



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Council

Date: March 8, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers

Pages

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**

Recommendation:

THAT the Agenda for March 08, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council is approved as presented.

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

3.a. Remuneration Bylaw 1040, 2022 7

Recommendation:

THAT Village of Burns lake Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 1040, 2022 be adopted.

3.b. Hen Keeping and Beekeeping Zoning Bylaw Amendment 9

Recommendation:

Option 1

THAT Village of Burns Lake Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1042, 2022 be given first and second readings;

AND THAT a public hearing be set for Tuesday April 5th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Option 2

THAT Village of Burns Lake Zoning Amendment Bylaw No 1042, 2022 not be considered

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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5. **DELEGATIONS AND PETITION**
None
6. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** 16
Recommendation:
THAT February 15, 2022, minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted
7. **MAYOR, COUNCILLOR AND CAO REPORTS**
Recommendation:
THAT the Mayor, Councillor and CAO reports be received.
8. **REPORTS**
- 8.a. Lakeside Multiplex Concession RFP 25
L. Jones, Director of Recreation Services

Recommendation:
Option 1: Council direct staff to enter into contract with Phyllis Thorkelson for the provision of concession services at the Lakeside Multiplex.

Option 2: Council direct staff to pursue alternative options for the provision of concession services at the Lakeside Multiplex.
- 8.b. GMHL West Contract Approval 27
L. Jones, Director of Recreation Services

Recommendation:
Option 1: That council direct staff to move forward with the contract with the GMHL West to bring a team to Burns Lake.

Option 2: That council opt not to sign an agreement with the GMHL West at this time.
- 8.c. Water Treatment Plant Project Overview
D. Ross, Director of Public Works

PowerPoint presentation
- 8.d. Center St. Sidewalk Project – Contract Award 29
Recommendation:
Option 1

THAT Council receives the ‘Center St Sidewalk Project’ report;

AND THAT Granite Excavating Ltd. Is awarded the ‘Center St. Sidewalk Project’ contract for up to \$686,934.35;

AND THAT expenses above the \$750,000 scope of change budget may be used from the Northern Capital Planning Grant allocation of \$250,000 for the Center St. Sidewalk Project to complete the sidewalk to 1st Ave.

Option 2

THAT the contract for the ‘Center St. Sidewalk Project’ is not awarded at this time.
9. **BUSINESS ARISING**

- 9.a. Budget Meeting Date
S. Worthing CAO, verbal

Recommendation:

THAT the budget meeting be set for March 14, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

- 9.b. DRAFT Resolution Suggestion for NCLGA - Food Security
Councillor C. Rensby

Whereas much of the province's food supply chain is routed and centred through the lower mainland, requiring goods to be transported long distances back and forth using fossil fuels;

And whereas, the catastrophic flooding in November 2021 showed great weaknesses in our supply chain and infrastructure:

Therefore be it resolved that the province make legislative changes to facilitate more local food production and retail across the province, allowing our supply chain to become more resilient, lowering carbon emissions, and encouraging local agriculture.

Recommendation:

Option 1

THAT Council supports the submission of the Food Security resolution to NCLGA.

Option 2

THAT Council does not support the submission of the Food Security resolution to NCLGA.

- 9.c. DRAFT Resolution Suggestion for NCLGA - Sex Offender Registry
Councillor C. Rensby

Whereas the Canadian Sex Offender Registry is maintained by the RCMP and is kept confidential, allowing offenders to live amongst unaware children and women;

And whereas 3.5 years after release, one-third of sex offenders are convicted of a new criminal offence, one-fifth for a violent crime, and one in ten are convicted of a new sexual offence:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM lobby the federal government to amend the sex offender registry act to allow the publication of the registry, and that registered offenders notify direct neighbours so that they may make informed decisions on the safety for themselves and loved ones.

Recommendation:

Option 1

THAT Council supports the submission of the Sex Offender Registry resolution to NCLGA.

Option 2

THAT Council does not support the submission of the Sex Offender Registry resolution to NCLGA.

- 9.d. DRAFT Resolution Suggestion for NCLGA - Healthcare Gaps in the North
Councillor C. Rensby

Whereas there are significant gaps in healthcare staffing in the north, causing long delays, health worker burnout, and capacity issues;

And where as northern post-secondary education health programs are filled with southern students, who return south after graduation:

Therefore be it resolved that the NCLGA lobby on behalf of northern residents to post-secondary institutions to accept more northern residents into health programs.

Recommendation:

Option 1

THAT Council supports the submission of the Healthcare Gaps in the North resolution to NCLGA.

Option 2

THAT Council does not support the submission of the Healthcare Gaps in the North resolution to NCLGA.

