



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, February 09, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

PRESENT

Mayor D. Funk
Councillor K. White
Councillor C. Rensby
Councillor H. Wiebe
Councillor K. Bjarnason
CAO S. Worthing
Deputy Corporate Officer V. Anderson

GUESTS

Anthony Giannotti – *via Zoom*
Lori Borth – *via Zoom*
Justin Calof – *via Zoom*

PUBLIC

Beth Eagles – *via Zoom*
Leone McHugh – *via Zoom*
Gina Strimbold – *via Zoom*
Lorie Schmidt – *via Zoom*
Joshua Platt – *via Zoom*
Frank Varga – *via Zoom*
Shaun Trottier – *via Zoom*

MEDIA

Priyanka Ketkar – *Lakes District News - via Zoom*

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor D. Funk called the meeting to order at 6:00 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: 33

THAT the agenda for the February 9, 2021 Special Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

REPORTS

Ministry of Forests Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Lakes Timber Supply Apportionment

- Anthony Giannotti, *Tenures Team Leader*
- Justin Calof, *Director of Strategic Initiatives, Northern Area*
- Lori Borth, *Resource Manager, Strategic Initiatives Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation*
- Two key considerations include:
- One: the key issue in these units is how the remaining ‘live’ AAC is distributed
- Two: is equitable distribution of timber harvesting rights amongst BCTS, First Nations and industry.
- “Regardless of the apportionment, manufacturing facilities will still have access to the full AAC in both TSA’s” from the slide deck
- Green (live) volume has value to everyone and is the AAC that all stakeholders are seeking.
- BC is seeking lasting and comprehensive solutions to reconcile First Nation rights, title and interests.
- Grappling with how we benchmark for the future.
- Challenges with softwood lumber agreements are always a consideration.
- Slides from the Lakes Apportionment slide deck were shown

- **First scenario:** policy scenario set in 2017 does not allocate volume to First Nation interests.
- **Second scenario** – in the Lakes TSA, 420,000 M3 is green, exploring scenarios for the green component only.
- Looking at the capacity of the flat line benchmark
- 56% reduction is calculated in scenario 2
- Exploring options for the green component of the AAC in scenario 2.
- BCTS is sitting at 20% of the AAC in the Lakes TSA.
- A third of the volume in the Lakes TSA is allocated to Community Forests.
- **Third scenario** – is a 60- 20 - 20 split
- 60% replaceable Forest Licences
- 20 BCTS
- 20% Community Forest and First Nation Licences
- In 2004, 60% was set, the third option maintains the 60%
- Brings FN up to the balance of 20%
- **SCENARIO 4**
- 41% would be the reduction in Lakes TSA
- Scenario 1 and 4 are bookends, and 2 & 3 are in the middle.
- The Minister has asked staff to look ahead and to include reconciliation efforts with First Nations.

- Looking to First Nations that are interested in economic development.
- Where is First Nations' role in supporting larger companies?
- Reconciliation has not been as deep with local governments. Different nations have different goals
- Aboriginal title is at the top of the list for the government.
- The mayor asked for an extension to the date for comment.
- First Nation Woodland Licences - will there be guaranteed that there will be fibre for contractors? Many First Nation bands are not interested in area-based tenure.
- The Forest Act applies to all licences; legal obligations will need to be met to keep licences.
- Councillor Rensby is concerned about the small contractors if BCTS volume is reduced. There needs to be enough volume through BCTS.
- Encourage to articulate that sentiment to the Minister.
- FN involvement in manufacturing facilities is that taken into consideration? Not explicitly, apportionment is separate from manufacturing facilities. Manufacturing is downstream from apportionment.
- One consideration is how to partner with local facilities.
- At the end of the day, with Scenario 4, the volume removed from the licensees could jeopardize the local manufacturing industry.
- Many nations feel that scenario 4 is relatively aggressive.
- Is there any consideration given to the possibility of a manufacturing facility being sold and the AAC leaving the community?
- Bill 22 is a significant piece of legislation that reinstated some control to the Minister regarding maintaining a specific consideration of local stability.
- If the apportionment is too low, perhaps the major licensees may decide to leave the community.
- Scenario 4, community forest pay tabular rates.
- FN Woodland licences are under stumpage-based rates.
- Our community is very dependent on the forest industry.
- Would like to reiterate as a community our high level of concerns.
- Comment timelines, the province is facing a lot of pressure from communities and First Nation communities.
- Licensees want clarification on apportionment.
- The province needs to align the AAC, so we are not over-harvesting.
- Apportionment has been delayed due to a number of factors.
- The government is considering how to manage the sector, tie it to the apportionment.
- Village Council's seeking more time to reply needs to tie to the decision of apportionment.
- Representatives are willing to meet again offline.

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:

2021-02-09: 34

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:47 pm

CARRIED



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER

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