



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, January 19, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT

Mayor D. Funk
Councillor K. White
Councillor C. Rensby
Councillor H. Wiebe
CAO S. Worthing
Director of Finance B. Jawhare – *via Zoom*
Economic Development Officer L. Watson – *via Zoom*
Rob Krause Director of protective Services
Deputy Corporate Officer V. Anderson

GUESTS

None
Amy Waiwright, Contract Planner

PUBLIC

5 members of the public – *via Zoom*

MEDIA

Priyanka Ketkar – *Lakes District News - via Zoom*

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor D. Funk called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

“On behalf of Council, I would like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the area’s Six First Nations.”

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-01-19: 19

THAT additional item (c) be added under Section (9) BUSINESS ARISING and items (e) and (f) be added under Section (11) ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND FILED ;

AND THAT the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS; AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS

2020 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1029, 2021 –
Director of Finance B. Jawhare

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It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-01-19: 20

THAT 'Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1029, 2021' be adopted.

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-01-19: 21

THAT January 5, 2021, minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, CAO. REPORTS

Mayor D Funk

- Mayor D. Funk has attended many meetings around COVID. Weekly meeting with Northern Health, there has been an improvement in the information being received.
- Meetings with the administrator of the hospital.
- Regular communication with LBN regarding COVID.
- Meeting with CNC president Denis Johnson, gave an update of their strategic plan.

CAO Worthing

- CAO S. Worthing the election is on Saturday 23.
- A stop sign is being installed on Hill St. on February 1.
- The official launch of the website and brand is on January 21
- Pine Ridge Holdings is installing two modular duplexes on 7th Avenue. The project is in the building permit stage.

Councillor White

- Attended a Burns Lake Public Library meeting.
- The library manager will be speaking virtually at the Small Community Library Association meeting.

Councillor Rensby

- Attended the provincial Caribou Recovery meeting.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-01-19: 22

THAT the Village of Burns Lake Mayor and CAO reports be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Crossroads Cannabis Licence Application – *Amy Wainwright, contract planner*

- The Public Hearing will likely be virtual due to COVID.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-01-19: 23

THAT as per the Village of Burns Lake Liquor and Cannabis Licencing Policy, a public hearing be set for February 9, 2021, at 7:00 pm for the purpose of collecting the views of residents regarding the ‘Crossroads Cannabis’ Cannabis Licence Application to operate a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store at Unit A 166 Highway 16;

AND THAT the public hearing be held via Zoom due to current COVID restrictions.

CARRIED

Burns Lake Fire Training Grounds – *Director of Protective Services, R. Krause*

- Discussion of how the society was set-up.
- The society was set-up to apply for grants.
- The annual fee paid to the society and some in-kind contributions are the only thing the Village of Burns Lake has contributed.
- The society owns the property.
- The Village leases space from the society, the fee is snowplowing.
- The Village, ESSD are the ones that need access to the facility during the winter.
- If the Village has to open an EOC, supplies for ESSD are stored at the facility.
- The firefighters put part of their stipend for the initial funding of the society.
- The figure of \$4,000 covers insurance and property taxes, which were paid by members until recently.
- The fee comes out of the fire department budget
- Staff will provide monthly stats to Council.
- They have been called out on nine calls so far this year.
- Callouts times for a volunteer department is 10 mins, the last call was 9 minutes and 18 seconds; they have met the 10 minute standard on all calls in the past year.
- Impacts of climate change on the costs and call out has not been determined.
- MVIs are up 80%.
- The Director of Protective Services will provide a monthly callout report for the first meeting of each month.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-01-19: 24

THAT Council receives the Burns Lake Fire Training Society Grounds report.

CARRIED

Tourism Plan – Visitor Information Centre Update – *EDO L. Watson*

- The report gave an overview of the transition to the VIC
- Twenty-nine applications were received.
- Seeking housing for the applicant who has seven years of experience in the operation of the VIC.
- The new employee will start in mid-February.
- Workstations are being set-up
- Internet access will happen by the end of the month.