- 9.e. DRAFT Resolution Suggestion for NCLGA - Increase Healthcare Training Opportunities
Councillor C. Rensby

Whereas the government announced an increase in nursing school seats in recognition of staffing gaps across the province, there are also gaps in many of the other healthcare professions required to operate healthcare facilities;

Therefore be it resolved that the NCLGA lobby the province to increase educational opportunities for health sciences and healthcare technicians programs and to locate new training opportunities in north-central BC.

Recommendation:

Option 1

THAT Council supports the submission of the Increase Healthcare Training Opportunities resolution to NCLGA.

Option 2

THAT Council does not support the submission of the Increase Healthcare Training Opportunities resolution to NCLGA.

9.f. 2021 Census Data

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Recommendation:

Option 1

THAT staff are directed to email the BC Statistics Canada representative (kwong.wong@statcan.gc.ca) to request a formal review of the 2021 Census population data for the Village of Burns Lake and to set a meeting with the area's consulting analyst.

Option 2

THAT a formal review of the 2021 population census data for the Village of Burns Lake is not requested.

10. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION

10.a. FireSmart Conference - May 11 & 12 - Kamloops
S. Worthing CAO, verbal

Recommendation:

THAT _____ are registered to attend the FireSmart Conference 2022 in Kamloops, May 11 and 12.

11. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND FILED

Recommendation:

THAT Original Communications 11a through 11f be received and filed.

11.a. NDIT - Grant Writer Approval 35

11.b. Ministry of Municipal Affairs - February Meeting Synopsis 36

11.c. NDIT - Housing Incentive Funding Announcement 41

11.d. Wanda Wiebe - Opposition to LGBTQ Sidewalk 42

11.e. City of Cranbrook - Request to Province to Increase Funding for Libraries 43

11.f. BC Veterinarians- Dangerous Dog Legislation 44

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.a. Support for the Ukraine
Mayor D. Funk, verbal

13. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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The accounts payable of \$80,792.79 to March 3, 2022 were found to be in good order.

14. READING FILE

Recommendation:

THAT the March 4, 2022 Reading File be received and filed:

1. Coastal GasLink Statement – Morice River Worksite
2. Southside Health and Wellness Centre Calendar and Newsletter
3. Coastal GasLink Construction Activity Update – February 2022
4. BC Community Forest Association – February Newsletter
5. LCRB – PD 22-01 Updated policies for manufacturer picnic area endorsements
6. LCRB – PD 22-02 Extension of the temporary authority for direct deliver liquor
7. Northern BC Tourism Association - February News
8. Healthier Northern Communities E-Brief - March 2022
9. Northern Health Community Immunization Coverage
10. Northern Health Community Update
11. Office of the Fire Commissioner – New Deputy Fire Minister

15. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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16. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS

17. ADJOURN

Recommendation:

That March 8, 2022 Regular meeting of Council be adjourned at ___.



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE

COUNCIL REMUNERATION BYLAW NO. 1040, 2022

A Bylaw to provide guidelines for Mayor and Councillor remuneration.

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Act*, council may adopt procedures, conditions and amounts for Council remuneration and expenses;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake in an open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

Citation

This bylaw shall be cited as the '*Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake Council Remuneration Bylaw No 1040, 2022*'.

Principles

The following principles will guide council remuneration and reimbursement of expenses:

- a) Council remuneration is structured to recognize the importance of the publically elected positions and to provide reasonable incentives to attract and retain individuals to the positions.
- b) Council members are expected to conduct business in such a way as to optimize the value to the taxpayer.
- c) Council members should not use expenses charged to the Village of Burns Lake business to subsidize their personal or business activities.

Remuneration to Council Members

The annual remuneration for Mayor and Councillors shall be paid as follows, effective January 1, 2022:

Basic Remuneration:

- For the position of Mayor for the duties of office: \$29,182.40
- For the position of Councillor for the duties of office: \$10,926.40

Effective upon adoption of this bylaw, each council member's remuneration will be increased annually based on the previous year's Consumer Price Index (CPI) using the yearly average for the Province of BC as published by Statistics Canada.

If the CPI average for the year is zero or is negative (a decrease), the basic remuneration will remain the same as the previous year.

www.statcan.gc.ca/en/subjects-start/prices_and_price_indexes/consumer_price_indexes

Per Diem

The Per Diem rate for a Council member is:

- To be provided for out of town business only
- Paid as per the Village of Burns Lake Per Diem Policy

Other Expenses

Other expenses incurred by a Council member are to be paid as per the Village of Burns Lake Expense Policy.

Repeal

The *“Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake Council Remuneration Bylaw No.1034, 2021”* is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 01 DAY OF February 2022.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 01 DAY OF February 2022.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 15 DAY OF February, 2022.

