



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, June 29, 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 Protective Services R. Krause  
DCO V. Anderson

**GUESTS**

**PUBLIC**

1 - member 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:

**2021-06-29: 236**

**THAT items (f) and(g) are added to Section 8 REPORTS, items (f) and (g) be added to Section 10 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION ACTION, and items (h), (i) and (j) be added to 11 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND FILED;**

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

**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:

**2021-06-29: 237**

**THAT “Northern and Capital Planning Grant Reserve Expenditure Bylaw No. 1035, 2021” be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None

**DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS** None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 238**

**THAT June 15, 2021, minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted;**

**AND THAT June 15, 2021, minutes of the Special Meeting of Council be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, CAO REPORTS**

CAO S. Worthing

- Assured council that there is no water shortage, there was an almost doubling of consumption which raised cause for concern.

Councillor Bjarnason

- Attended virtual bio-economy conference.
- Attended the virtual session with the Prince Rupert Port Authority about exports.
- The shrub at Highway 16 and 3<sup>rd</sup> is obstructing motorist's vision.
- Light out at the end of the track is out.
- Discussion of setting up a cooling centre should another heatwave happen, or this one continues.

Councillor Rensby –

- Attended a TSR meeting with the deputy minister. Made our position well known as a Community Forest shareholder.

Mayor Funk

- Attended bio-economy conference.
- Northern connectivity round table with Minister Beare and parliamentary secretary. Still asking the same question.
- Northern BC port export potential has an in-depth website that contains a lot of important information.
- Housing discussion with the Minister, need to write a letter.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 239**

**THAT letters be written to Ministers Osborne and Eby regarding local housing issues resulting from the June 24 virtual meeting.**

**CARRIED**

- Attended LBN swearing-in ceremony.
- Attended HASA meeting Burns Lake is still behind the provincial average for vaccinations.
- Seeing an upswing of heat-related issues should consider future cooling station options.
- Met with Brad Blackwell, Wildfire Protection Officer. The next 48 hours may see thunder and lightning.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 240**

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

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS**

9-1-1 Service Delivery – Director of Protective Services, R. Krause

- Staff are unclear as to who council would like a presentation from
- The new scheduled on-call system was announced in the meantime.
- 9-1-1 call delivery information was discussed.
- The routing of calls was discussed.
- The information provided to BC Ambulance determines how quickly assistance is dispatched.
- The wait is happening across the province, not just in northern BC.
- Kamloops is the closest dispatch for our community.
- The CAD system is used to dispatch, and if you don't have a physical address, they can't dispatch.
- Discussion of BC Ambulance and being on hold during an emergency.
- Can ask BC Ambulance to attend; however, they will likely refer to the past three months have had an exceptionally high call volume.
- Discussion of UBCM meetings.
- Discussion of writing a letter to E-Com and BC Ambulance
- Clear street intersections, they should be able to dispatch an ambulance.
- Discussion of another call centre north of Kamloops.
- Discussion of code colours and dispatch times.
- BC Ambulance is going to schedule on-call "it will improve.
- They will fill the Unit chief positions and three additional full-time, work 8 hours per day and on call for 16, are not required to stay in the station, and if they live 12 – 15 minutes away, they don't have to station in the station. 3-days on and 3-days off.
- Going to 4 full-time, director Krause is unable to determine that this will be a better service for Burns Lake.

- Burns Lake needs to fight to become an Alpha Station.
- Southside, Fraser Lake and Granisle is getting one SOC position.
- There is a province-wide shortage of paramedics.
- The other 10 paramedics will remain on-call. This new system will help for retention as 3 paramedics will now move to full-time work.
- The paramedic's contract is up next year.
- By November of this year response, time will likely drop.
- The core hours have not been set.
- Discussions of when the highest call volume is.
- If a car is called out to an emergency, the fire department will likely be requested to assist more often if there is no one for the second car.
- How prepared are the volunteer fire department members to respond to a code purple? Currently, members can respond; members cannot transport regardless of how critical they are. We cannot put critical patients in a fire department vehicle.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 241**

**THAT staff provide a report on what impact the SOC System for BC Ambulance will have on emergency service response times and what impact it will have on the Village of Burns Lakes' Volunteer Fire Department.**

**CARRIED**

Village Heights Subdivision Master Plan (Recommendation from ERDC) – *CAO S. Worthing*

- Discussion of the presentation at the Special Meeting.
- Discussion of developing housing.
- Discussion of the housing shortage.
- Discussion of the Master Plan, even if it is not acted on immediately, it is valuable for the future.
- Without a plan, the development will not occur.
- There needs to be a plan in place to ensure development is effective and efficient.
- This is a critical piece, the project can be phased, and infrastructure can be put in place as required.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 242**

**THAT the Village of Burns Lake develop a Subdivision Master Plan for Village Heights.**

**AND THAT funding, in the amount not to exceed \$150,000, is drawn from the Northern Capital and Planning Grant.**

**CARRIED**

Tourism Advisory Committee Appointments

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-06-29: 243

**THAT Mike Robertson be appointed to the Tourism Advisory Committee.**

**CARRIED**

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

- Discussion of putting several ideas forward.
- Discussion of options and possibly putting into a letter.
- Discussion of putting the idea of the memorial forward to a C2C forum.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-06-29: 244

**THAT the discussion of a Residential School Memorial go forward to a C2C forum.**

**CARRIED**

Acting Mayor Schedule – *DCO V. Anderson*

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-06-29: 245

**THAT staff are directed to revise the Acting Mayor Schedule to:**

<b>July 2021 to December 2021</b>	<b>H. Wiebe</b>
<b>January 2022 to June 2022</b>	<b>K. Bjarnason</b>
<b>June 2022 to October 2022</b>	<b>C. Rensby</b>

**CARRIED**

Fireworks Permit Request – *Director of Protective Services, R. Krause*

- A local resident approached the village to get an exemption to have fireworks on Canada Day.
- The NW Fire Centre said the village could issue an exemption, clarified that we do not have jurisdiction to issue a permit.
- If council supports this request, NW Fire Centre will go to the province to issue an exemption.
- NW Fire Centre will not go to the province without support from council.
- The state of the fire hazard needs to be considered.

