



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council

October 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Members Present: Mayor D. Funk
Councillor H. Wiebe
Councillor K. White – via Zoom
Councillor K. Bjarnason

Staff Present: CAO S. Worthing
DCO, V. Anderson
Director of Protective Services, R. Krause

Guests: Amy Wainwright, Plan North
Eddie Huband - Lakes District News
Gord Pratt - FESBC
Ken Nielson - GM Chinook Comfor
Skyler Woodridge – Foundry Youth Advisory Committee
Randi Mondor – Foundry Youth Advisory Committee
Liz Phair – Foundry Youth Advisory Committee
Hannah Phair – Foundry Youth Advisory Committee
Ava Antoine – Foundry Youth Advisory Committee
Jeff Rushton - Resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

"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:

2021-10-12: 319

THAT additional information received be added to Section 8 REPORTS and item (a) be added to Section 9 BUSINESS ARISING;

AND THAT the Agenda for October 12, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council is approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS AND READINGS OR ADOPTION

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

DCO V. Anderson

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-10-12: 320

THAT the Northern Capital and Planning Grant Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw 1038, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

3.b 2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 1039 2021

Acting Director of Finance S. Worthing

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-10-12: 321

THAT the 2021 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1032, 2021 be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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*presiding member, use respectful language, not use offensive gestures or signs, and **only address current agenda items**. No person from the audience may address Council more than once during the Public Comment and Public Question Period.*

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITION

5.a Forest Enhancement Society of BC and Chinook Community Forest

Gord Pratt, FES BC

Ken Nielsen, Chinook Community Forest

- Gord Pratt gave an overview of the FESBC projects.
- Wildfire risk reduction is one of the goals of FESBC.
- \$357M in economic activity, including the multiplier effect, was created.
- 5.1M cubic meters of fibre has been used that typically would not have been utilized.
- \$900,000 was allocated for wildfire risk reduction, including work at Boer Mountain and southeast of town
- On the Southside, \$1.5M in reduction and rehab efforts were completed.
- Fire rehab by Cheslatta Carrier Nation was completed.
- Pinnacle Pellet received funding to utilize fibre, fibre that would typically have been burnt on the block.
- Ken Neilson described the current project that Chinook is undertaking.
- Verdun Fire August 5, 2018 destroyed 5,000 ha of Chinook's timber supply.
- The Shovel Creek fire also destroyed parts of Chinook's timber supply.
- Chinook received \$300,000 from FESBC for the Chicken Creek Hill project.
- Pictures of the stands before and after they were logged were shown.
- Chinook will be planting these areas in the spring of 2022.
- 2021 Chinook received \$500,000 from FESBC for rehab efforts on the Nadia Fire.
- The Verdun project created three months of work for the logging contractor and injected \$600,000 back into the community, \$33,000 to the crown in stumpage fees.
- There are economic, environmental, and social benefits to these types of projects.
- Council asked what the expected shelf life of the burnt wood is. As long as it stays standing, the spruce will be able to be salvage. If it falls, it rots quickly. Most of the spruce is close to the end of the shelf life.
- Natural regen is coming in good in some areas; however, it is too thick and will need thinning to become a productive forest.
- Tough decisions will have to be made to determine whether to leave the stands as is, allowing natural regeneration to occur, or to log and replant with Class A seedlings.

Mayor Funk thanked the delegation for their presentation.

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5.b The Foundry Youth Committee - Rainbow Crosswalk

- The Foundry Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was introduced.
- The members presented on how important the crosswalk is to area youth.
- Elizabeth began the presentation with a history of the request.
- Hannah spoke to the lack of services for LGBTQ+ individuals.
- A rainbow crosswalk will show support of the community for all residents.
- Skyler spoke to the location they proposed, the Progress Flag was shown, which includes white, pink, and blue stripes to represent transgender people and black and brown stripes to represent people of colour.
- Ava spoke, she is new to YAC, and she read out quotes from students.
- Ava noted that there are many unaccepting homes, and the crosswalk will help those in this type of situation to feel accepted.
- Skyler spoke about how the crosswalk will show support for the LGBTQ+ community and thanked Council for their time and consideration.

Mayor Funk thanked the students for the informative presentation.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-10-12: 322

THAT September 28, 2021, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

7. MAYOR, COUNCILLOR AND CAO REPORTS - None

8. REPORTS

8.a DVP 2021-01A (Rushton)

Amy Wainwright, Plan North

- Plan North representative spoke to the comments that were received.
- Council asked about the construction of a deck.
- The variance is for setbacks and not for the construction of the deck.
- Setbacks have not changed from the original application.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-10-12: 323

THAT Development Variance Permit Amendment 2021-01A for the property located at 487 4th Avenue to vary Section 7.2.6(a)(iii), reducing the exterior side yard setback from 5 metres to 0.61 metres for the construction of a garage be approved.

