



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, June 15, 2021 AT 7:00 PM Via Zoom**

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**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 Finance – B. Jawhare  
DCO V. Anderson

**GUESTS**

Amy Wainwright – contract planner *via zoom*

**PUBLIC**

7 - 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.”*

- The mayor spoke about the discovery of the 215 residential school children in Kamloops.
- One minute of silence was observed in memory of the 215 children discovered at the Kamloops residential school.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-15: 218**

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

**AND THAT the agenda for the June 15, 2021 Regular meeting be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS; AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS**

Northern and Capital Planning Grant Reserve Expenditure Bylaw No 1035, 2021 – *Director of Finance B. Jawhare*

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-06-15: 219

**THAT “Northern and Capital Planning Grant Reserve Expenditure Bylaw No. 1035, 2021” be given first, second and third readings.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Coastal GasLink Project Update – *Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Advisor and Charlie Edwards, construction Manager*

- The pipeline will be 670 km when completed.
- Last summer, construction was on target. and 125 km of pipe was laid.
- CGL donated \$780,000 across the pipeline communities.
- Asymptomatic testing of 4,000 workers was completed.
- Rapid testing was implemented, in the first week, 2,000 were tested, no onsite spread of COVID in 2021.
- Vaccinations are being done on work sites.
- Restriction of the workforce restricted construction of the line.
- With the road bans off, workers are being remobilized.
- 240 km of 260 km of clearing is completed.
- 7-mile Lodge will peak at 580 workers.
- Section 5 grade work will be completed in 2021.
- Completion of 21km of pipe near Burns Lake.
- PAPC has begun to bring back workers, started welding this week.
- Mid-July will see the peak of the return of the mainline crew.
- Local and Indigenous contractors awarded \$1.25 billion to date.
- Community investment will increase in 2021.
- CGL matches the bottle donation program from the 7-mil Lodge.
- CGL is offering a virtual open house.
- Safety is at the forefront of the project.
- Council requested the number of local people that are employed on the project. The numbers will be released, June 16, 2021, in the socio-economic study.
- K. Giddens will provide local hiring numbers.
- Expecting the local employment numbers to increase.
- PAPC’s peak workforce will be 2,200 in late fall.
- The labour market is challenging in the area.
- Still looking to be on schedule for being in service in 2023. Additional workers are being added to meet this timeline.
- Looking to put a tour together for council in July.
  
- Mayor Funk thanked the delegation for the presentation.

BLNDC Revitalization of the Exterior of 'Old Hospital' Building –  
*GM Chantal Tom*

- C. Tom gave an overview of the exterior revitalization project proposed for the BLNDC building on Highway 16.
  - The building is highly visible from the highway.
  - The layers of paint from over the years are peeling.
  - Would like to install Hardie Plank that looks like a shingle to give it a heritage look.
  - HardiePlank would improve fire safety.
  - The heritage building contractor said that BLNDC would go with a product that looks vintage.
  - Very expensive to remove the paint, replacing boards, and repaint it would be up to \$150,000.
  - Hardiplank would be \$65,000 to \$100,000; wood window frames would be part of the project.
  - Two main posts could be changed to carvings and be a focal point for those travelling through.
  - Looking to replace the current sign with a log structure.
  - The building is rough looking right now, paint is chipping, and some boards are beyond repair.
  - The building is well used; tourists stop in for First Nations crafts.
  - Staff will bring back a report to council regarding the heritage designation bylaw.
  - Discussion of the timeline, hoping to start at the beginning of August.
- Mayor Funk thanked C. Tom for the presentation.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-15: 220**

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

**CARRIED**

**MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, CAO REPORTS**

Councillor Wiebe

- Attended the FireSmart Symposium.

Councillor Bjarnason

- Attended the FireSmart Symposium, the symposium was geared to homeowner fire smarting.
- Cross-training was suggested.
- Going national will increase funding for FireSmart.
- The balance between visual quality and fire smarting is challenging.

- Attended the first Northern Interior Rural Division of Family Practice, Community Table Meeting, wants to encourage community members to join.

Councillor White

- Attended the FireSmart Symposium.

