



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, May 25, 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
Director of Recreation L. Jones
Director of Public Works D. Ross
DCO V. Anderson

GUESTS

Amy Wainwright – contract planner *via zoom*

PUBLIC

1 - 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:

2021-05-25: 196

THAT item (g) is added to Section 8 REPORTS;

AND THAT the agenda for the May 25 Regular meeting be approved as amended.

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:

2021-05-25: 197

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

CARRIED

Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 1034, 2021

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 198

THAT the Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 1034, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

Endako River Weir Project – *Lisa Krebs, RPP, MCIP Krebs Consulting*

- Salmon numbers are declining across the province.
- What is causing the decline, 1 - climate changes and 2 – the decrease in forest cover.
- A general decrease in the flow of rivers and creeks across the province.
- Incubated eggs are often left exposed to air, wiping out an entire generation.
- Salmon food source is zooplankton; zooplankton's fat content is decreasing; salmon do not have the nutritional sustenance to get to the spawning grounds.
- The Big Bar landslide was due to climate change.
- Reduced forest cover (logging and MPB), this region now has a lot less forest cover.
- Dirt and debris end up in the river system, increasing turbidity.
- Snowpack melts faster now, with more erratic changes in flows.
- The Endako Wier project is being proposed to increase the Chinook salmon in the Endako River system.
- The low flows in the Endako River are making it difficult to get to the spawning grounds.
- Chinook salmon have rapidly declined over the past 20 years.
- What can be done? Environmental restoration is an option. The Endako Weir would be located at the outflow of Burns Lake.
- The weir should enable spawning and increase survival.
- During low flows, rocks will be exposed.
- The weir would be located south of Babine Mill.
- On average, the water level of the lake will increase by 30 cm.
- A buoy with a sign has been placed at Radley Beach to inform the public of the water level change.

- What happens if the weir fails? A Dam Consequence Study was completed; there are no manufactured parts in the proposed weir.
- On May 14, brochures were delivered to locations in Burns Lake.
- Starting public engagement webinars in June.
- Proponents are seeking support for the project.
- Council asked about commercial fishing impacts.
- DFO manages the commercial fisheries, DFO is providing comments on this project.
- Discussion of a 100-year weather event, the engineer, took 100 and 200-year flood events into account and what would happen if the weir were to 'blow out.'
- It would take eight days for the lake to go down to pre-weir levels should that event happen.
- Council requested that project engineer, Barry Chillabeck, be invited to attend a council meeting.
- Staff asked about the median lake level and the effect on the Pioneer Lift Station. Concern over the infiltrations of the sewer system.
- Unforeseen lake level changes could cause problems.
- The high-water level will not change due to the project.
- The RDBN is preparing an impact study, perhaps a study outlining the impact on Village infrastructure should be included.
- The Pioneer Lift Station is overworked during the spring., Will the weir project increase the number of months the Lift Station is operating at capacity?
- Impact on residents along the lakeshore is a concern.
- Council would like to see an impact study completed.
- Discussion of resident's infrastructure.
- Discussion of sewer systems near the lake.
- Director Riis-Christianson spoke and is supportive of rebuilding Chinook stocks. However, as Director of Area B, there is a concern of erosion of properties located on the east end of Burns Lake.
- Erosion needs to be studied.
- Weirs function the same as a beaver dam.
- Discussion of the Steveston Weir.
- The Mayor thanked Lisa Krebs for the presentation

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 199

THAT May 25, 2021, minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted;

AND THAT May 25, 2021 minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, CAO REPORTS

Councillor Rensby –

- Attended Rio Tinto's Water Engagement Initiative meeting.
- Attended the forest coalition meeting; other coalitions throughout the province have received funding from the province for a coordinator.

It was moved and seconded by:

2021-05-25: 200

THAT staff are directed to write a letter to Eamon O'Donoghue, FLNRORD Assistant Deputy Minister, stating that the Burns Lake Timber Supply Coalition should receive the same funding that other coalitions in the province have received.

CARRIED

Mayor Funk

- Informal meeting with Chief Clayton Charlie. A future in-person meeting with Burns Lake Band is expected.
- Met with NBTA, Clint Fraser, who would like to work closely with municipalities to advance tourism in the region.
- Met with Brad McRobert regarding the impacts of apportionment.
- Attended the Active Transportation Interview with BC Alliance for Healthy Living

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05 -25: 201

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

CARRIED

REPORTS

DVP 2021-01 – Amy Wainwright, Contract Planner

- Letter from resident re DVP 2021-01
- Wainwright read aloud the emails of neighbours of the applicant received on May 25.
- All emails read were in support of DVP 2021-01
- Is there an issue with snow removal? There is no issue with snow removal.
- There is no issue around the fire hydrant.
- A previous application was not allowed; discussion of why this is different. The previous application was a front lot line.
- Impacts of neighbour site line and home values need to be considered.
- Once a carport is built, can it be turned into a garage?

