



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, May 11, 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
DCO V. Anderson

GUESTS

Amy Wainwright – contract planner *via zoom*

PUBLIC

no - members of the public – via Zoom

MEDIA

Priyanka Ketkar – *Lakes District News - via Zoom*

CALL TO ORDER

“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:

2021-05-11: 174

THAT the agenda for the May 11 Regular meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Recess Regular meeting to convene Public Hearing

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 175

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council on May 11, 2021, be recessed to open the Public Hearing at 7:01 pm.

CARRIED

Reconvene the Regular Meeting of Council

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 179

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be reconvened on May 11, 2021, at 7:06 pm, after the closing of the Public Hearing.

CARRIED

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS; AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS

Village of Burns Lake Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1031,
2021 – A. *Wainwright – Planning Consultant*

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 180

That “Village of Burns Lake Rezoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1031, 2021” be given third reading.

CARRIED

2021 Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1032, 2021

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 181

THAT the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1032, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

2021 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1033, 2021

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 182

THAT the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1033, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 1034, 2021

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 183

THAT the Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 1034, 2021 be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

Liliana Dragowska, *RDBN HRVA Analysis Coordinator* and
Deborah Jones-Middleton, *RDBN Director of Protective Services*

regional HRVA is important.

- RDBN Mission statement was shared.

- Environmental-based hazards are a risk for residents.
- The challenges and the hazards being shared with residents will improve safety.
- The project will develop a collective understanding of the risks in the region and for communities.
- The plan will identify actions that can reduce risks.
- HRVA is a process to identify the likelihood and the severity of consequences for a community.
- HRVA plans are required under BC Emergency Program Act.
- Village of Burns Lake has a plan, and revisions will be completed.
- RDBN is in Phase 2 of the project and is inviting municipalities and the public to become engaged.
- Phase 3 will look at mitigation strategies.
- Phase 4 is completing the community action items.
- The goal of the HRVA is to complete the project over the next two years. Establishing electoral area, HRVA Committees with diverse representation.
- Individuals on the committee would commit to working with the RDBN in a series of six meetings over the two-year project.
- Reaching out to the Village of Burns Lake to have Council appoint a representative.
- Also inviting participation of staff to compile up-to-date information for the municipality for the RDBN plan.
- Finally, request that information provided is shared with on village channels.
- Councillor Rensby asked that the HRVA representative appointment be brought to the next council meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 184

THAT April 20, 2021 minutes of the Budget Meeting of Council be adopted;

AND THAT April 27, 2021 minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, CAO REPORTS

Mayor Funk

- Attended NCLGA conference
- CEO Forum for mayors was very beneficial. The Mayor made good connections at the forum.
- Discussion of Don Lidstone's financial suggestions.
- Discussion of better communication strategies.
- Attended a call on connectivity with Minister Josie Osborne and Minister Lisa Beare.
- Reiterated the need for the RBA to be put in place.
- Attended NKDF meeting.
- Attended a meeting with CNR.

Councillor Bjarnason

- Attended NCLGA conference

Councillor White

- Attended a library meeting.
- The surveillance system was installed last week.
- Attend a BVCU meeting. The BVCU is celebrating their 80th year are providing a funding opportunity with a total budget of \$80,000.

Councillor Rensby

- Attended NCLGA virtual conference.
- Daria Strimbold received the Governor General Award.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 185

THAT a letter is written to Daria Strimbold congratulating her on receiving the Governor General Award for 2019-2020.

CARRIED

- Attended the Timber Supply Coalition meeting.
- Discussion of 9-1-1 Service and BC Ambulance
- Discussion what Vanderhoof and Fraser Lake are doing about this issue.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 186

THAT the Village of Burns Lake invite a representative from BC Ambulance to present to Council regarding the 9-1-1 service delivery in the community.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 187

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

CARRIED

REPORTS

NDIT's Northern Healthy Community Grant Fund –
Resolution for The Link Project – DCO V. Anderson

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 188

THAT the Village of Burns Lake supports the Lakes District Family Enhancement Society's application to NDIT's Northern Healthy Communities Fund – Capital Program for The Link Food Centre Renovation project.

CARRIED

Fire Department April Calls – *for information*

Resolution Tracker – *for information*

BUSINESS ARISING

None

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION

RDBN proposed Zoning Amendment - **CAO S. Worthing**, *verbal*

- The Village's planner provided comments, which the CAO read.
- 300 maximum dwellings in Area B if everyone that could build a second dwelling did.
- Currently, it is more about the Smithers area than other areas within the RDBN.
- Consideration should be given to residential investment in the Village and the effect increased options to build 'out-of-town' will have for the municipality.