ADOPTED THIS DAY OF , 2022

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

Certified to be a true copy of the “Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 1040, 2022”.



Village of Burns Lake Council Report

Date: 02/03/2022
To: Mayor and Council
From: Amy Wainwright, Planning Consultant
Subject: Hen Keeping and Beekeeping Zoning Bylaw Amendment

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

“That Village of Burns Lake Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1042, 2022 be given first and second readings; and

That a public hearing be set for Tuesday April 5th, 2022 at 7:00 pm”

Option 2

“That Village of Burns Lake Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1042, 2022 not be considered”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Zoning Bylaw Amendment has been prepared at the request of Council to permit and regulate the keeping of hens and bees in residential zones within the Village. A survey was conducted in the spring of 2020 that showed strong support for including these uses within the Village. Additionally, many other municipalities within the region permit various forms of “urban agriculture” to promote food security and local food sustainability.

This Zoning Bylaw Amendment will regulate the use, siting and density of hen keeping and beekeeping and associated structures. An amendment to the Dog Control Bylaw will also be required to regulate the responsible practice of hen keeping and beekeeping.

CAO COMMENTS

Reviewed and Approved by CAO Worthing

DISCUSSION

The practice of urban agriculture is not a new concept and has been adopted by other municipalities within our region. In particular, the keeping of hens and bees has many benefits, including improving food security and local food sustainability. While traditionally these uses have been relegated to rural areas, many municipalities have successfully implemented urban agriculture by allowing it in a restricted form. The regulation of these uses is important as it reduces the potential nuisance to neighbours.

In order to enforce both the use and the responsible practice of hen keeping and beekeeping, regulations must be incorporated into both the Zoning Bylaw and the Dog Control Bylaw. The Zoning Bylaw can regulate the use, siting and density of hen keeping and beekeeping and associated structures. The Dog Control Bylaw can regulate the responsible practice of hen keeping and beekeeping to ensure coops are kept clean and the hens and bees are responsibly cared for. This report presents the proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, as the process is lengthier than amending the Dog Control Bylaw, due to the public hearing requirement. A bylaw amending and renaming the Dog Control Bylaw will be presented for Council's consideration at the next Council meeting.

The proposed regulations are based on the community survey as well as staff research of other municipal bylaws. The primary purpose of these regulations is to minimize public nuisance. It is the intention of staff to follow up this bylaw with information brochures relating to best practices for hen keeping and beekeeping.

Hen Keeping

Hen keeping is proposed to be included as an accessory permitted use in the R1 (Residential Low Density) Zone. The Specific Use Regulation section of the Zoning Bylaw will contain hen keeping regulations, which include the following:

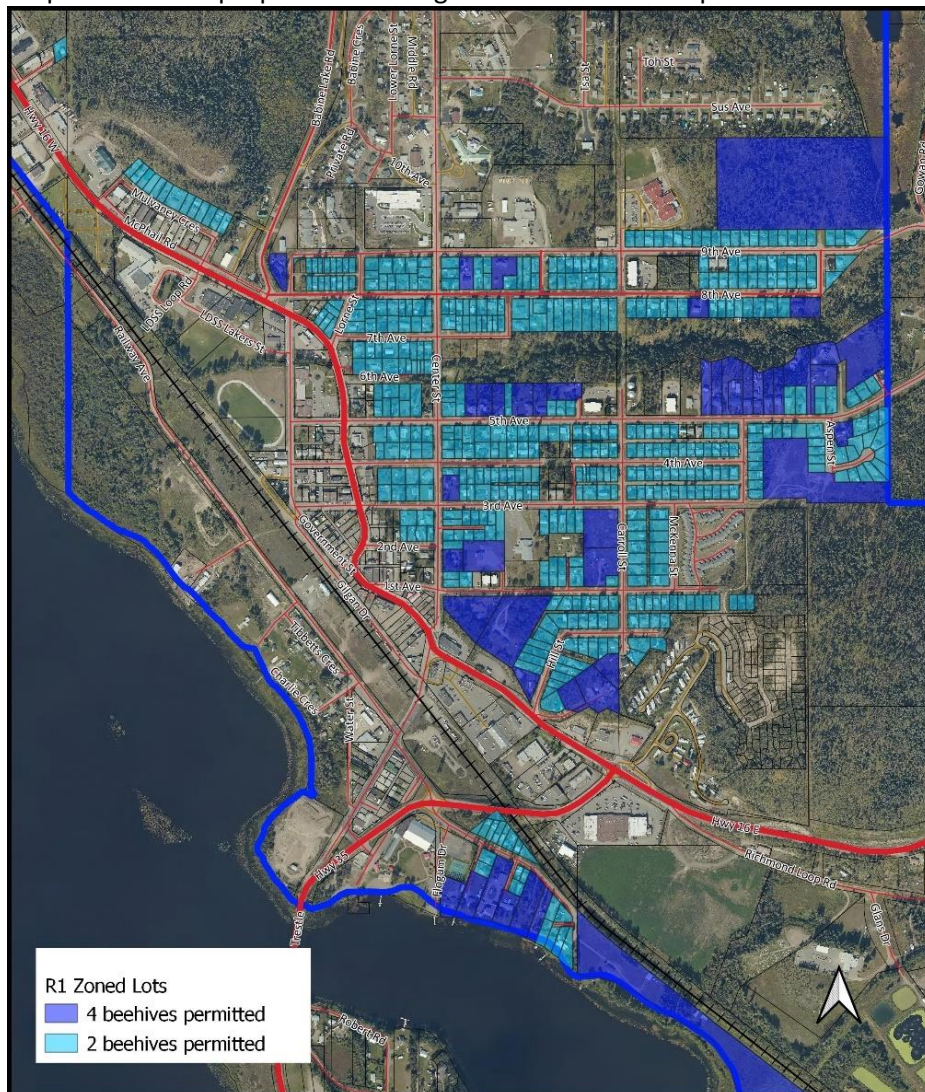
- Hens must be kept by a resident of the property
- Maximum number of hens is 6
- Roosters are not permitted
- Hens are for personal use only; selling eggs etc. is not permitted
- Slaughtering Hens is prohibited in the R1 Zone
- Hens must be housed within a coop that meets the following requirements:
 - Max floor area of 9.2 m² (100 ft²)
 - Minimum of 0.92 m² (10 ft²) of roofed outdoor enclosure
 - Max height 2 m (6.5 ft)
 - Must be located in the rear yard, which must be fully fenced
 - Must be set back at least 5 m (16.4 ft) from adjacent dwellings