- It is a possibility; an application would be needed to turn it into a garage. Council could specify in the permit that the carport cannot be converted into a garage.
- Is council setting precedent? Variances have been given on 8th and other construction applications to extend into setbacks.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 202

THAT Council gives consideration to Development Variance Permit application 2021-01 for the property located at 487 4th Avenue to vary Section 7.2.6(a)(iii), reducing the exterior side yard setback from 5 metres to 0.61 metres for the proposed carport;

AND THAT if Council grants approval to Development Variance Permit 2021-01, the proposed carport is to be built in general compliance with Schedule A of the permit.

CARRIED

BC Housing Development Permit Application – Amy Wainwright
Contract Planner

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 203

THAT Development Permit DP 2021-01 be approved.

CARRIED

Beach Volleyball Court and Outdoor Skating Rink – *Director of Recreation L. Jones*

- Council expressed concerns about the amount of work that the skating rink may incur for the municipality.
- The Public Works will not be clearing the ice rink; multiplex staff will be responsible for clearing.
- It is possible to separate it into only a volleyball court.
- The skating rink is proposed for the middle of Spirit Square; it is not a refrigerated surface.
- The original concept had the volleyball court, and the skating rink was to be in one location, have changed, so each is in its own location.
- Discussion of insurance coverage.
- Discussion of removing the skating rink from the project.
- The volleyball court is \$15,000.
- The cost for a high-quality court involves excavation and sand installation.
- The mayor spoke to the need to provide outdoor recreation opportunities and the Radley Park, Spirit Square area development.
- Discussion of four-season outdoor winter recreation within municipal limits.

- The outdoor skating rink at the new dog park had issues with snow clearing with the Zamboni, which was stored at the Public Work Yard, it became onerous.
- The budget includes the purchase of a small portable ice-cleaner (Bambini).
- Discussion of offering free skating at the arena.
- That is an option, neighbouring communities do offer free skates at their arenas.
- Discussion of the Restart Grant and the insurance.
- The proposed rink surface is 30' x 60'.
- Discussion of breaking down financial barriers to participating at 'out-of-town' winter venues.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 204

THAT staff continue with the Beach Volleyball Court for up to \$15,000 from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local government

DEFEATED

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 205

THAT staff install the Beach Volleyball Court & Outdoor Skating Rink project, with funding up to \$25,000 coming from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments.

CARRIED

Sand Cleaning Equipment – Director of Recreation L. Jones

- Director Jones showed a video of the machine working.
- Discussion of the weight of the machine.
- The machine comes with a wheel for the front to aid in use.
- There is not an estimate of reduced staff time taken to clean up the beach.
- This year, staff time will be tracked to clean the beach area.
- Discussion of goose residue.
- Debris left after high-level water would be cleaned up using the machine.
- Discussion of controlling the geese, options are being explored. Staff are patrolling the beach and have not been a problem so far this year.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 206

THAT Council approves spending up to \$20,000 from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments to purchase a sand cleaning machine.

CARRIED

Village of Burns Lake Three Year Strategy 2022- 2024 – CAO S. Worthing

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 207

THAT the Village of Burns Lake Three Year Strategy – 2022 – 2023 – 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

Anglican Church Renovation Project – *DCO V. Anderson and Director of Public Works D. Ross*

- Discussion of the proposed drawings and construction drawings could be completed mid-summer.
- Discussion of the Class D estimate and whether it is more economical to rebuild than restore.
- Insulation and wiring need to be brought up to code.
- Discussion of whether there is a need to spend \$300,000 on this project with other projects needing to be completed.
- Discussion of asking the community through a referendum.
- Discussion of committing to the project and not being able to offset the expenses.
- Discussion of grant deadlines.
- Discussion of 100-anniversary celebration.
- Discussion of going to the community and whether the grants can be used without the complete project being funded.
- The project must be funded to be completed, not able to phase at this point.
- Staff suggested completing the construction drawings and going to RFP.
- Discussion of asking the public whether they support the project.
- Discussion of preserving the building, \$300,000 is a lot of money.
- Discussion of other proposed projects.
- Discussion of the project and how it is viewed in the community.
- The village has put water to the property, sidewalk, and tree removal.
- Discussion of large chunks of funding and what other sources are available.
- Discussion of the momentum that has been gained.
- Discussion of subbing out different aspects of the project.
- Discussion of the potential of construction drawings being completed in July.
- Discussion of pulling the NDIT grant.