Carrier Sekani Family Services -Permissive Tax Exemption Request

- Staff needs to investigate the rules in the Community Charter.
- If they are eligible, an amendment will be completed before fall.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 189

THAT the staff are directed to review and amend the Permissive Tax Exemption bylaw if required.

CARRIED

Burns Lake Special Olympics

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 190

THAT staff are directed to write a letter to the Burns Lake Special Olympics coordinator to inform her of the Village of Burns Lake's grant writing service;

AND THAT the Special Olympics request letter be brought back to the May 25 regular council meeting.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – RECEIVED AND FILED

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 191

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

- a) **Ministry of Municipal Affairs – non-essential travel meeting Apr. 27**
- b) **City of Revelstoke – seeking support at UBCM for provincial trails strategy.**
- c) **Wilderness Committee – protection of the southern mountain caribou herd**
- d) **City of Campbell River – logging of at-risk old-growth forests in the province**
- e) **City of Kamloops – resolution in support of professional news media**
- f) **FLNRORD Assistant Deputy Minister – response to the letter from Council re: apportionment**
- g) **Barbara Murray – a moratorium on recreational wolf hunting on Vancouver Island**
- h) **Truck Logger BC – Burns Lake Community Forest Article**
- i) **Ride Don't Hide Campaign – Canadian Mental Health Association**
- j) **City of Prince George – funding of an IHIT in northern BC**

CARRIED

Council brought out item (c) and discussed the wildlife conservation, and item (h) the article about the Burns Lake Community Forest was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

eSolutions Branding Award – for information

- Discussion of the award.

Gary Blackwell letter to Rio Tinto's Water Engagement Initiative – Councillor Rensby, verbal

- At Rio Tinto's WEI committee, there are many competing interests.
- Fish within the reservoir are a concern.
- The WEI has not responded to Gary Blackwell's letter, and Councillor Rensby would like council to write a letter to WEI in support of Mr. Blackwell's letter.
- A letter from Council might help to get his concerns heard at the WEI committee table.
- Discussion of what should be contained in the letter.
- Is there evidence that fish are going down the tunnel?
- Regional District and Fish and Wildlife should be involved to figure out what is happening to the fish.
- Discussion of the lack of smaller feeder fish.
- There seems to be only anecdotal evidence.
- Discussion of the decrease in the number of fish in most lakes in the area.
- Discussion of what kind of barrier is at the mouth of the tunnel and the strength of the flow at that point.
- Discussion of fish and wildlife sitting at the WEI table and what information they have.
- The WEI could be asked to conduct a study.
- Discussion of the depletion of fish in the reservoir.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 192

THAT The Village of Burns Lake writes a letter to Rio Tinto's Water Engagement Initiative (WEI) in support of Gary Blackwell's letter to the WEI Committee.

CARRIED

LD Film Appreciation Society – Request for resolution for NDIT grant

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 193

THAT the Village of Burns Lake supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Community Spaces funding stream from the Lakes District Film Appreciation Society for the Beacon Theatre Roof replacement project.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The municipal accounts of \$229,019.44, dated May 5, 2021, Were found to be in good order.

READING FILES

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 194

THAT May 7, 2021, Reading File be received:

- 1. Northern BC Tourism - Information about New Provincial Travel Restrictions**
- 2. BC Community Forest Association - Newsletter - Virtual Conference Oct 2021**
- 3. Coastal GasLink - April 2021 Construction Activity Update**
- 4. LCRB - Policy Directive 21-07 Accompanied minors after 10 pm**
- 5. Letter sent to Chief Clayton Charlie RE: Tourism Advisory Committee**
- 6. Letter sent to Chief Gordon Alec RE: Tourism Advisory Committee**
- 7. Northern BC Tourism - Tourism Resiliency**
- 8. Healthier Northern Communities E-Brief - May 2021**

- 9. City of Quesnel Forestry Initiatives Program - April Newsletter**
- 10. BC Wildfire Service - Prescribed burn BL Community Forest**
- 11. Northern BC Tourism - Financial Relief**
- 12. Rivershed Society of BC - June 12, 2021 Virtual Annual General Meeting**

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION – None

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-11: 195

THAT the May 11 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:05 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, May 11, 2021