



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, June 15, 2021 AT 6:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

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

**GUESTS**

Patti Dube – *President Ride Burns*  
Dave Sandsmark – *Uptrack Project Manager*

**PUBLIC**

1 – member of the public

**MEDIA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor D. Funk called the meeting to order at 5:55 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:

**2021-06-15: 216**

**THAT the agenda for June 15, 2021, Special Meeting be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, CAO REPORTS – None**

**REPORTS**

Ride Burns Uptrack Update – *Patti Dube, President and Dave Sandsmark, Uptrack Project Manager*

- P. Dube introduced the delegation.

- D. Sandsmark said the first km Uptrack is completed; it is open and can be walked.
- The 3km Uptrack will take riders to Kager, working on it this summer and next summer.
- Two students have been hired; funding was through a Canada Summer Student grant.
- The Uptrack has the potential to increase traffic at the bike park, ride in and out. It will reduce the amount of traffic on the road.
- After each km, the sections will be opened to the public.
- A key piece to the Uptrack is the construction of a trail along the Eveneshen Trail.
- D. Sandsmark has travelled all over; riders are looking for ride-in and out options.
- In the fall, 1.5km was constructed. Hoping to be up on the mountain by mid-July of this year.
- A mechanized packer was used to reduce footprints and tire marks left by users.

#### **Successes**

- Other bike groups are contacting RIDE BURNS to see how we operate.
- Funders have been amazing. Chinook and other funders provided the money to buy a snowdog to pack the trails for walkers, snowshoers, and bikers. Up to 20 km was groomed with the machine last winter.
- Volunteers are incredible, over 40 attended the first work bee.
- The trail adoption program is successful.
- 265 members so far this year, higher than many bike clubs in the north-central interior.
- Economic development from this tourism industry is phenomenal.
- Burnt bikes continues to grow.
- People are no longer leaving Burns Lake on weekends.
- Burns Lake is so unique; 98% of the campers at Kager are also mountain bikers.
- Project Trails with the high school students had 28 attend, completing around \$15,000 in labour. For five days, the students built a huge boardwalk, fixed trails for 5 days, and had an exceptional experience.

#### **Programming**

- Bike camp's last day is tomorrow.
- Babes in Balance starts in two weeks.
- A massive increase in the number of women becoming involved.
- Lots of young women are coming to work bees.
- Epic rides are long cross-country trails. Riders love the network in Burns Lake.
- The target market is for everyone, walkers to riders and paddlers.

### **Funding and Operation of the Recreation Area**

- Funding is always an issue. However, we have been successful due to solid support through grants and community funding.
- The club maintains outhouses, bridges, and boardwalks.
- Replacing the Kager bridge will cost \$20,000+
- Ride Burns also maintains the dock.
- Rec Sites and Trails often call P. Dube to “check” on the campsite.
- Hogzilla needs to be reworked to meet Sites and Trails standards, the work is being completed now.
- \$7,000 is paid by Ride Burns BLMBA funds to weed whack the epic trail each year.
- Insurance is around \$3,000.
- Training for programming leaders is - \$5,000 to \$7,000.
- First Aid supplies, treated wood, tools.
- Require around \$25,000 to operate.
- Operating funds are secured from memberships and programming camps.
- Very appreciative of BL Comfor’s donation of \$4,500 for the next 4 years. The funds are to be used for maintenance.
- Changed from BLMBA to Ride Burns for marketing purposes.
- Talking to Area B regarding long-term funding through Parks and Trails.
- Parks and Trails function is in its infancy.
- D. Sandsmark recommended an engineer from Terrace, Tyler Wilkes works for McElhanney in Terrace, to look at options for the Eveneshen Trail. P. Dube will forward the contact information to staff.
- The Uprack so far has been a 3-year project.
- An option to consider is constructing two trails through the gully, one for bikers one for walkers.
- The village is working on securing ownership from the province for the section of the Eveneshen Trail that is crownland.
- The club has no plans in place to undertake a trail through the gully. This project is out of the club’s capacity.
- Strong commitment by members to see Ride Burns continue with their success.

The mayor thanked the RIDE BURNS representatives for the informative presentation and all the work completed at the Kager Lake Recreation Area.

**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

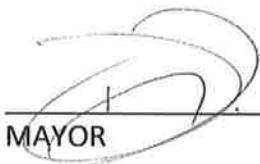
**ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-15: 217**

**THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:34 pm**

**CARRIED**

  
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MAYOR

  
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CORPORATE OFFICER

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council for the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021