- The purpose of the project is to turn the building into a vibrant, usable community space.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 208

THAT Council supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Village of Burns Lake for the St. John's Anglican Church Redevelopment;

AND THAT the Village of Burns Lake contributes an additional \$300,000 for the Anglican Church Redevelopment from the Northern Capital and Planning Grant;

AND THAT Council approves the drawings from Chernoff Thompson Architects North presented at the May 25 Regular Council meeting and directs staff to contact the firm to have the construction drawings completed;

AND THAT the staff are directed to go to RFP once the construction drawings are completed.

CARRIED

2021 Paving Project – Director of Public Works, D. Ross

- The paving pricing the lowest price staff have seen to date; because of other paving projects in town.
- Discussion of 3rd Ave to Carroll.
- Asking for more money due to the favourable price.
- Discussion of the extra \$250,000 request and that it should complete 1st Ave.
- Staff will walk the street with the paving company before starting the project.
- Hard to determine exactly what can be completed until the extent of dig-outs is determined.
- Discussion of the timeline.
- Limiting base removal will increase funds available for blacktop.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 209

THAT staff be directed to award the 2021 Paving Contract to LB Paving of Smithers for \$334,607.93;

AND THAT an addition \$250,000 is added to the 2021 Paving Budget from the Northern Capital and Planning Grant.

CARRIED

Canada Healthy Communities – Intake #2

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 210

THAT Council directs staff to apply for \$90,000 from the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative for the development of a Recreation and Parks Master Plan.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Appointment of Village of Burns Lake Representative to the RDBN HRVA Committee – *S. Worthing, verbal*

- Discussion of staff time commitment.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 211

THAT Director of Protective Services, Rob Krause, is appointed to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's Hazard, Risk Vulnerability Analysis (HRVA) as the Village of Burns Lake's representative.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – ACTION

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – RECEIVED AND FILED

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 212

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

- a) Burns Lake Public Library – Thank you to Mayor and Council.**
- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – notes from meeting with Ministers Osborne and Beare**
- c) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – continuance of M192**
- d) Environmental Science & Engineering Magazine – online article about Burns Lake's water treatment plant.**
- e) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Cancellation of Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)**
- f) BC Alliance for Healthy Living – Burns Lake was selected for case study.**

CARRIED

No items were brought forward.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The municipal accounts of \$1,814.35 dated May 19, 2021, Were found to be in good order.

READING FILES

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 213

THAT May 21, 2021, Reading File be received:

- 1. Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd – Prescribe Burning Implementation**
- 2. Sparc BC – Access Awareness Day June 5, 2021**
- 3. BC Community Forest Association – Micro Sawmills in BC Report**
- 4. Northern Health – Primary and Community Care Clinic Awareness**
- 5. Rivershed Society of BC – Annual General Meeting June 12th**
- 6. Coastal GasLink – Construction Activity Update May 2021**
- 7. Northern BC Tourism – National Tourism Week May 23-30**
- 8. Trails Strategy for BC – Local Government What We Heard Report**

CARRIED

No items were brought forward.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS

2021-05-25: 214 THAT the following Closed Resolutions are released:

IC 2021-05-11: 71

THAT Council appoints the following to the Tourism Advisory Committee:

- Mayor Dolores Funk and Councillor Kevin White
- Two Representatives from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
- BLNDC Representative John Nooski
- Two representatives for non-profit from the following sectors: recreation, sports, culture, arts, or heritage: Logan Wilson, Ride Burns and Kai Epkens, Omineca Ski Club
- Two representatives for the tourism operators and businesses, Gwyndolyn Nicholas, Ursa Minor Brewing and Robert Charlie, Talon Point Camp
- One member of the public, Laura Blackwell

AND THAT the Tourism Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be amended with the following change:

- One (1) representative from the RDBN is changed to two (2) representatives from the RDBN.

IC 2021-05-11: 74

Council direct staff to award the Mural Project Contract for the completion of two (2) murals to the Lakes Artisan Cooperative. The first mural to be completed by September 1st, 2021, at the Red Apple location, and the second mural to be completed at the Lakes Artisan Centre by September 1st, 2022.

IC 2021-05-11: 77

THAT staff are directed to establish the Non-profit Society Recovery Grant as presented.

AND THAT the fund will open for intake on June 15.


ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-05-25: 215

THAT the May 25 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:45 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 25, 2021