



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, January 19, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

**PRESENT**

Mayor D. Funk  
Councillor K. White  
Councillor C. Rensby  
Councillor H. Wiebe  
CAO S. Worthing

Deputy Corporate Officer V. Anderson

**GUESTS**

None  
Manu Madok, *Superintendent SD#91, via Zoom*  
Nadine Frankel – *Board Chair, via Zoom*

**PUBLIC**

None

**MEDIA**

Priyanka Ketkar – *Lakes District News - via Zoom*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor D. Funk called the meeting to order at 6:03 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: 17**

**THAT the agenda for the January 19, 2021 Special Meeting be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

None

**MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, CAO REPORTS – None**

## REPORTS

### School District #91 Update – *Superintendent Manu Madok and Board Chair, Nadine Frankel*

- Nadine Frankel – Board Chair of School District 91
- Introduction of strategic plan process started in July 2019
- Dr. Dustin Louie facilitated the development of the plan
- The plan was presented to stakeholders from the feedback changes were made to the plan,
- Schools are sending Manu examples of what they are doing that fit in the ‘bubbles’ in the plan, and the information is shared with other schools in the district.
- Small towns can provide a world-class education.
- Capital expenditures in Burns Lake include \$750,000 spent on three schools within Burns Lake.
- Enrollment in Burns Lake schools has seen a gradual decline in elementary which will lead to a reduction at the high school
- Shared a graph of enrollment projections
- Due to COVID, there was an increase in home-schooling and online learning.
- E-bus students increased, so it alleviated budget concerns for the district.
- French immersion report concluded that it would be status quo for the 2020/2021 school year.
- The Mayor reiterated the importance of French Immersion to the community because of the program’s ability to attract residents.
- Recruitment and retention of teachers is a hurdle.
- Discussion of using school spaces to enhance childcare options.
- Is there a need in Burns Lake for more daycare spaces in Burns Lake?
- Staff will provide information about the availability of daycare spaces in Burns Lake. Are there waitlists?
- Direction for the Village is pushing tourism to diversify away from forestry.
- There could be an opportunity for SD to educate people about the tourism industry.
- Discussion of the ‘Projects’ programs that are currently operating, perhaps tourism could be added.
- Discussion of having another meeting in the fall.

**BUSINESS ARISING** None

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – ACTION** - None

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – RECEIVED AND FILED** - None

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** None

**READING FILES** None

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD** None

**RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION - None**


**ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-01-19: 18**

**THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 pm**

**CARRIED**

  
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MAYOR  
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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 Tuesday, January 19, 2021