



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Wednesday, July 15, 2020 AT 5 30 PM

PRESENT

Mayor Funk
Councillor Wiebe
Councillor White
Councillor Hill
CAO S. Worthing
Director of Public Works D. Ross
EDO L. Watson
Deputy Corporate Officer V. Anderson
Director of Recreation L. Jones (arrived at 5:35)

GUESTS

Jason Llewellyn and John Illes

PUBLIC

One member of the public

MEDIA

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Funk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded by Council

2020-07-15: 252

THAT the agenda for July 15, 2020, Special Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS; AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DELEGATIONS

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

None

REPORTS

RDBN Parks and Recreation Service Study— *RDBN Director of Planning, J. Llewellyn and RDBN Chief Financial Officer, J. Illes*

- RDBN Parks and Rec Study was received at the June Board Meeting.
 - Go to the RDBN website for documents and YouTube video regarding the study.
 - Staff is developing an implementation study.
 - This type of model will allow for sustainable funding for societies, as many of our parks are the responsibility of non-profits.
 - Currently, much of volunteer time is used to raise money for operations.
 - The service to be proposed will be brought back to the board for discussion.
 - The RDBN Board felt strongly that tax dollars should be spent in the area they were raised in.
 - Board direction to staff is to come back with a strategy.
 - Looking at delivery through Recreation Service Areas.
 - Proposed budgets were presented – several assumptions were made based on assumed needs.
 - The Burns Lake area would see 25% of the new staff position's time, and Area B, E and the VBL would be required to fund.
 - RDBN Bylaw 1881 would need to be amended for 2021, to meet this timeline, the bylaw would have to go to the board by September or October.
 - The budgeting would be for the operation of RDBN owned and operated parks.
 - The creation of a contribution bylaw would need to be done under a different bylaw, and it would need to go through the referendum process in 2021.
 - Work Plan for the employee will involve the development of what criteria needs to be met for funding, and the development of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
 - In the local area, Imeson's Beach, and Hospital Point parks are owned by the RDBN and are the only ones in the 'Lakes Service Area'.
 - Identifying other areas that could be included will be a priority.
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- One of the main reasons this is coming to the forefront is because quality of life is a critical factor for economic development and relocation.

- Next, the RDBN would like to work with village staff to develop plans and ideas to bring forward to Council.
- The timeline is tight to have this completed before the 2021 budget season.
- Discussion of Electoral areas F and C.
- To grow the service a staff person is required, but want to see as much
- The RDBN is one community with artificial boundaries, so pooling resources is a good option.
- The responsibilities of the staff person initially will be to manage the creation of the service and getting new parks operational. Imeson's Beach could become one of the new parks. Imeson's Beach is currently a 'Use at your own risk' facility.
- Creation of the contribution services, how much will need to be taxed. Figuring how the process will work to allocate the funds in the service.
- Establishing the service will be the majority of the work in the first few years.
- Subsequent years will be ongoing operations.
- An unknown factor is the participation of the various electoral areas.
- A referendum is not required if the RDBN owns the asset.
- Currently, the Parks and Trail bylaw reads if the asset is in a specific electoral area that area will be taxed, what they are proposing is a Lakes Area that would cover area B & E and the municipality.
- For 100,000 budget, the Village share would be approximately \$25,000, and operational costs would need to be added. Share for admin expense would breakdown as Area B \$10,824, Area E \$7,693 and VBL \$6,482, in addition to operational costs.
- Staff time will be a large portion of the budget at this time.
- NCPG could cover capital costs, and RDBN gas tax dollars could be accessed.
- The RDBN staff person will develop a maintenance work plan.
- This 'made in RDBN' solution is designed to support the current volunteer base.
- To supply funds to societies when the RDBN does not own the asset, it would need to go to referendum.
- RDBN can follow an alternative approval process depending on the rate per thousand.

It was moved and seconded by

2020-07-15: 253

THAT staff be directed to work with RDBN staff to confirm participation in a Parks and Recreation function.

CARRIED

Mayor Funk thanked the RDBN delegation for the presentation.

BUSINESS ARISING

None

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – ACTION

None

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND FILED None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

None

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded by Council

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THAT July 15, 2020, Special Meeting is adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

CARRIED


MAYOR


CORPORATE OFFICER

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council for the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.