



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, May 05, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT

Attended via Zoom:
Mayor D. Funk
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor K. White
Councillor H. Wiebe
Councillor C. Rensby
CAO S. Worthing
Director of Recreation L. Jones
Economic Development Officer L. Watson
Director of Public Works D. Ross
Deputy Corporate Officer V. Anderson

**GUESTS
PUBLIC**

Colleen Collins, eSolutions
No members of the public

MEDIA

No media

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Funk called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded by Council

2020-05-05: 161

THAT item (g) be added to SECTION 8 REPORTS;
AND THAT item (b) be added to Section 9 BUSINESS ARISING;
AND THAT the agenda for May 5, 2020, Regular Meeting of Council is approved as amended.

CARRIED

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS

2020 – 2024 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No 1020, 2020

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 162

THAT the 2020 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1020, 2020 be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

2020 – 2024 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No 1020, 2020

- The province has allowed three readings and adoption in one meeting because of the COVID-19 event.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 163

THAT the 2020 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1020, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

2020 Tax Rate Bylaw No 1021, 2020

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 164

THAT the 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1021, 2020 be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

2020 Tax Rate Bylaw No 1021, 2020

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 165

THAT the 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1021, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

NCPG Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1022, 2020

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 166

THAT the Northern Capital Planning Grant Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No 1022, 2020 be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

NCPG Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1022, 2020

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 167

THAT the Northern Capital Planning Grant Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No 1022, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DELEGATIONS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Council

2020-05-05: 168

THAT April 21, 2020, minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

AND THAT April 21, 2020 minutes of the Budget Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

MAYOR, COUNCILLOR AND CAO REPORTS

Councillor White

- Would like to add to the May 19 meeting a discussion regarding additional funding for the library

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 169

THAT additional funding for the library be brought forward to the May 19 meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Rensby

- Spoke about the prevalence of hard drugs in town.
- A discussion about local policing capabilities during COVID

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 170

THAT Staff Sargent Lewis be invited to attend the May 19 Closed Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Councillor Hill

- Rotary money will be going to the Track Resurfacing Project and the development of the McEwen 'Imagination Section' at the library.

Mayor Funk

- Northern Health is starting to see community transmission, not a lot of testing is currently happening. We still need to be cautious.
- Babine Forest Products is currently cutting metric for China, keeping people employed.

- Spoke with Director Lambert about food security and supply chains. He is working to have abattoir services on the Southside.
- Wildfire predictions are for a moderate year. Increasing crews by 10% and bringing in different sleeping arrangements. Wildfire will be using drones to assist with fuel mitigation projects.
- Spoke with John Rustad about the Office of the Wet'suwet'en MOU.

REPORTS

Logo and Branding Update – *Colleen Collins Communications Specialist eSolutions*

- Feedback from the last meeting was given to the graphic designer.
- Sample social media posts and tourism ads were provided to show the logo in use.
- Discussion of the look of the compass and whether it is recognizable.
- Discussion of the stock look of the logos provided.
- The options are getting closer to what the council is seeking.
- Council requested a variation of the fonts.
- eSolutions will bring back options.

Multiplex Sprinkler Maintenance and Upgrades– *Director of Recreation L. Jones*

- Council discussed what is needed to have employees reset the sprinkler system versus hiring a contractor.
- Council discussed the capacity of the current compressor.
- AllPoints determined that the current compressor does recharge the system in the required time.
- The recharge should take 30 mins, and it currently takes 2 hours.
- The curling rink and arena are part of the same dry system.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 171

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the recommended sprinkler repairs and upgrades at the Lakeside Multiplex for up to \$17,000;

AND THAT funding for the sprinkler repairs and upgrades be sourced from the Sports Centre Reserve accounts.

CARRIED

Multiplex Roof Modification – *Director of Recreation L. Jones*

- Ridgeline Roofing has provided a solution that is much lower than initially budgeted.
- The \$7,000 includes the cost of the inspection.
- Significant savings will be realized with the new option.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 172

THAT Council direct staff spend up to \$7,000 to move forward with the recommended Multiplex roof repairs and modifications as detailed in Ridgeline Roofing Estimate 7381;

AND THAT funding for the Multiplex roof repairs and modifications be sourced from the Sports Centre Reserve accounts.

