



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, March 30, 2021 AT 7:00 PM Via Zoom**

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**PRESENT**

Mayor D. Funk  
Councillor C. Rensby  
Councillor K. White  
Councillor H. Wiebe  
Councillor K. Bjarnason  
CAO S. Worthing  
Director of Recreation, L. Jones via Zoom  
Deputy Corporate Officer V. Anderson

**GUESTS**

None

**PUBLIC**

4- members of the public – via Zoom

**MEDIA**

Priyanka Ketkar – *Lakes District News* - via Zoom

**CALL TO ORDER  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-03-30: 131**

**THAT the agenda for this meeting be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS; AND READINGS - None  
OR ADOPTIONS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-03-30: 132**

**THAT March 16, 2021, minutes of the Special Meeting of Council be adopted;**

**AND THAT March 16, 2021, minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted;**

**AND THAT March 23, 2021, minutes of the Budget Meeting of Council be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

## MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, CAO. REPORTS

### Mayor D Funk

- Attended ERDC meeting and several meetings regarding the forest industry.
- Toured the water treatment plant.

### Councillor Wiebe

- Attended the Northern Interior Rural Division of Family Practice meeting on March 17; it was a preliminary meeting regarding virtual personal care. Councillor Bjarnason will now sit on this committee.
- NWRAC meeting on March 26, Kinette Park washroom project was approved. The Burns Lake community marketing project was also approved. Connectivity grants for rural Canada, funding has been approved for the fibre loop from Prince George to Prince Rupert.

### Councillor Rensby

- Has his COVID Vaccination booked and encourages all residents to participate.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-03-30: 133

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

**CARRIED**

## REPORTS

### Curling Rink Stairs Update – *Director of Recreation L. Jones*

- The architect provided two options for the design
- The difference between the options is the extra roof length to give an angular look for option 2.
- The design ties into the multiplex design.
- A splash of colour could be added to make the entryway more interesting.
- There is a minimal difference between options 1 and 2.
- Will the configuration of the doors be the same? The entry will be virtually the same.
- Staff will take the recommendation from Council to the contractor for a quote.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-03-30: 134

**THAT Council directs staff to move forward with design #2 for the curling rink stairs.**

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

None

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION**

Meeting Request – MLA Rustad

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-03-30: 135**

**THAT staff are directed to schedule a meeting with MLA John Rustad via Teams on April 7 at noon.**

**CARRIED**

UBCM Internet Speed Study – CAO S. Worthing, verbal

- Government of Canada Map for Burns Lake was provided.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-03-30: 136**

**THAT staff are directed to request to join the UBCM Internet Speed Study**

**CARRIED**

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – RECEIVED AND FILED**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-03-30: 137**

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

- a) City of Victoria - - Help Cites Lead campaign
- b) CNR – Vice-President announcement
- c) Bob Zimmer MP – Thank you for the support letter (NAV Canada)
- d) Canadian Union of Postal Workers – support request for resolution (attached).
- e) City of Prince George – Opposition to BC Hydro’s Street Light Rate application
- f) City of Prince Gorge – Opioid Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan
- g) District of Sicamous – seeking support for *Invasion of Asian Clam* resolution.
- h) FCM Media Release – Federal Gas Tax fund transfers to municipalities will be doubled for one year
- i) Prov. BC - Variance of *Gatherings and Events* Public Health Order
- j) NCLGA Board Highlights – March

**CARRIED**

Council brought out the following items:

(e) City of Prince George – BC Hydro rate increase application

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-03-30: 138**

**THAT staff are directed to write a letter to the BC Utilities Commission in opposition to BC Hydro's streetlight rate increase application.**

**CARRIED**

(g) District of Sicamous – Asian Clam invasion

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-03-30: 139**

**THAT staff are directed to write a letter to the provincial Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy in support of the District of Sicamous' letter dated March 18 regarding the invasion of Asian Clams**

**CARRIED**

(f) letter of support for the City of Prince George's Opioid Crises and Call over overdose Action Plan letter.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-03-30: 140**

**That staff are directed to write a letter to the federal Minister of Health in support of the City of Prince George's letter dated March 17 regarding the opioid crisis and a call for an Overdose Action Plan.**

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The municipal accounts of \$1,784.98, dated March 25, 2021, Were found to be in good order.

**READING FILES**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-03-30: 141**

**THAT the March 26, 2021, Reading File be received:**

1. Letter sent - NAV Canada - RE: Changes in service levels at Northern BC airports
2. Letter sent RE: Lakes District Fall Fair Association-Letter of Support
3. BC Hydro - Street Lighting rate application update
4. Letter sent to Premier Horgan - RE: RSTBC budget increase.
5. Letter sent - to MP Bachrach - Anglican Church Restoration
6. Letter sent - to MLA Rustad - Anglican Church Restoration

7. Northern Health - Information Bulletin - Workforce COVID-19 Immunizations
8. BC Emergency Health Services - Air Ambulance Training for First Responders - April
9. EMBC - Modernized Emergency Management Legislation
10. Disability Alliance B.C. Update - MSDPR announces an increase to provincial assistance.
11. LCRB - Policy Directive 21-05: Extension of liquor service hours
12. Coastal GasLink Construction Activity Update - March 2021
13. MOTI - Load Restrictions in the Lakes area - March 20, 2021
14. Public Health Agency of Canada - Got a creative idea to promote COVID Vaccines.
15. Northern Health - COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update
16. B.C. Health & Safety Centre - Mental Health First Aid (virtual) course
17. BC Community Forest - March 2021 Newsletter
18. Southside Health & Wellness - April Newsletter
19. MOTI - Load Restrictions effective March 27, 2021

**CARRIED**

Council brought out the following Item:  
None

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD** None


**RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION** - None

**ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-03-30: 142** THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 pm

**CARRIED**

  
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MAYOR

  
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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, March 30, 2021