- If BC Wildfire gives them an exemption, it has nothing to do with the Village of Burns Lake.

It was moved and seconded by

**2021-06-29: 246**

**THAT staff are directed to write a letter to C. Wainwright explaining the reasons for denying his request for a fireworks exemption for Canada Day.**

**DEFEATED**

- Staff will phone Mr. Wainwright with the decision.

Eveneshen Trail Feasibility Review – *DCO V. Anderson*

- Discussion of mountain biking and tourism development.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 247**

**THAT staff are directed to complete a feasibility review of the Eveneshen Trail to consider the construction of a walking trail and a bike trail;**

**AND that up to \$4,500 be allocated from the Northern Capital and Planning grant to fund the feasibility review.**

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

None

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – ACTION**

2021 UBCM Provincial Appointment Book – *provided at June 15 regular meeting.*

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 248**

**THAT staff are directed to request meetings with the following provincial ministers during the week of September 7-13:**

**Minister Anne Kang – Ministry of Advanced Education  
Topic: Post-secondary delivery in Burns Lake**

**Minister Lisa Beare – Ministry of Citizens' Services  
Topic: Fibre Network in Burns Lake**

**Minister Adrian Dix – Ministry of Health  
Topic: BC Ambulance Paramedic Coverage**

**Minister Murray Rankin – Ministry of Indigenous Relations  
Topic: First Nation Relations**

**Minister Rob Fleming Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
Topics:**

- 1. Safety of Highway 16 through Burns Lake**
- 2. The intersection of Hwy 16 and Romieau Drive**

**Minister Katrine Conroy add**

**Topics:**

- 1. Burns Lake Community Forest**
- 2. TSR Coalition Funding**

**CARRIED**

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

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 249**

**THAT staff are directed to request a meeting with The Honourable John Horgan, MLA, Premier of British Columbia, the week of September 7 – 13, 2021;**

**AND THAT the topics for the meeting are:**

- 1. Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance**
- 2. First Nation Relations**

**CARRIED**

UBCM Meeting Request Minister of Municipal Affairs – Honourable Josie Osborne

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 250**

**THAT staff are directed to request a meeting with The Honourable Josie Osborne, MLA Minister of Municipal Affairs, the week of September 7 – 13, 2021;**

**AND THAT the topics for the meeting are:**

- 1. First Nation Relations**
- 2. NW Resource Benefits Alliance**

**CARRIED**

BC Emergency Health Services letter dated May 23, 2021 – *enhancement of emergency services in rural and remote communities.*

- Topic deferred to the July 13 meeting.

Lake Babine Nation Election Results

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 251**

**THAT letters of congratulation are sent to the newly elected Chief and Councillors for Lake Babine Nation.**

**CARRIED**

Chinook Comfor Limited and Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership AGMs

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 252**

**THAT Councillor C Rensby attends the 2021 Chinook Comfor Limited and 2021 Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership meetings on July 20 in person at 824 Centre Street (LBN Natural Resources building) or by Zoom at 11:00 am.**

**CARRIED**

Taylor Bachrach meeting request – the afternoon of July 8

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**THAT council is unable to attend on July 8;**

**AND THAT another option is provided that is preferably in the evening.**

**CARRIED**

#### **ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – RECEIVED AND FILED**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 253**

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

- a) **FCM – Burns Lake achieves GHG Milestones 2 and 3**
- b) **Township of Spallumcheen – request for BC Hydro residential rate review extension**
- c) **City of Pitt Meadows – Truth and Reconciliation Action 75**
- d) **CNR – Proclamation Request**
- e) **Ministry of Municipal Affairs – BC four-step restart plan**
- f) **BC Heritage Economic Impact Fact Sheet**
- g) **CNR - \$460M to be spent in BC to improve service.**
- h) **BC Hydro - EV program and infrastructure presentation July 8 or July 21**



- i) City of Colwood – support letter for 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Hotline
- j) Community Energy Assoc. – Climate Leader program – deadline July 28

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**                      None

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**              The municipal accounts of \$19,245.47 dated June 22, 2021.  
Were found to be in good order.

**READING FILES**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 254**                      **THAT June 23, 2021, Reading File be received:**

1. LCRB Policy 21-09 and 21-10 Extension of TESA & Updated Terms & Cond.
2. LCRB Liquor Policy Update - Minors no longer permitted after 10:00 p.m.
3. LCRB Policy 21-11 Direct Delivery and Cannabis Worker Qualification removal
4. Letter Sent to The BL Chamber of Commerce RE: Tourism Advisory Committee
5. Canadian Wildlife Service - Proposed Recovery Strategy for Bank Swallow
6. Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction - Accessible BC Act
7. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure - Load Restrictions
8. Coastal GasLink - Construction Update June 18, 2021
9. LCRB Policy 21-12 Authorization for alcohol-based hand sanitizer extension
10. Ministry of FLNRORD BC Wildfire Service - Open Fire Prohibition

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**              None

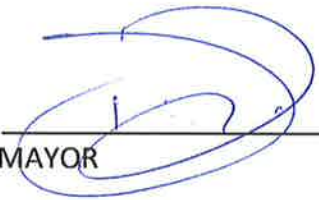
**RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS - None**

**ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-06-29: 255**                      **THAT June 29, 2021, Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:24 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, June 29, 2021