



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council**

**September 28, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers**

Members Present: Mayor D. Funk  
Councillor H. Wiebe  
Councillor C. Rensby – left at 7:49 pm  
Councillor K. White  
Councillor K. Bjarnason

Staff Present: CAO S. Worthing  
DCO, V. Anderson  
Director of Recreation, L. Jones

Guests: Amy Wainwright, Plan North Consulting  
Eddie Huband, Lakes District News  
Jeff Rushton, Resident

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor 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"*

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-28: 305**

**THAT the Agenda for September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council is approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**3. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS AND READINGS OR ADOPTION**

3.a Fees and Charges Bylaw 1036, 2021

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-28: 306**

**That Fees and Charges Bylaw 1036, 2021 be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

3.b Northern Capital and Planning Grant Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw 1038, 2021

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-08: 307**

**THAT the Northern Capital and Planning Grant Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw 1038, 2021 be given first, second and third readings.**

**CARRIED**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITION – None**

**6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-28: 308**

**THAT September 7, 2021, minutes of the Special Meeting (5:00 pm) of Council be adopted;**

**AND THAT September 7, 2021, minutes of the Special Meeting (5:45 pm) of Council be adopted;**

**AND THAT September 7, 2021 minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**7. MAYOR, COUNCILLOR AND CAO REPORTS**

**Councillor Wiebe**

- Attended UBCM conference
- Attended NDIT RAC meeting. Northern Transportation fund was implemented and will expire in March of 2022.
- The NDIT Local Government Internship Program is accepting applications in October

**Councillor Rensby**

- Attended UBCM, participated in a good debate around forest policy.
- Was invited to participate in a radio show regarding forest policy. The station is out of Kamloops and will air on Saturday.

**Councillor White**

- Attended a portion of UBCM.

**Councillor Bjarnason**

- The committee is conducting a reevaluation of the Northern Interior Rural Division of Family Practice meeting times.
- Joined the Rural Resiliency project

### **CAO Worthing**

- The Third Avenue driveway issue will be fixed this week.
- Section 5, the Fraser Lake section is being shut down and moving to Huckleberry. Staff will follow up with CGL staff.

### **Mayor Funk**

- Thanked Council for attending UBCM, being virtual allowed for council schedules. Tourism was an informative session.
- Met with Minister Dix regarding the northern health situation. The message was to encourage the population to get vaccinated. Our area has a comparatively low vaccination rate.
- Thanked True Consulting and Plan North consulting for the successful information session regarding Village Heights.
- Encouraged everyone to encourage public awareness of Truth and Reconciliation Day on Thursday.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-28: 309**

**THAT the Mayor, Councillor and CAO reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **8. REPORTS**

### **8.a Red Cross Community Grant**

- The grant was approved, Director Krause is seeking approval to fund additional expenditures, if required, from the Protective Services budget.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-28: 310**

**THAT Council receives the Red Cross Community Resiliency Grant report and approves the additional expenditures from the Protective Services budget if required.**

**CARRIED**

8.b CNR Liquid Natural Gas Training

- Director Krause gave an overview of the course.
- The delivery of the course is the result of the previous meeting with CN representatives.
- Fifteen hours of training were delivered for VBL volunteer firefighters and firefighters from other communities.
- Dealt with various situations and learning proper techniques.
- A video was shown by Director Krause.
- Discussion of propane fires and program delivery.

