



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, July 13, 2021 AT 7:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

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

**GUESTS**

Beth Eagles – via Zoom  
Josias Tchantz – via Zoom

**PUBLIC**

0 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:

**2021-07-13: 256**

**THAT items (c) and (d) be added to Section 8 REPORTS and items (c), (d) and (e) BE added to section 10 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION to the agenda for July 13, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council;**

**AND THAT the agenda is approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS; AND READINGS - None OR ADOPTIONS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**DELEGATIONS**

FLNRORD Update – *Beth Eagles, District Manager Nadina Natural Resource District.*

- Apportionment decision, hoping it comes sooner than later

- Six vacancies and some position changes in the local office.
- One priority is wildfire risk reduction.
- The District Manager (DM) wants to work on building relationships with local organizations
- Lakes Resiliency Project update, four meetings have been held, worked on a Terms of Reference, and a BL community Forest presentation.
- The focus of the meeting next week is on silviculture and data management. Planning a face-to-face and field trip in the fall.
- DM Eagles will send council the TOR and committee membership.
- Discussion of the FIRPA overhaul.
- The Lakes Resiliency Project is a pilot and will be providing feedback to the Chief Forester.
- DM Eagles sits on the provincial steering committee.
- The village does not have a representative on the Lakes Resiliency of the Landscape Planning Committee.
- The village may receive regular updates.
- It was suggested the village have direct representation on the committees.
- The planning table is one part of the process.
- They have struggled to keep the committee to a reasonable size.
- DM Eagles will bring the participation request back to the project manager.
- Discussion of the coalition and difficulties the local coalition has been having.
- Not only is the coalition under the July/August deadline others are also.
- This timeline is difficult to achieve.
- This is just the initial engagement; the government has left the wording intentionally vague to leave it open for the engagement process.
- The mayor thanked DM Eagles for the update.

*Fire in Our Hearts - Josias Tchantz, Film Maker*

- Josias is a filmmaker originally from the Southside.
- 'Mutual Territory' was a successful film for Josias.
- 2018 fires are the theme of 'The Fire in Our Hearts'
- Delved into how the community came together.
- The film teaser was viewed 55,000 times
- He wants to be clear that the film is not anti-government.
- He has an interview book with Fire Chief Krause.
- The film will offer solutions for the future.
- Many people have brought up the Australian System that you may stay if you sign a form, and there is no liability.

- The footage is historical, containing footage of before, after and during and after the event.
- Self-funding is very difficult.
- He requires financial support to complete the film.
- The project overview document was shared with council.
- The social and economic benefits are outlined in the overview document.
- Potential to produce other films that promote the area.
- Looking for funding support for the film.
- There are still voices that need to be captured.
- Currently working with Creative BC.
- Council offered to provide a letter of support and will discuss the financial request later.
- Discussion of CBC funding.
- Discussion of the summary review and that it didn't feel neutral.
- The focus on the Southside was speaking to community members; others will be interviewed for the final product.
- The mayor thanked Josias for the presentation.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-07-13: 257**

**THAT June 29, 2021, minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted;**

**AND THAT June 29, 2021, minutes of the Special Meeting of Council be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

## **MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, CAO. REPORTS**

Mayor D Funk

- Mayor Funk attended the usual meetings.
- Communication regarding the Bulkley Lake wildfires was busy
- Attended a meeting with Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation's newly elected council.
- Attended All Children Matter event held at Spirit Square

Councillor White

- Attended the Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation meeting.
- Attended the Library meeting to adopt their safety plan

Councillor Bjarnason

- Noted that the shrub in front of the Old and Bold Coffeehouse is obstructing driver's view when turning on to Highway 16.
- July 1 attended the Canada Day Market at the Chamber of Commerce.
- Still looking for community members for the Northern Rural Division of Family Practice Committee.

- Attended the Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation meeting.
- The mural is looking amazing.

Councillor C. Rensby

- Attended Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation meeting.
- The Postman mobilized but was not required for the Bulkley Lake fire.
- From the Lakes TSA meeting, a resolution was suggested.
- Brian Frenkel will bring the resolution forward to UBCM.
- We have been putting out fires; not allowing them to burn increases the fire risk.
- Broadcast burning needs to be reconsidered.
- Discussion of permanent and variable areas of OGM zones.
- Could look at OGM as an alive ecosystem, not an area of fallen trees, which becomes a fire risk.
- Discussion of the outcomes the group is trying to achieve.
- Looking for more local decision-making power.
- If council approves, Councillor Rensby will send the resolution to the Fraser Lake CAO to tweak and submit to the next Fraser Lake Council meeting, it will then be forwarded to Brian Frenkel.
- Councillor Rensby has been invited to speak at the LNG Alliance virtual meeting on July 21. The main topic is economic reconciliation.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-07-13: 258**