CARRIED

8.b Bylaw Enforcement Options

Director of Protective Services, R. Krause

- Director Krause spoke to how the Council would like to see how bylaws are enforced, either reactive or proactive. This is the first question that needs to be determined.
- Within the two options, Director Krause provided alternative options.
- Discussion of reactive enforcement.
- On page 41, the population of 3,627 was clarified.
- Taxation implications would be determined during the 2022 budget process.
- The tax implications will not be known until then.
- During the budget process, the Council could determine whether to move forward with bylaw enforcement options provided.
- Subject to be brought back to a closed meeting.

8.c September Fire Department Callouts

for information

- Discussion of September callouts being only slightly higher than average, and We are on pace for an average number of calls over the year.
- Might see a slight increase due to winter.
- Call break down: May, June and July medical calls were the highest call volumes. Since the end of July, medical calls have decreased.
- Overall medical calls are up slightly, the last quarter of the year will reflect the new Alpha cars coming on board.
- The 'new' paramedics have come from currently employed on-call paramedics who will now be full-time employees, and two paramedics have been hired from neighbouring communities.

8.d Heritage Site Designation Bylaw

CAO S. Worthing

- ~~Redoing the bylaw will take time and will be completed to allow for spring construction.~~
- The bylaw will set our parameters for changes to a heritage building.
- Our current bylaw refers to repealed legislation.
- The bylaw needs to be rewritten entirely and not delay BLNDC's project.
- Discussion of rewriting the bylaw to allow for modern building materials while keeping the heritage look.
- Staff will bring back a report.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-10-12: 324

THAT Staff be directed to draft an amended Heritage Protection Bylaw;

AND THAT the bylaw specifies types of alterations and establishes policies regarding alteration permits.

CARRIED

8.e Non-profit Society Recovery Grant Report 2

DCO V. Anderson

- Discussion of broadening the criteria to include non-profit organizations in the rural area.
- Discussion of changing the maximum amount for applicants whose programming is located outside the municipal boundary.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-10-12: 325

THAT the Non-profit Society Recovery Grant program accepts applications until December 31, 2022, or until the Fund is depleted, allowing for organizations that applied in 2021 to reapply;

AND THAT Staff are directed to change the Non-profit Society Recovery Grant eligibility requirements to include organizations located within the Lakes District that provide programming for Burns Lake residents;

AND THAT the maximum grant allowed for organizations located outside of the municipality is \$2,000.

CARRIED

9. BUSINESS ARISING

9.a City West - Fibre Network Installation Project

CAO S. Worthing, verbal

- CAO Worthing is compiling an application to be made to the Inspector of Municipalities.
- Staff require a council resolution to attach to the application.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-10-12: 326

THAT Council for the Village of Burns Lake approves the Fibre Network Installation Project;

AND THAT Staff are directed to compile the supporting information required to make an application to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

CARRIED

10. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION

10.a DRAX – Pinnacle – *Request to meet with Council*

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-10-12: 327

THAT Staff are directed to send Special Meeting date options to DRAX-Pinnacle representatives.

CARRIED

11. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND FILED

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-10-12: 328

THAT original communications (A) through (F) be received and filed:

- A. Cathy Peters - Human Trafficking**
- B. UBCM - 2020 resolution Information**
- C. Ambulance Paramedics of BC - invite to meet**
- D. Youth Parliament - Invitation to participate**
- E. Ministry of Municipal Affairs - Replay to July 26 meeting**
- F. VBL Media Release - CGL Funding Announcement**

CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS - None

13. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The municipal accounts of \$130,492.05, dated October 7, 2021, were found to be in good order.

14. READING FILE

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-10-12: 329

THAT the October 8 Reading File be received:

- 1. Letter sent to BC Hockey League - RE: Grant Application**
- 2. Coastal GasLink Construction Update - September 22, 2021**
- 3. LCRB PD 21-19 - Extending authorization**
- 4. Coastal GasLink - Statement from President Tracy Robinson**
- 5. LCRB PF 21-20 - Ten-year extension of the moratorium**

CARRIED

15. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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16. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS - None

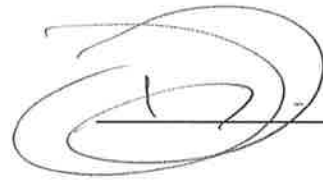
17. ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-10-12: 330

THAT the October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:05 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, October 12, 2021