Councillor Rensby –

- Attended forestry coalition meeting, working on getting ideas together at in-person meetings in July.
- Cow Moose sign project is underway.
- Finished an interview with a documentary filmmaker regarding the 2018 fires.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-15: 221**

**THAT staff are directed to write a letter to MP Todd Doherty in support of forming a 9-8-8 Suicide prevention hotline.**

**CARRIED**

Mayor Funk

- Attended visited the memorial at the courthouse with Councillor Rensby.
- Attended the Burns Lake Comfor AGM.
- Attended the first TAC meeting, enthusiastic group.
- Attended the Wet'suwet'en agreement meeting.
- Attended Re-start conference call.
- The mayor is now the Vice-President of the Northern Medical Program Trust
- Attended meet and greet with Greg Marr, the newly appointed Regional Operations Officer for Northern Health.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-15: 222**

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

**CARRIED**

## REPORTS

DV 2021-02 Tandoori Grill Patio Construction – *A. Wainwright, Contract Planner*

- The attached application includes revised drawings.
- Discussion of the space between the Legion and the patio.
- Tandoori is considering options for the wall adjacent to the legion building; perhaps wood will be used.

- The distance between the patio and Legion will be 5 feet.
- Discussion of neighbouring properties not being notified.
- Discussion of why neighbouring properties were not required to be informed.
- There will be an exit from the patio on the Francios Lake Drive end.
- Discussion of referring the application to the Legion.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-06-15: 223

**That Development Permit DP 2021-02 be approved pending approval from the Legion.**

**CARRIED**

Capacity Funding for TSA Coalition Facilitator – *CAO S. Worthing, verbal*

- The goal is to have each organization involved contribute \$5,000.
- Hampton Lumber has been financing the coalition for three years.
- The province is funding the two other coalitions in the province.
- Discussion of why Village of Burns Lake would contribute.
- Discussion of why the government is not covering the coalitions costs as they are for other coalitions.
- Discussion of who sits at the table, 6 FN RDBN Village of Fraser Lake, Village of Burns Lake, Chinook and BL Comfor, Hampton Lumber, West Fraser, etc.
- Discussion of the work done by the group.
- Discussion of why funding is not happening for the northern coalition.
- Discussion that any funds provided by the municipality be considered as one-time funding.
- Discussion of deferring the decision until the meeting in September with the Minister.
- Six First Nations are contributing through Chinook Community Forest.
- Discussion of contributing if other partners do.
- Discussion of the scope of work undertaken by the coalition.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-06-15: 224

**THAT Council for the Village of Burns Lake contribute \$5,000 toward the Lakes TSA Coalition Facilitator;**

**AND THAT funding comes from the BC Safe Restart Grant.**

**CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-06-15: 225

**THAT the revisions to the number of members and quorum requirements for Tourism Advisory Committee’s Terms of Reference are approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

Residential School Memorial – *Mayor D. Funk, verbal*

- At the makeshift memorial Councillor Rensby and Mayor Funk discussed having a more permanent acknowledgement of the 215 children, whose remains were found at the residential school in Kamloops.
- A cast shoe in Pioneer Park was suggested.
- A flag at Pioneer Park with an orange flag at half-mast was also put forward.
- A decision will not be made tonight; this is to start the conversation.
- It is essential to work with area First Nations to decide on a respectful memorial.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-06-15: 226

**THAT Council will discuss at the June 23 lunch meeting options to bring forward to regular meeting for a permanent memorial acknowledging the discovery of the remains of 215 children who attended the residential school in Kamloops.**

**CARRIED**

VBL Fire Department May 2021 Call Types – *for information*

Council resolution Tracker – *for information*

Curling Rink Stairs

- Architect Act changes increase the project costs, and now the cost of materials has increased.
- The cost has increased by \$60,000.
- The project aligns well with funding from the COVID Restart Grant.
- Additional cost for architectural engineering services is about \$12,000.
- Discussion of waiting in hopes of the price decreasing.
- Discussion of construction delays.
- Delays were in part due to sourcing materials and the changes to the Architecture Act.