Beekeeping

Beekeeping is proposed to be included as an accessory permitted use in the R1 Zone and the P2 (Park and Open Space) Zone. The P2 Zone was included to permit beekeeping on the Community Garden property located at the end of Nault Lane. The Specific Use Regulation section of the zoning bylaw will contain beekeeping regulations, which include the following:

- A maximum of four (4) Beehives are permitted on lots greater than 1830 m²;
- A maximum of two (2) Beehives are permitted on lots less than 1830 m²;
- The minimum setback for a Beehive is from any property line is 3 m;
- In the R1 Zone, Beehives shall be located only in the Rear Yard of the Lot, and the rear yard must be fully fenced in as not to allow predators to enter the yard.

Map of R1 Zoned properties showing number of beehives permitted



Beekeeping is a provincially regulated activity under the *Animal Health Act (AHA)* Bee Regulation. Anyone keeping bees in B.C. must be registered with the Provincial Apiary Office. It is also a legislated requirement to register the apiary locations where bees are kept. The primary purpose of this legislation is to assist the beekeeping industry in controlling diseases and pests. Best management practices by beekeepers often meet or exceed the requirements of the AHA.

BYLAW CONSIDERATION PROCESS

1st & 2nd Readings	Staff Report and Bylaw forwarded to Council for consideration of first and second readings.
Electronic Public Hearing (held via Zoom due to current COVID restrictions, with limited in-person attendance)	<p>Notification of the public by newspaper advertising.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper. The <i>Local Government Act</i> requires that the notice must be published in at least 2 consecutive issues of a newspaper, the last publication to appear not less than 3 days and not more than 10 days before the public hearing.
3rd Reading	Council considers third reading of the bylaw.
Adoption	Council considers adoption of the bylaw.



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE

BYLAW NO. 1042, 2022

A BYLAW TO AMEND "VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE ZONING BYLAW NO. 880, 2008"

The Council for the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1) Citation

- a) This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as *"The Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1042, 2022"*

2) That the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake Zoning Bylaw No. 880, 2008" be amended as follows:

- a) The following new definitions to be added to Section 2.3 Definitions, in alphabetical order;

"beehive" means a receptacle constructed and used for housing a bee colony;

"beekeeping" means the keeping of bees in accordance with the Provincial *Animal Health Act*.