8.c Request to Waive Development Variance Permit Fee

- Discussion of the waive of the amendment fee for DVP-2021-4
- Staff error led to the permit being approved for a garage and not a carport.
- Notification to residents will go out for the amendment.
- The variance approved was for a carport and the applicant was aware of this and the fees should not be waived.
- If the amendment for a garage came back to Council there would be a fee attached.
- The level of knowledge of the applicant was noted and the waiving of the fee should not be considered.
- The error is on staff; however, the applicant should shoulder some of the responsibility.
- Discussion of owner's right to construct on their property.
- The applicant addressed the meeting, he informed the council that he believes he followed the recommendation from the council by going to the building inspector to seek to build a garage instead of the approved carport.
- The applicant said that the RDBN building inspector gave the go ahead to build a garage.
- Discussion of the applicant's responsibility.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-28: 311**

**THAT the Development Variance Permit Amendment fee for DVP 2021-01 is not waived.**

**CARRIED**

8.d Non-profit Society Grant

- Discussion of bringing the grant specifics back for review.
- Staff will bring back a report as to the number of organizations that could benefit if the area was expanded to include non-profit organizations that deliver programming for Burns Lake residents.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-28: 312**

**THAT staff bring back a report outlining the potential for opening up the Non-Profit Society Recovery Grant to organizations within the Lakes District that deliver programming that Burns Lake residents participate in.**

**CARRIED**

**9. BUSINESS ARISING**

9.a 'Fire in Our Hearts'

- Feedback has been received that the film may be controversial.
- The film's tagline was discussed.
- Councillor Rensby discussed bringing supplies over to the southside and being refused entry.
- Councillor Rensby spoke to the events that happened.
- Discussion as to the strong language in the film and concerns were expressed as to whether a local government should be financially contributing.
- Council does not know what the final product is going to be, concerns whether a balanced approach will be taken.
- Discussion of the information that has been given to the filmmaker.
- Discussion of where the film timeline is at and other funding sources.
- This is not a reflection of the validity of what happened, but rather whether the project falls within the municipal mandate.
- Discussion whether this type of funding has been done before.
- Councillor Rensby spoke about his treatment by the Incident Commander for the fire.

Councillor Rensby left the meeting at 7:49 pm

- Discussion of the mandate of the Village of Burns Lake and whether a film project aligns with the mandate.

9.b Director of Financial Services Officer Vacancy

- This is a statutory position, and an interim Director of Finance must be appointed.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-28: 313**

**THAT Sheryl Worthing be appointed the Financial Officer as established in the Village of Burns Lake Officers and Employees Bylaw No. 908, 2010.**

**CARRIED**

## **10. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION**

### **10.a Regional District of Mount Waddington**

- Discussion of financial support for the Village of Lytton.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-28: 314**

**THAT \$1,779 be allocated from Comfor reserves to the Village of Lytton for recovery efforts resulting from the 2021 fire;**

**AND THAT a letter be written to the District of Mount Waddington.**

**CARRIED**

## **11. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND FILED**

- Council brought forward items (b) and (c) resulting in a resolution to support Langley City's request.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-28: 315**

**THAT original communications (a) through (e) be received and filed:**

- BC Paramedics – *update***
- Langley City – *Appointment to Regional District Boards***
- Langley City – *second email re Appointment to Regional District Boards***
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs - - *proof of vaccine update***
- Minister of Children and Family Development – *October is Foster Family Month***

**CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-28: 316**

**THAT a letter is written to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in support of the City of Langley's efforts to amend the *Local Government Act* to reflect how mayors or their designate are appointed to Regional District boards.**

**CARRIED**

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

**13. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**14. READING FILE**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-28: 317**

**THAT the September 23, 2021 Reading File be received.**

- 1. MCF ChildcareBC Engagement - Childcare BC New Spaces Fund**
- 2. BC Community Forest Association - 2021 Indicators**
- 3. Forest Enhancement Society of BC - Forestry Workers**
- 4. Rail Safety Week 2021 - News Release**
- 5. National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - September 30, 2021**

**CARRIED**

**15. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

**16. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS**

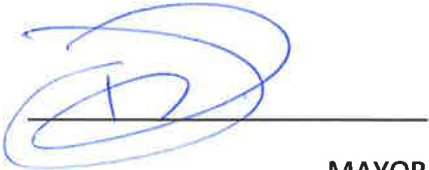


**17. ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2021-09-28: 318**

**THAT September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:55 pm.**



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the Budget Meeting of Council for the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021