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- Discussion of pushing back on the price.
- Discussion of re-tendering.
- Discussion of other bids from the RFP and the value of other bids.
- COVID played a role in the delay.
- Discussion of the building timeline, contractor, has assured that the project will be started in July.
- Discussion of liability issues and bringing the stairs to code.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-15: 227**

**THAT staff continue to move forward with the Curling Lounge Stairs project with North Valley as planned;**

**AND THAT \$60,000 be used from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments to complete the project with an updated budget of \$130,000.**

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Resolution Passed at ERDC Meeting

ERDC 2021-05-20: 25

THAT the ERDC recommends to Council that a letter be written to RDBN Area B & E to consider partnering on an economic study to look at the area's economic dependence on the forest industry.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-15: 228**

**THAT staff are directed to write a letter to the RDBN Area B and E Directors requesting consideration of a partnership to conduct a study to determine the economic effect on the Lakes District due to the AAC Apportionment decision;**

**AND THAT the study is shared with the Timber Supply Coalition.**

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – ACTION**

**CARRIED**

NKDF \$30,000 Grant Announcement for Anglican Church Project

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-15: 229**

**THAT staff are directed to write a thank you letter to the Board of Directors of the Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund.**

**CARRIED**

- The item was deferred to June 29 meeting.

UBCM Meeting Request – The Honourable John Horgan, MLA,  
Premier of British Columbia

- The item was deferred to June 29 meeting.

UBCM Meeting Request Minister of Municipal Affairs –  
Honourable Josie Osborne

- The item was deferred to the June 29 meeting.

UBCM Meeting Opportunity with BC Hydro – deadline June 30

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-15: 230**

**THAT staff are directed not to request a meeting with BC Hydro during the week of September 7, before the 2021 UBCM Convention.**

**CARRIED**

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – RECEIVED AND FILED**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-15: 231**

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

- a) **Wayne Svehla – *Endako River Weir Construction***
- b) **Lakes District Museum Society – *Thank you to Council.***
- c) **UBCM – *Elimination of CARIP Funding***
- d) **FLNRORD – *Modernization of Forest Policy***
- e) **District of Tofino – *Call for Old-growth Strategic Review.***
- f) **City of Prince George – *Four Resolutions for 2021 UBCM***
- g) **City of Langley – *Suicide and Crisis Line Initiative Resolution***
- h) **City of Prince George – *Integrated Homicide Investigation Team***
- i) **BC Oil & Gas commission Newsletter**
- j) **The BC Rural Centre – *June newsletter***
- k) **Ministry of Municipal Affairs – *June 4 meeting notes***
- l) **TC Energy – *water withdrawal extension to January 2022***
- m) **Prince Rupert Port Authority – *Publishing of Northern BC Export Profile***

**CARRIED**

Items (a) Village Council will be meeting with the project lead in July.  
Item (m) reminder of the Prince Rupert Port Authority webinar on June 24

Item (g) Suicide Prevention letter was noted.

Item (a) Wayne Svehla letter. Discussion of webinar regarding the weir project.



**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The municipal accounts of \$181,433.92 dated June 09, 2021, were found to be in good order.

**READING FILES**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-15: 232**

**THAT June 11, 2021, Reading File be received:**

1. **1. BC Community Forest Association May 2021 Newsletter**
2. **Province of BC - Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Load Restrictions**
3. **Northern BC Tourism Association - Framework for Re-Opening**
4. **Civil Resolution Tribunal - Information for Motor Vehicle Accident Disputes**
5. **Northern Healthier Communities E-brief**
6. **Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General - COVID-19 Call Centre Shut Down**
7. **CNC Burns Lake- June 2021 News**
8. **Waterline Resources Inc. - Licence Applications Deadline March 1, 2022**
9. **BC Achievement Foundation - First Newsletter!**
10. **City of Quesnel Forest Initiatives Program Newsletter**
11. **BC Anti-Human Trafficking Educator, Speaker, and Advocate**
12. **EMBC Office of the Fire Commissioner - BBQ Safety Month June 2021**
13. **BC Rent Bank - Information Session June 17, 2021**
14. **Letter sent to RDBN RE: HRVA Committee Appointment**
15. **Northern BC Tourism - Deadlines and Important Dates**
16. **United Way Northern BC - Period Campaign for Burns Lake for Poverty Support**
17. **Rivershed Society of BC - AGM June 12, 2021**
18. **The Clean Power 2040 Team BC Hydro - Webinar for questions July 6,14 and 23**

**CARRIED**

Item (16) staff were asked to share the post for the United Way Period Campaign for Burns Lake.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

None

**RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS**

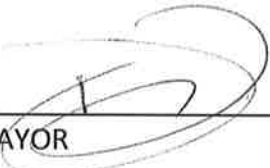
**ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-15: 233**

**THAT June 15, 2021, Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:53 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, June 15, 2021