
Municipal Chambers**

Members Present: Sarrah Storey  
Jolene Webb  
Audrey Fennema  
Craig LePoidevin  
Staff Present: Ethan Fredeen  
Jesse Gervais  
Members Absent: Joe Jenkinson

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**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-379**

**THAT** the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2. Delegations**

**a. Fraser Lake RCMP**

RCMP Sgt. Semmler delivered a quarterly report with crime statistics to Council.

RCMP saw a very busy summer, but with less criminal code complaints.

RCMP will provide updated copy of statistics.

Council asked about RCMP staffing levels and equipment; RCMP responded that there are now 4 members and that resources are adequate.

Council discussed communications about bylaw violations between RCMP and Village.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**a. October 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole**

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-380**

**THAT** the minutes of the October 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**b. October 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting**

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-381**

**THAT** the minutes of the October 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

BC Bus North:

Ridership statistics received from RDBN on BC Bus North. Fraser Lake area ridership is significant.

Mayor Storey spoke with Director Parker from the RDBN. RDBN looking at other funding options, but Village's share likely to be less than previously discussed.

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-382**

**THAT** Council support the fourth & final reading of the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako's Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2055, 2024 to increase the Village's total maximum requisition amount to \$90,000.00.

**CARRIED**

**5. Councillor Reports**

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-383**

**THAT** the reports be received for information.

**a. Councillor Fennema**

Attended October 16 Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

**b. Councillor Jenkinson**

**c. Councillor LePoidevin**

**d. Councillor Webb**

**e. Mayor Storey**

Attended the Northern BC Tourism Summit in Prince George. Discussion on hotel investment attraction.

Met with UNBC nursing student Ankur Patel.

Met with Dr. Sarah Breen with the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC.  
Discussion on trail system development.

Attended RDBN on Oct 10.

Attended drone transportation initiative project meeting with Stelat'en First Nation and UBC.

**6. Accounts Payable**

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-384**

**THAT** the Village of Fraser Lake cheque register for October 3 - October 16, 2024 for \$472,640.98 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**7. Correspondence List**

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-385**

**THAT** Council receive all correspondence for information.

**a. BC Youth Parliament**

Staff will reach out to FLESS principal to offer Village's support.

**b. Fraser Lake Curling Club**

Council discussed the importance of having staff at the arena facility regardless of members of the public holding refrigeration certification.

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-386**

**THAT** Council provide a letter of support to the Fraser Lake Curling Club for the installation of mesh sheets.

**CARRIED**

**c. JEDI Deputy Minister**

**d. YRB Winter Meeting Invitation**

Councilor LePoidevin will attend.

Council discussed the value of the Fire Chief attending for partnership on Highway Emergency Response.

Council discussed the maintenance of the Holy Cross FSR.

**e. Nechako Watershed Roundtable**

Mayor Storey planning to attend.

**f. Ankur Patel**

Council discussed the Village's food security.

Staff capacity was limited to begin a grant without preliminary work complete at this time.

Council asked about grant eligibility for community groups; staff responded that not-for-profits are eligible for the Local Food Infrastructure Fund.

**g. FLESS Track Demolition**

Council discussed the importance of FLESS supporting the elementary track meet locally and having the facilities in place to avoid losing this event in the long term.

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-387**

**THAT** Council respond with a letter indicating the importance of track and field to the Village, the temporary nature of the gravel track, and the Village's full intention to support a paved track.

**CARRIED**

**8. Staff Reports**

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

**1. 2024-2027 Strategic Operational Plan Report**

Council would like to see the event planned in conjunction with the opening of Phase II of the Community Hall.

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-388**

**THAT** Council adopt the 2024-2027 Strategic Operational Plan

**CARRIED**

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-389**

**THAT** Council direct staff to proceed with the development of a public engagement event for the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan.

**CARRIED**

**2. Community Forest Governance Structure Report**

Staff have had lengthy discussions with the BC Community Forest Association.

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-390**

**THAT** Council establish the Fraser Lake Community Forest Advisory Committee and direct staff to report back on the development of terms of reference for the committee prior to membership recruitment.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-391**

**THAT** the Village allocate \$5,000 from the Community Forest Reserve to cover costs associated with planning for the Fraser Lake Community Forest and establishment and operations of the Fraser Lake Community Forest Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED**

3. REDIP Commercial Wastewater Dumping Station Application

Council asked about the possibility of odours impacting nearby businesses; staff responded with option 3 being the optimal based on advice received from the consultant.

Council asked about the full redevelopment of Cougar St.; staff responded that the full redevelopment costs wouldn't be eligible as part of the application and would have to be paid through other grants or taxation.

Council asked about the sani-dump moving with the commercial dumping station; staff had discussions with the consultant about the move and it was not recommended as part of this application as there is less of an economic case to be made.

Staff will bring forward a sani-dump policy to Council.

Council asked about the inclusion of bulk water station at the sani-dump station; staff responded that the program eligibility is primarily focused on economic development and that a bulk water station could potentially weaken the application. The project does include drinking water infrastructure being extended to the new site, and upgrades including drinking water and sani-dump stations at the site are possible as future projects once this project is complete.

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-392**

**THAT** the Village of Fraser Lake supports the application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program for the construction of a commercial wastewater dumping facility sited at Option 3.

**CARRIED**

1. ADDENDUM - REDIP Commercial Wastewater Dumping Station

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-393**

**THAT** the Village of Fraser Lake allocate funds from the Northwest Regional Funding Reserve as the Village's contribution to Commercial Wastewater Dumping Station.

**CARRIED**

**b. Economic Development Officer**

1. Council Chambers Carving Report

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-394**

**THAT** Council allocate \$1,000 from the Postage and Supply budget toward a carving for the Village Council Chambers.

**CARRIED**

2. BC/Yukon Legion Command Advertising Report

Staff proposed bringing forward a policy on advertising for more clarity and direction from Council.

Council discussed the use of funds and support through grant-in-aid for the local legion.

Council would like to see further marketing proposals from staff for 2025.

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-395**

**THAT** Council direct staff to report back on a Marketing and Advertising Strategy for 2025.

3. Village Rebrand Survey Report

Nouns: Aurora, simple, clean, time, leaves, seasons, winter, fog.

Support for Mouse Mountain logo

No support for "lake" slogans. No support for swans.

Support for "Home under the mountain" as logo.

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-396**

**THAT** the Rebrand Survey Results Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

4. Hubspace REDIP Letter of Support Report

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-397**

**THAT** Council provide a letter of support for Hubspace's application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program.

**CARRIED**

9. **Reading List**

10. **New Business**

Fraser Lake Minor Hockey:

Entrance doors to the arena are now on south side of the building.

Safety and accessibility concerns are being brought forward to Council. Particular concerns about visitors from outside of Fraser Lake who don't know their way around the arena. Light outside arena is not being turned on. Small sign is posted indicating temporary entrance.

Staff will investigate options for tournaments and public events.

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-398**

**THAT** staff investigate options for alternative entrances to the arena.

**CARRIED**

11. **Bylaws**

- a. **Bylaw 861, Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue 2025**

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-399**

**THAT** Council give first, second, and third reading to Bylaw 861, Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue 2025.

**CARRIED**

- b. **Bylaw 862, Fire Service Bylaw**

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-400**

**THAT** Council give fourth and final reading to Bylaw 862, Fire Services Bylaw.

**CARRIED**

12. **In Camera**

**13. Rise with Report**

**14. Adjournment**

**Resolution Number: 2024-10-401**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

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Sarrah Storey, Mayor

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Ethan Fredeen, Corporate Officer