**WHERE as wildfire activity has increased throughout the interior of BC, destroying communities and ecosystems;**

**Also, WHERE as much of the interior forests are a fire-based ecosystem with an average lifetime of 80 – 160 years.;**

**THEREFORE be it resolved that the province of British Columbia change legislation to recognize the respected lands as fire-based ecosystems;**

**AND ALSO, be it resolved that the province convene Local Forestry Councils, consisting of local government and Indigenous leaders, supported by local subject matter experts, to take swift action to mitigate the wildfire risk.**

**CARRIED**

It is moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-07-13: 259**

**As required, staff are directed to review and edit the proposed resolution submitted by Councillor Rensby regarding fire-based ecosystems and the forming of local forestry councils.**

**CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded Council:

**2021-07-0-13: 260**

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

**CARRIED**

## **REPORTS**

Multiplex Signage – *L. Jones Director of Recreation*

- Director Jones would like to keep the signage simple.
- Discussion of the options.
- A suggestion of layout number 2 with number 5 colours

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-07-13: 261**

**THAT Council directs staff to move forward with Option # 2 layout with #5 colours for the Multiplex main entrance sign and options for the other entrances in the same style.**

**CARRIED**

RCMP Statistics 2021 YTD - *for information*

- Council would like to see a trend line.
- How is the RCMP's capacity, and what are their challenges.

Communicable Disease Plan – CAO S. Worthing

- We have moved into stage 3, now need to replace the Safety Plan with a communicable Disease Plan.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2021-07-13: 262**

**THAT the Village of Burns Lake's Communicable Disease Plan be approved.**

**CARRIED**

Canada Day Market Booth Report – *for information*

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

None

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – ACTION**

RDBN Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1951, 2021

- AT this point, the RDBN needs to know whether the Village of Burns Lake supports the bylaw.
- What this does, is allows the village to become a partner with the RDBN and City West.
- This would not be a significant cost to taxpayers.
- This initiative will not affect other discussions.
- Discussion of Burns Lake’s taxpayer,
- The broadband will benefit the rural areas. Lakeside Multiplex support by the rural area was discussed.
- Grant-in-aid from area directors will be used for the rural contribution.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-07-13: 263**

**THAT the Village of Burns Lake supports the Reginal District of Bulkley-Nechako’s Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1951, 2021.**

**CARRIED**

*BV Airshed Society – support letter request*

- Discussion of air quality in the area.
- Discussion of the positives of having more monitors.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-07-13: 264**

**THAT staff are directed to write a letter of support for the BV Airshed Management Society’s project to install more pollution monitors in the region.**

**CARRIED**

Letter from Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills

- Discussion of the letter from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-07-13: 265**

**THAT Mayor Funk contact the Minister of Advanced Education to discuss the March 5, 2021 letter**

**CARRIED**

Modernizing Forest Policy – *virtual engagement session July 19, 9:00 – 11:30 am*

- The mayor could attend at a different time, another councillor could attend.
- The event is hosted by the provincial government.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-07-13: 266**

**THAT Mayor Funk requests a different time to attend the *Modernizing Forest Policy* virtual engagement session.**

**CARRIED**

Invitation to Meet with BC Assessment – *September 10 to 16*

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-07-13: 267**

**THAT staff are directed not to request a meeting with BC Assessment during the week of September 10 to 16.**

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

None

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – RECEIVED AND FILED**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-07-13: 268**

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

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – *BC's Restart Plan***
- b) NCLGA – *Board Highlights Report***
- c) Letter from BL COVID Community Support Committee – *Thank you to council.***
- d) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – *Sewage Treatment Plant Grant Denied***

**CARRIED**

Item (d) was brought forward by Council, disappointed at the grant not being approved.

**NEW BUSINESS** None

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** The municipal accounts of \$83,658.06, dated July 7, 2021,  
Were found to be in good order.

**READING FILES**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-07-13: 269** THAT July 9, 2021, Reading File be received:

1. Northern Health - Media Bulletin RE: Heatwave
2. Ministry of FLNRORD - Caution when outdoors
3. Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity - Virtual Conference 2021
4. Northern Health - Pre Pandemic Passenger Eligibility
5. Northern BC Tourism Association - Summer Tourism Season
6. Rivershed Society of BC - News From the Watershed
7. LCRB PD 21-14 Sale and delivery of mixed drinks off-site

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD -** None


**RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION –** None

**ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-07-13: 270** THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 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, July 13, 2021