



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, February 09, 2021 AT 7:00 PM Via Zoom

PRESENT

Mayor D. Funk
Councillor K. White
Councillor C. Rensby
Councillor H. Wiebe
Councillor K. Bjarnason
CAO S. Worthing
Economic Development Officer L. Watson – *via Zoom*
Director of Protective Services – R. Krause
Deputy Corporate Officer V. Anderson

GUESTS

Amy Wainwright, *Village of Burns Lake Contract Planner*

PUBLIC

11 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:

2021-02-09: 35

THAT additional item (a) be added under Section (9) BUSINESS ARISING, and item (b) be added under Section 10 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION and items (k) and (l) be added under(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

Recess of the Regular Meeting to convene the Public Hearing

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-02-09: 36

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council on February 9, 2021, be recessed to open the Public Hearing at 7:04 pm.

CARRIED

Reconvene the Regular Meeting of Council

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-02-09: 40

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be reconvened on February 9, 2021, at 7:12 pm, after the closing of the Public Hearing.

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-02-09: 41

THAT January 19, 2021, minutes of the Special Meeting of Council be adopted;

AND THAT January 19, 2021, minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, CAO. REPORTS

Mayor D Funk

- Mayor Funk welcomed Councillor Bjarnason
- Attended BC Natural Resource Forum. Talk of a low carbon future potentially means more mining in the region
- Attended LGLA virtual conference. Municipalities need to be progressive in the way they finance infrastructure.
- Attended the monthly meeting with other northern leaders and the Minister of Municipal Affairs.
- Meeting with CGL, provisional approval of their safety plan was received. There are 100 at the camp, which will increase to 160 soon.

Councillor Rensby

- Attended the Lakes TSA coalition meeting
- Attended other forest-related meetings
- RioTinto meetings will start again tomorrow.

Councillor Wiebe

- Northern Interior Rural Division of Family Practice met on Friday. They are in the process of some hiring, just waiting for funding to come through. Granisle and Southside will get a GP, and Burns Lake should get a nurse practitioner.
- Northern Health has not decided who will participate on the committee moving forward.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-02-09: 42

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

CARRIED

Burns Lake Fire Department Annual Report – *Director of Protective Services, R. Krause*

- Summary of the Fire Department’s activity for the year.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-02-09: 43

THAT Council receives the Burns Lake Fire Department Annual Report.

CARRIED

CNR Report - *Director of Protective Services, R. Krause*

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-02-09: 44

That Council receives the CNR Property on Francois Lake Drive report;

AND THAT Council continues to lobby CNR to improve the condition of their property on Francois Lake Drive.

CARRIED

Monthly Fire Department Call-out – *for information*

- Discussion of the call-outs
- Discussion of staffing shortages by BCAS.

Home Based Business Report – *EDO L. Watson*

- Discussion of current commercial availability.
- The ERDC is looking at Home Based Business designation to relieve the pressure on the commercial space.
- Option 2 was discussed. Option 2 could include 25% of the home’s area, 2 clients, 1 employee, hours of operation 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- Zone sizes were discussed. The zone that could contain home-based businesses is noted in yellow on the Zoning map
- Limiting numbers in the area is a consideration. Parking is a consideration.
- Discussion of off-street parking to be included as a requirement.
- Discussion of the number of clients and the number of vehicles.
- Discussion of opening a business downtown when others can work out of their home.
- Up to maximum square footage of the business was discussed.
- Discussion of a limit of a maximum number of clients per day.
- It would be challenging to make rules based on the business type.

allowed to operate as a home based business.

- Personal service-type businesses typically fall under home based designation.
- This is the first discussion of this proposal.
- Enforcement will be complaint-driven; there is a potential for an increase in complaints.
- Historically in Burns Lake, personal service businesses have not been supported as home-based businesses; the climate in the community has changed.
- Personal services in storefronts can be difficult financially to be successful.
- Discussion of hairstyling shops established in the town, concern was expressed about putting them at a disadvantage.
- Discussion of moving the decision to the next meeting.
- Discussion of personal services moving from retail to their homes.
- Discussion of what is included in personal services.
- Discussion of not allowing hair salons to be designated home based.
- Discussion of Director of Protective Services time. Director Krause replied that there would not likely be a significant increase in monitoring.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-02-09: 45

THAT Council direct staff bring back a report that includes the viability of not having hair salons as part of the personal service designation in the proposed Home Based Business Bylaw amendment.

CARRIED

NDIT Marketing Initiatives Report – *EDO L. Watson*

It as moved and seconded by Council:

2021-02-09: 46

THAT Council supports the Village of Burns Lake’s application to NDIT’s Marketing Initiatives Program;

AND THAT the Village of Burns Lake contributes up to \$10,000 from the 2021 Economic Development Budget for the project.

CARRIED

C2C Funding – *DCO V. Anderson*

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-02-09: 47

THAT the Village of Burns Lake withdraw the 2020/21 C2C application and apply for the 2021/2022 intake when it opens.

CARRIED

Resolution Tracker – *for information*

Official Declaration of Election – *for information*

Office of the Seniors Advocate – Report on Seniors in Northern Health Area – *for information*

BUSINESS ARISING

Reply from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

- Staff will forward the letter to RDBN Director Mark Fisher.

Support Letter Request from Carrier Sekani for The Foundry

- Discussion of the bus garage for the Fire Hall.

It moved and seconded by Council:

2021-02-09: 48

THAT support letter request be delayed until after the presentation on February 23 by Carrier Sekani Foundry representatives.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – ACTION

FLNORD invitation to participate in a Regional Stakeholders Needs Assessment Project via Zoom meeting

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-02-09: 49

THAT Mayor Funk, Councillor Rensby, and Councillor Bjarnason will attend the virtual meeting with consultant Roger Harris regarding the Regional Stakeholder Needs Assessment project.

AND THAT the Preferred dates of February 16, 17, 18 or 19 in the evening are forwarded to Roger Harris.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – RECEIVED AND FILED

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-02-09: 50

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

- a) NCLGA Board Highlights
- b) UBCM – Asset Planning Program Funding

- Downtown revitalization should be considered DTR 2 to support spaces for businesses to develop.
- Spoke to Council's objective #1 from the municipal objectives.
- F. Varga reiterated that the past year has been challenging for small businesses in the community.

RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION - None

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-02-09: 52

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 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, February 09, 2021