CARRIED

NDIT Updated Business Façade Improvement Program - *EDO Watson*

- NDIT is offering \$20,000 to support businesses because of COVID-19.
- Staff pulled several projects for economic response planning.
- A survey was completed to see what the business community needs, the survey closes May 8.
- Based on the survey results to date, the business community needs funds for signage and sneeze guards, and they are looking for opportunities to apply for funding.
- ‘Support local’ programs are also needed.
- The business community is seeking more community marketing for the tourism sector.
- The business community would like opportunities to meet regularly.
- The current VBL Business Façade program would be reworked to meet the new NDIT options for the program.
- Council discussed the six options.
- Council discussed whether additional money should be added to the program.
- Council discussed how the program would be vetted.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 173

THAT Council direct staff to make an application to NDIT that would allocate \$20,000 to businesses based on their individual needs.

CARRIED

Raising Chickens within the Municipality – *Mayor Funk, verbal*

- Mayor Funk was approached about allowing chickens to be raised within the municipality.
- There are several factors to consider, for example, no roosters, only two hens, and no free-range hens.
- Staff explained that this is a Zoning Bylaw question.
- If we want to move this idea forward, the OCP bylaw would need to be amended, and a Public Hearing will be required.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 174

THAT staff create a survey to ask residents whether they are in favour of allowing chickens and bees to be raised within residential zones in the municipality;

AND THAT staff bring back a report to investigate amending the Zoning Bylaw to incorporate raising chickens and bees within residential zones in the municipality for the May 19 Regular Council Meeting

CARRIED

Economic Recovery Standing Committee – *Mayor Funk, verbal*

- We are in a time that Council needs to assist the economy of the municipality
- The Mayor can decide to establish a Standing Committee for issues that would be better dealt with by a committee.
- Half the members of the committee must be from council
- Persons who are not council members may be appointed to a standing committee.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 175

THAT an Economic Recovery Standing Committee of Council be established.

CARRIED

2020 Paving RFP Award – CAO S. Worthing

- For the first time, more than one tender was received for the annual paving project.
- Council discussed the ability to ensure the paving can be completed on time, LAFARGE is scheduled for early June start.
- Bids are more competitive this year due to the lack of work in the industry.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 176

THAT LAFARGE Canada Inc. is awarded the Village of Burns Lake's 2020 Paving Project for \$405,370.93 + GST.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

COVID-19 Roundtable Update

CAO Worthing

- The EOC meetings were reduced to one meeting per week.
- The tennis courts have reopened.

Councillor Hill

- The COVID Community Support Group has not spent any of the money at this time. The funds released from the provincial and federal governments must be spent within three months.
- The money donated by the Village will be used later in the year.

Reopening of the Multiplex Gym – *Director of Recreation L. Jones, verbal*

- Staff discussed options for opening the Multiplex.
- Currently, Northern Health has not banned the use of gyms; other health districts have.
- Northern Health has provided 18 guidelines for reopening gyms.
- If the gym was to reopened, one of the staff members could be brought back.
- Council discussed whether the facility could safely open.
- It will take several weeks to get things in place.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 177

THAT the Multiplex gym reopened using the 18 guidelines provided Northern Health.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION

Wet'suwet'en Elected Leadership Statement regarding

Wet'suwet'en rights and title MOU– May 1

Joint statement on MOU on Wet'suwet'en rights and title – April 30

- Council discussed the signing of the MOU.

- Council discussed the Village's role.
- Council discussed writing a letter.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2020-05-05: 178

THAT a letter be written to the provincial and federal government democratic process in the time of crisis.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND FILED

It was moved and seconded by Council

2020-05-05: 179

THAT original communications (a) through (c) be received and filed:

- NCLGA – Board Highlight Report**
- BL Chamber of Commerce – Canada Day Celebration cancelled for 2020**
- Healthier Northern Communities E-Brief**

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

None

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The municipal accounts dated:
April 30, 2020, of \$291,019.38
Were found to be in good order.

READING FILES

It was moved and seconded by Council

2020-05-05: 180

THAT May 1, 2020, Reading File be received:

- 1) Coastal GasLink - construction update to March 31, 2020.**
- 2) Southside Health & Wellness - May Event Calendar**
- 3) Child Find BC - proclamation**
- 4) CN Railway - operations status**
- 5) UBCM - Rural connectivity June 30 deadline**
- 6) Northern BC Tourism - COVID-19 Update**
- 7) Lake Country - letter to Federal Minister of Finance**
- 8) Northern BC Tourism - 2021 BC Tourism Conference being held in Prince George**

CARRIED

RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded by Council

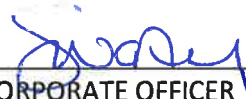
2020-05-05: 181

THAT May 5, 2020, Regular Meeting is adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

CARRIED



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake held on Tuesday, May 05, 2020.