"coop" means a covered enclosed structure to shelter hens;

"hen" means a female chicken;

"hen keeping" means the keeping of Hens in accordance with this bylaw;

"rooster" means a male chicken;

- b) The following new Section 4.8 Hen Keeping be added:

.1 Where permitted within a zone, Hen keeping must comply with the following regulations:

(a) Hens must be kept by a resident of the dwelling unit on the same Lot;

(b) The maximum number of Hens permitted is six (6);

(c) No Roosters shall be permitted on any property that allows Hen Keeping;

- (d) Hens are permitted for personal use only, and selling eggs, manure, meat, or other products derived from Hens is prohibited; and
 - (e) Slaughtering or euthanizing Hens is prohibited within the R1 Zone.
- .2 All Hens must be housed within a Coop that meets the following regulations:
- (a) A maximum floor area of 9.2 m²;
 - (b) Provide a minimum of 0.92 m² of roofed outdoor enclosure;
 - (c) The height shall not exceed 2 m as measured from the finished grade;
 - (d) Shall be located only in the Rear Yard of the Lot;
 - (e) The minimum setback from a dwelling on an adjacent property is 5 m; and
 - (f) The Coop must be in a rear yard that is fully fenced in as to not allow predators to enter the yard or allow the Hens to leave the yard.
- c) The following new Section 4.9 Beekeeping be added:
- .1 Where permitted within a zone, every person keeping bees and the owner of any lot on which bees are kept must comply with the following regulations:
- (a) A maximum of four (4) Beehives are permitted on lots greater than 1830 m²;
 - (b) A maximum of two (2) Beehives are permitted on lots less than 1830 m²;
 - (c) The minimum setback for a Beehive is from any property line is 3 m;
 - (d) In the R1 Zone, Beehives shall be located only in the Rear Yard of the Lot; and
 - (e) In the R1 Zone, Beehives must be in a rear yard that is fully fenced in as to not allow predators to enter the yard.
- d) The following new Accessory Permitted Uses be added to Residential Low Density Zone (R1) Section 7.1.3:
- (e) Hen keeping;
 - (f) Beekeeping.
- e) The following new Accessory Permitted Use be added to Park and Open Space Zone (P2) Section 12.2.3:
- (c) Beekeeping.



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council

February 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

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

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

Media Eddie Huband – 7:10 pm via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

“On behalf of Council, I would like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the area’s Six First Nations.”

Mayor D. Funk called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 35

THAT item 9 (d) be added to BUSINESS ARISING;

AND THAT the Agenda for February 15, Regular Meeting of Council is approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS AND READINGS OR ADOPTION

3.a Remuneration Bylaw 1040, 2022

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 36

THAT "Village of Burns Lake Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 1040, 2022" be given third reading.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITION -None

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 37

THAT February 1, 2022 minutes of the Special Meeting of Council be adopted;

AND THAT February 1, 2022, minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

7. MAYOR, COUNCILLOR AND CAO REPORTS

Councillor Rensby - The rally set for Thursday has been cancelled for a second time due to the federal Emergency Act being implemented.

Councillor Bjarnason - Submitted an application for the peer support network. The first preliminary meeting for the Centennial Meeting was held today.

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Mayor Funk

Councillor White and I attended the Geographical Naming seminar. Mayor Funk urged council to complete the survey.

Discussion of opening up chambers to the public in view of the recent announcement by the province, council is supportive.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 38

THAT the Mayor, Councillor and CAO reports be received.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 39

THAT the council chambers be open to the public as per current provincial COVID rules.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.a BL Public Library Request for Project Resolution

V. Anderson, *DCO*

- Discussion of the Foundry.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 40

THAT the Village of Burns Lake supports the Burns Lake Public Library's *Teen Room Project* application to NDIT's Community Places Program.

CARRIED

8.b 2021 Fire Department Annual Report

R. Krause, *Director of Protective Services*

- The 2021 Fire Department video was shared.
- For the first time, the highest percentage of calls were for medical assists.
- BC ambulance is having a hard time filling the unit Chief position.
- Logistic problems will continue until the last of the positions are filled.
- The fire department 5-year trend shows a steady call volume increase.
- Fire department volunteers participated in a professional driving course.
- The department had a busy holiday season.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 41

THAT the 2021 Fire Department Annual Report be received.

CARRIED

8.c 2021 Canada Census Population Data

Mayor Dolores Funk, *verbal*

- Discussion of population data decline of 6.7%
- Discussion of the accuracy of the information.
- Discussion with the mayors around the RDBN table some have noted that sections of their community have been missed.
- Some communities have gone out and collected their own data.
- The mayor would like to know if there is support to having a conversation with Stats Canada to see if there are holes in the data.
- Discussion of the numbers of people choosing not to participate.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 42

THAT staff contact Stats Canada an request a meeting to discuss the 2021 Census data with council.

CARRIED

8.d Centennial Celebration

V. Anderson, DCO

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 43

THAT up to \$25,000 is allocated from Comfor Reserves to the 100 Anniversary Celebration 2023 reserve for delivery of the 2023 centennial celebrations;

AND THAT \$10,000 is allocated from the 100 Anniversary Celebration 2023 reserve, for Tourism staff wages to organize and deliver the 2023 centennial celebrations.