It was moved and seconded by Council::

2021-01-19: 25

THAT the Burns Lake Tourism Plan Update be received for information.

CARRIED

Budget Meeting Date – *CAO S. Worthing, verbal*

- Dinner will be provided at 5:15

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-01-19: 26

THAT the 2021 Budget Meeting be set for February 22 starting 5:30 pm.

CARRIED

CNR Property at 261 Francios Lake Drive – *Mayor D. Funk, verbal*

- *Pictures provided*
- One of the concerns is the work yard.
- Perhaps privacy fencing is an option.
- Discussion of the state of the railways through town
- There is a right-of-way through town.
- Discussion of larger centres requiring concrete abutments

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-01-19: 27

THAT staff bring back a report on CN Property on 261 Francios Lake Drive and provide remedies for aesthetic improvements to the property.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Northern Interior Rural Division of Family Practice Update – *Councillor Wiebe, verbal*

- There are four divisions and one chapter in northern BC
- Primary Care Networks (PCN) was set up to provide a collaborative approach to healthcare.
- Set to improve health care delivery for residents.
- A steering committee will be formed
- Councillor Wiebe would like to resign from the committee.
- The Steering Committee will have several issues to address.
- Seeking to improve the health of all residents in the region.
- Funding for NIRDFP was confirmed in January 2021
- The next meeting is on February 5. Councillor Wiebe will attend.
- This is a start of a revamp of the healthcare system.
- The steering committee with community partners will determine recommendations for funding expenditures.

Virtual Mayor's Breakfast – *Mayor D. Funk, verbal*

- The community does not know what Council has been doing.
- Discussion of starting a virtual Mayor's Breakfast.
- Staff will work with the mayor to implement this initiative.

Ratify the resolution to purchase sneeze guards – *CAO S. Worthing*

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-01-09: 28

THAT staff are directed to purchase sneeze guards for up to \$2,000 for the council chambers from the COVID Restart Fund.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – ACTION

NCLGA Resolution Submission – *CAO S. Worthing, verbal*

- *Resolution Guideline included*
- Staff has provided the resolution checklist to assist in forming a resolution.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-01-19: 29

THAT NCLGA resolution suggestions are forwarded to CAO S. Worthing before January 29.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – RECEIVED AND FILED

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-01-19: 30

THAT the original communication (a) through (f) be received and filed:

- a) Artemis Gold – Blackwater Project update
- b) City of North Vancouver – *Ban on Anticoagulant Rodenticides*
- c) City of Nelson – *Vaccination Priority Critical Infrastructure Employees*
- d) Kraft Hockeyville
- e) Beaver Point Letter – *campground closure as of September 1, 2021*
- f) NCLGA Letter –*RE Nav Canada Aeronautical Studies*

CARRIED

Council brought out item (e), the Beaver Point letter Council understands the owners' position, and it will be a significant loss to the tourism industry. Discussion of tourism development in the area. General discussion of tourism in the community.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The municipal accounts of \$11,862.63, dated January 14, 2021, Were found to be in good order.

READING FILES

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-01-19: 31

THAT the December 30, 2020, Reading File be received:

1. Northern Health - Information Bulletin - December 24, 2020
2. Coastal Gas Link Notification - COVID 19 - December 24, 2020
3. Coastal Gas Link Notification - COVID 19 - December 30, 2020
4. Northern Health - Information Bulletin - December 31, 2020
5. Healthier Northern Communities E-Brief
6. Southside Health & Wellness Centre Newsletter
7. Northern Health - Community Update
8. Northern Health - Information Bulletin - January 8, 2021
9. Northern BC Conversation with BC's Seniors Advocate
10. BC Government Investment in Port of Prince Rupert

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Joshua Platt 181 4th Avenue

- He is an aspiring entrepreneur.
- Had to relocate his enterprise to outside the region.
- From a career standpoint, he would have left the community due to a lack of supports for entrepreneurs, not support for business, but for entrepreneurs.

RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION - None

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-01-19: 32

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 pm

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, January 19, 2021