



**Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council**

**December 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

**Council Chambers**

**Members Present:** Mayor D. Funk  
Councillor H. Wiebe (Acting Mayor)  
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  
EDO, K. Guenter

**Guests:** Tyler Wilkes  
Patti Dube  
Heather Anichoski  
Garth Schienbein  
Brad Blackwell  
Eddie Huband, Lakes District News

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor H. Wiebe called the meeting or order at 6:30

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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**2021-12-14: 375**

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

**CARRIED**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. DELEGATIONS AND PETITION**

**5. REPORTS**

**5.a Eveneshen Trail Feasibility Review - Technical Memo**

- Tyler Wilkes gave an overview of the Eveneshen Trail Feasibility study.
- The direction was given to determine whether the Eveneshen Trail could become a blue-level mountain bike trail.
- Showed a map of 1.4 km trail noting VBL land and crownland portions.
- Since 2017 the Village of Burns Lake has had a management agreement with the province to maintain the trail.
- What is the trail meant to be and what is achievable? To be a blue level trail, the trail bed must be 1.2m wide
- The upper portion of the trail is steep.
- The grades for blue 8 -10%.
- 25% is the reality and is too steep to be considered for an intermediate trail.
- The trail is less than 0.8m in most areas.
- The lookout is unsafe and should be removed or rebuilt.
- Some areas have up to 90% slope and have sluffed.
- The lower area of the trail is milder and could meet the blue-level criteria.
- Flooding has occurred in the lower section.
- Without a significant amount of investment, the Eveneshen Trail is not suitable.
- There is value in keeping the trail open to the public.
- The priority items provided were discussed.
- A 13-metre long bridge over Saul's Creek is rotting and undersized and needs to be replaced.
- Other bridges on the trail should be replaced.
- Options for retaining walls and Gideon baskets were discussed.
- The lookout platform needs to be closed or replaced.

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- The trail is not feasible as a blue-level mountain bike trail, the cost would be too high.
- Had a discussion of the Village Heights as a possibility of a trail to downtown.
- Capturing tourism dollars by enticing riders into town.
- Recommendations of alternative routes into town.
- Garth Scheinbien commented that he liked the report there are some challenges to the trail, which makes it desirable to use.
- Councillor Rensby commented that the investment is low when compared to the value of the community.
- Mayor Funk thanked Tyler for the comprehensive report.
- It is unfortunate that it did not work out for a mountain bike trail.
- Liked the idea of bringing the trail down through Village Heights.
- Heather Anichikoski agrees with the maintenance ideas and supports the trail as it is easy to access.
- Brad Blackwell offered BC Wildfire manual labour to complete some of the maintenance required. BC Wildfire has completed other work on the trail over the years.
- Heather Anichiksoi suggested Rotary may help.

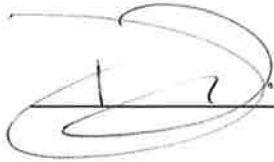
**6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

**7. ADJOURN**

**2021-12-14: 376**

**THAT December 14, 2021 Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 6:55 pm**

**CARRIED**

  
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 MAYOR

  
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 CORPORATE OFFICER

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council for the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021