CARRIED

8.e January 2022 Fire Department Call Types - *for information*

9. BUSINESS ARISING

9.a District of Stewart - BC Wildfire Petition

R. Krause, *Director Of Protective Services*

Brought back from the February 1, 2022 Regular meeting.

- The Stewart letter is a letter in support of the District of Lillooet's letter.
- The Lillooet letter was printed and given to council.
- Discussion of the wording of the Lillooet letter, clarity of the resolution was discussed.
- Discussion of federal and provincial assessment of wildfire issues in the province and Canada.
- Discussion of what the request by Lillooet is.
- BC Wildfire reviews at the end of each season, perhaps a request could be made to have a representative present to council

9.b COVID Relief Grant Allocations

- Clean up of resolutions for the budget.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 44

THAT \$16,230.47 be allocated from the COVID Relief Grant for upgrades to the technology in Chambers;

AND THAT \$7,700 is allocated form the COVID Relief Grant for implementation of eScribe.

CARRIED

9.c Appointment to Centennial Committee

S. Worthing, *CAO verbal*

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 45

THAT Councillor Kevin White be appointed to the 2023 Centennial Committee.

CARRIED

9.d Ministry of Citizen's Services - Broadband Internet Service Speed Study

- *Letter from Minister Lisa Beare*
- *CIRA study*
- *Internet Speed Study Summary*
- Discussion of what it means by being served.
- Discussion of home internet speed.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 46

THAT staff contact the Ministry of Citizen Services staff to request a meeting with the writers to clarify the Internet Study Report numbers for Burns Lake.

CARRIED

10. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION

10.a Beacon Theatre Fundraising letter of Support Request

The Beacon Theatre Board of Directors are seeking a letter of support from council for the exterior renovations to their building.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 47

THAT the Village of Burns Lake provide a support letter for the Lakes District Film Appreciation Society's project to complete exterior renovations to the Beacon Theatre.

CARRIED

10.b RDBN - UBCM Grant Resolution Request

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 48

THAT Village of Burns Lake supports the submission of a regional 2022 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Emergency Support Services grant application on our behalf by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN);

AND THAT if this grant is successful, the Village of Burns Lake agrees to the RDBN managing the grant and being the recipient of all grant funds.

CARRIED

11. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND FILED

- 11 a Old Growth Deferral Letter was discussed.

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 49

THAT Original Communications 11(a) through 11(h) be received and filed.

CARRIED

11.a Village of McBride - Old Growth Deferral

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- 11.b Thank you Council - Syndi Kutt Hairstyling
- 11.c BC Epilepsy Society - March 26 International Purple Day
- 11.d Girl Guides of Canada - request to light building in blue
- 11.e City of Victoria - Resolution regarding Quebec Bill 21
- 11.f Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Climate Change Mitigation
- 11.g BC Hydro - LGN Phase 2 Project Update
- 11.h DRAX Biomass Inc. - Adoption of DRAX Brand for Pinnacle Renewable Energy Inc.

12. NEW BUSINESS - None

13. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Accounts Payable to February 9 2022, were found to be in good order.

14. READING FILE

2022-02-15: 50

THAT February 11, 2022 Reading File be received:

- 1. Letter sent to Minister of Forests RE: Opposition to Proposed Stumpage Changes**
- 2. BC Community Forest Association – January 2022 Newsletter**
- 3. Letter send to BLNDC RE: National Indigenous People’s Day Celebration Parade**
- 4. Health Canada – Test your home for Radon**
- 5. Northern Health – Update February 9, 2022**
- 6. Northern BC Community Immunization Coverage Feb 9, 2022**
- 7. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Side Roads Restricted**

CARRIED

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audience may address Council more than once during the Public Comment and Public Question Period.

16. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS

None

17. ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded by Council:

2022-02-15: 51

THAT the February 15, 2022 Regular meeting be adjourned at 7:56 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, February 15, 2022



Village of Burns Lake Council Report

Date: March 8, 2022
To: Mayor and Council
From: Lewis Jones, Director of Recreation Services
Subject: Lakeside Multiplex Concession RFP

1. ISSUE

1.1. The Request for Proposals to operate the concession at the Lakeside Multiplex has closed, and a decision on awarding the contract needs to be made.

2. 2022 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Exercise social responsibility by supporting housing inventory for the community's diverse population and recreational opportunities that improve quality of life.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. In December 2021 The Bruins Den announced intention to end the current contract for concession services at the Lakeside Multiplex; this contract will conclude at the end of March 2022.

3.2. A Request for Proposals was issued on January 25, 2022 and closed on February 22, 2022.

3.3. One submission was tendered to the Village for consideration; the proponent is Phyllis Thorkelson.

4. TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE

4.1. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1.1. The rental of the concession space brings in \$18,000 annually to the Village.

