



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council

December 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Members Present: Mayor D. Funk
Councillor H. Wiebe
Councillor C. Rensby
Councillor K. White
Councillor K. Bjarnason

Staff Present: CAO S. Worthing
DCO, V. Anderson
Director of Recreation, L. Jones
Director of Public Works, D. Ross
Director of Protective Services, R. Krause
Director of Finance P. Anderson

Guests: Eddie Huband - Lakes District News

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Wiebe 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:

2021-12-14: 377

THAT the Agenda for December 14, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council is approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS AND READINGS OR ADOPTION

None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITION

None

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-12-14: 378

THAT November 23, 2021 minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted;

AND THAT the November 23, 2021 minutes of the Special Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

7. MAYOR, COUNCILLOR AND CAO REPORTS

Mayor Funk

- Attended a webinar on how local governments are promoting e-Bike usage in their communities.
- Received Artimus Gold project update, construction is starting next year. Potential jobs for community members
- Met with MLA
- Met with MP and discussed challenges facing Burns lake
- Presented long service awards to employees.

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Councillor Rensby

- Travelled to Victoria on November 24, met with a number of MLAs, made plans for rallies and public education.
- Attended forestry coalition meetings regarding Old Growth Deferral, wait and see at this moment.

CAO Worthing

- Attended twice a week meetings regarding the flooding down south. The state of Emergency was extended to December 28. Expecting that the Minister of Transportation will be providing an update tomorrow.
- Had a meeting with PAPC, they will be shut down from December 18 to January 10. Only critical staff will be at the camp.
- Laid-off workers will be returning
- Welcomed Pamela Anderson as Director of Finance

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-12-14: 379

THAT the Mayor, Councillor and CAO reports be received.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.a Fire Department Call-outs for November

Director of Protective Service, R. Krause

Director Krause, call volume is slightly up from the 5-year call average.

8.b Eveneshen Trail Report

Dale Ross, Director of Public Works and DCO V. Anderson

- Discussion that the Village needs to complete the suggested maintenance.
- Discussion of building a trail through Village Heights for mountain biking.
- Discussion of rebuilding the lookout.
- Discussion of how the Village became responsible for maintaining the trail.
- Discussion of public safety issues.

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- Discussion of liability for the Village of Burns Lake.
- The report will be given to MIA.
- Discussion of creating a trail maintenance policy.
- Discussion of maintenance and the possibility of trail users.
- The lower portion was built by the Rotary Club, the Rotary supplied material for the original trail.
- Discussion of deactivating the upper portion of the trail.
- The Eveneshen Trail is popular, the community would be disappointed if it was closed.
- Will add Eveneshen Trail to the Level of Service Survey.
- Discussion of the availability of the trail in town and the possibility of including snowshoeing.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-12-14: 380

THAT Staff are directed to report back, including the level of service, liability issues and potential partners for council's consideration of the Eveneshen Trail.

CARRIED

8.c Grant for Bus Service

CAO S. Worthing, verbal

- CAO Worthing provided an update to the funding opportunity for bus service within the community.
- CAO Worthing called a meeting with Tsil Kaz Koh, Lake Babine Nation, Northern Health and RDBN representatives.
- It brought out the need for a service.
- Discussion of people walking in the winter.

8.d 2022 Business Façade Improvement Program

V. Anderson, DCO

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-12-14: 381

THAT the Village of Burns Lake applies to Northern Development Initiative Trust for the 2022 Business Façade Improvement Program for reimbursement funding of up to \$20,000.

CARRIED

9. BUSINESS ARISING

10. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION

10.a Lakes District Fall Fair - Maintenance Assistance Request

- CAO Worthing and the Director of Public Works met to discuss the request.
- CAO Worthing shared the estimated costs, the summer students would not be available for the Fall Fair.
- Three summer students for 8 hours would be about \$1,000
- Grading would be about another \$1,000
- Volunteers do most of the work at the facility.
- Concerns over the maintenance of the ball diamonds.
- Total cost would be \$4,000-\$5,000 per year. The site is outside the Village boundaries.
- Discussion of liability issues.
- Discussion of the intent of the Regional District parks and Trails function.
- Discussion of suggesting the organization approach the RDBN.
- Discussion of the RDBN hiring summer students to complete maintenance

It was moved and seconded by Council:

IC 2021-12-14: 382

THAT Staff are directed to contact the Lakes District Fall Fair Board and direct them to the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Park and Trails function.

CARRIED

11. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND FILED

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-12-14: 383

THAT Original Communications (a) through (g) be received and filed:

- a) **RDBN Meeting Schedule**
- b) **BC SPCA - *changes to rodenticide regulations***
- c) **City of Pitt Meadows - *taxation benefitting railway and industrial operations***
- d) **FESBC - *forest enhancement projects update***
- e) **Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions - *Stop the Stigma***
- f) **The Link - *Fall/Winter update***
- g) **Coastal GasLink - *blasting notification***

CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS - None

13. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The municipal accounts of \$456,273.89 dated December 08, 2021 were found to be in good order.

14. READING FILE

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-12-14: 384

That December 10, 2021, Reading File be received:

- 1. **CN Donates \$100,000 to Canadian Red Cross to aid flood victims**
- 2. **Southside Health and Wellness - December Newsletter**
- 3. **Coastal GasLink Construction Update November 22, 2021**
- 4. **LCRB PD 21-22 authorizes non-medical cannabis retail stores to sell various items**
- 5. **LCRB PD 21-23 house-keeping and operational changes to the Rural Licensee Retail**
- 6. **LCRB PD 21-24 extends delivery sales to March 31, 2022**
- 7. **BC Conservation Foundation - Provincial Urban Deer Program**
- 8. **Forest Enhancement Society of BC - Learn about 65 funded projects**
- 9. **BC Community Forest Association - November 2021 Newsletter**
- 10. **Healthier Northern Communities E-Brief - December 2021**
- 11. **Rivershed Society of BC - Year-end goal of \$10,000 met**
- 12. **Northern BC Tourism - Research Update December 3, 2021**
- 13. **CN update - Restoration efforts to repair rail bed**

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14. CN Recognized with Prestigious "A" Score for Climate Change
15. Federation of BC Woodlot Association - Fall 2021 Communicator
16. Northern Health Community Update - December 8, 2021
17. BC Rural Centre - December 2021 Newsletter
18. Northern Health - Worship services allowed with vaccination

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15. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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16. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2021-12-14: 385

THAT the following Closed Meeting Resolutions are released to the public:

IC 2021-12-14: 148

THAT the Village of Burns Lake enters into an agreement with City West for the purpose of providing Fibre Network infrastructure within the Burns Lake's municipal boundary.

IC 2021-12-14: 150

THAT a Non-profit Society Recovery grant of \$2,500 is awarded to Burns Lake and District Chamber of Commerce, and \$3,000 is awarded to the Burns Lake Legion, Branch No. 50.

CARRIED

17. ADJOURN

It was moved and Seconded by Council:

2021-12-14: 386

THAT December 14, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:38 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, December 14, 2021