4.2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

4.2.1. n/a

4.3. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IMPLICATIONS

4.3.1. Provision of concession services at the Lakeside Multiplex offers a service to the public and user groups for events year-round.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. The proponent has owned and operated restaurants along the highway 16 corridor for over 25 years, including Burns Lake Pizza since 2019.

5.2. The proposed menu will include burgers, sandwiches, salads and more.

5.3. Proposed hours of operation will be from 12:00pm until 8:00pm with additional hours to accommodate events in and around the Multiplex.

6. RELEVANT LEGISLATION – n/a

7. CAO COMMENTS

7.1. Reviewed and approved- S. Worthing CAO

8. RECOMMENDATION AND OPTIONS

8.1. RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1: Council direct staff to enter into contract with Phyllis Thorkelson for the provision of concession services at the Lakeside Multiplex.

Option 2: Council direct staff to pursue alternative options for the provision of concession services at the Lakeside Multiplex.



Village of Burns Lake Council Report

Date: March 8, 2022
To: Mayor and Council
From: Lewis Jones, Director of Recreation Services
Subject: GMHL West Contract Approval

1. ISSUE

1.1. Staff have come to a contract agreement in principle with the Greater Metro Hockey League West (GMHL) to operate at the Lakeside Multiplex for the 2022/2023 hockey season.

2. 2022 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Exercise social responsibility by supporting housing inventory for the community's diverse population and recreational opportunities that improve quality of life.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The GMHL West approached the Village to propose placement of a GMHL West team in Burns Lake for the upcoming season.
- 3.2. On January 18, Council directed staff to negotiate a contract with the GMHL West.

4. TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE

4.1. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1.1. Conservative estimates for rental revenues for the arena are predicted at over \$15,000 annually

4.2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS – N/A

4.3. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IMPLICATIONS – N/A

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. Director Jones and Mayor Funk Met with Steven Bayes, President of Burns Lake Minor Hockey Association (BLMHA) on February 2, 2022; as an organization, BLMHA is not supportive of the GMHL coming to town for a number of reasons:

5.1.1. The GMHL West is not “sanctioned” by Hockey Canada; concerns over accountability.

5.1.2. The GMHL is a for-profit league.

5.1.3. Concerns about insurance.

5.2. Staff met with representatives of the GMHL on February 7, 2022 to conduct a tour of the Lakeside Multiplex and to discuss questions regarding the contract and operations. They also answered concerns from BLMHA:

- 5.2.1. While not sanctioned by Hockey Canada, the GMHL West does have a volunteer board in place with procedures for oversight of the teams, and accountability measures in place.
- 5.2.2. The GMHL holds the same level of insurance that Hockey Canada offers, but sourced independently.
- 5.3. As a matter of due diligence, staff conducted a more thorough investigation into other municipalities' experiences with the GMHL.
- 5.4. Staff connected with 8 BC and Alberta municipalities (out of 11) with a current GMHL team (or an agreement in place for the upcoming season) in order to gage the overall experience of working with the GMHL and general reception of the team around town.
 - 5.4.1. Overall working relationships have been positive between teams and municipalities.
 - 5.4.2. Most have agreements to receive payment for facilities in advance to reduce risk of default to the municipality.
 - 5.4.3. Several noted the team's efforts to reach out and volunteer around the community.
 - 5.4.4. Most viewing it as a landlord/tenant agreement as they would with any other user group.
- 5.5. Staff also connected with 3 BC municipalities who considered proposals for the GMHL, but ultimately opted not to bring a team in at this time. Some of the reasons for not pursuing this were:
 - 5.5.1. Competing offers on the table that looked more attractive to the municipality.
 - 5.5.2. Opted to hold off for now until the GHML West is more established OR in hopes that a BCHL or Junior B opportunity may materialise.
 - 5.5.3. Some governing bodies were not comfortable with the business model or the unsanctioned nature of the GMHL West.
- 5.6. Standard procedure for booking ice time with the Village requires 3 key things: Insurance, payment of fees and ice availability. These will all be in place with this agreement, so from this standpoint, staff see no reason to reject the proposal.
- 5.7. Additional requests from the team can also be accommodated at no significant cost include: permission to serve alcohol at games (with appropriate licensing and Village-approved safety plan), and a designated dressing room & coach's office (for a monthly rental fee).
- 5.8. No additional capital improvements are required of the Village at this time for this agreement.

6. RELEVANT LEGISLATION – N/A

7. CAO COMMENTS

- 7.1. Reviewed and approved- S. Worthing CAO

8. RECOMMENDATION AND OPTIONS

8.1. RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1: That council direct staff to move forward with the contract with the GMHL West to bring a team to Burns Lake.

Option 2: That council opt not to sign an agreement with the GMHL West at this time.



Village of Burns Lake Council Report

Date: March 8, 2022
To: Mayor and Council
From: D. Ross, Director of Public Works
Subject: **Center St. Sidewalk Project – Contract Award**

1. ISSUE

The Village of Burns Lake submitted an RFP on BC Bid to receive quotes for the Center Sidewalk Project. The RFP included the installation of sidewalks, catch basins, storm drains, and benches from 9th Avenue to 1st Avenue.

2. 2022 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Good government that is financially sustainable and invests in infrastructure to serve the community

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. Council approved submitting an application in partnership with Lake Babine Nation to the Province of BC for the 2021 Active Transportation grant intake. Grant funding of \$500,000 was awarded to the Village of Burns Lake.

3.2. Staff submitted an RFP for the project to BC BID, four bids were received. The four bids are listed in section 5 of this report.

3.3. Financial **commitments** made to date by project partners:

- 2021 Active Transportation Grant - \$500,000
- Village of Burns Lake **up to** \$250,000 – Northern Capital Planning Grant resolution
- Lake Babine Nation - \$125,000

3.4. Estimated cost of the project assuming 100% of the contingency is used for construction:

Center St. Sidewalk - Scope of Change Budget Budget Based on using 100% of contingency included in RFP for Construction		
2021 Active Transportation Grant	500,000	
VBL committed up to \$250,000 from NCPG	125,000	
Lake Babine Nation	125,000	
Project Budget based on scope of work change		750,000
Granite Excavating Bid sub-total	624,486	
contingency 10% may or may not be used for construction	62,449	
Maximum construction budget from tender		686,934
If 100% of the contingency is used for construction a percentage of following expenses will be required from the NCPG allocation of \$250,000:		
Survey and Engineering	55,000	
Asphalt - estimate	63,000	
Road Marking - estimate	7,000	
Benches - estimate	6,000	
Total costs not incl. in tender package		131,000
Total estimated cost of all project related costs		817,934
Estimated use of funds allocated from NCPG above \$125,000. (\$250,000 - \$125,000 - 68,000 = \$57,000 remaining) Contingency for items outside of RFP package		-67,934
VBL Contribution	125,000	
Possible additional expenses to be covered	68,000	
Estimated project cost from NCPG	193,000	

4. TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE

4.1. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

4.3. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IMPLICATIONS

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. Four bids received:

- **Granite Excavating Ltd**

Subtotal: \$624,485.77
RPF Contingency: 62,448.58
Total: \$686,934.35 plus GST

- **Morben Construction Ltd**

Subtotal: \$678,778.36
RPF Contingency: 67,877.83
Total: \$746,656.19 plus GST

3. **Cutting Edge Projects Limited**

Subtotal: \$787,265.00
RPF Contingency: 78,726.50
Total: \$865,991.50 plus GST

4. **Terrus Construction Ltd. dba Canyon Contracting Company**

Subtotal: \$951,058.88
RPF Contingency: 95,105.89
Total: \$1,046,164.77 plus GST

5.2 Staff are seeking the support of Council to spend above the \$750,000 budget as submitted in the scope change for the 2021 Active Transportation grant. A commitment to cover the expenses (listed in 3.4) above the RFP amount will allow for sidewalk to be constructed from 9th Ave to 1st Ave.

5.3 If 100% of the RFP contingency is not required for construction, the unused amount will be used for expenses listed in the budget in section 3.4 of this report, reducing the contribution by the Village of Burns Lake above \$125,000.

5.4 Constructing the Center St. sidewalk to 1st Ave will tie in with the sidewalk completed in 2020 on 1st Ave, versus reducing the length and the expense of the project by stopping on 3rd or 4th St.. A positive of tying into 1st Ave is the potential to divert foot traffic away from the busy Home Hardware intersection.

6. RELEVANT LEGISLATION

7. CAO COMMENTS

7.1. Reviewed and approved- S. Worthing CAO

8. RECOMMENDATION AND OPTIONS

Option 1

THAT Council receives the 'Center St Sidewalk Project' report;

AND THAT Granite Excavating Ltd. Is awarded the 'Center St. Sidewalk Project' contract for up to \$686,934.35;

AND THAT expenses above the \$750,000 scope of change budget may be used from the Northern Capital Planning Grant allocation of \$250,000 for the Center St. Sidewalk Project to complete the sidewalk to 1st Ave.

Option 2

THAT the contract for the 'Center St. Sidewalk Project' is not awarded at this time.



Village of Burns Lake Council Report

Date: March 8, 2022
To: Mayor and Council
From: V. Anderson, DCO
Subject: **2021 Census Data**

1. ISSUE

During February 15, 2022, regular meeting council passed a resolution requesting staff contact Stats Canada to request a meeting to discuss the 2021 population figure for the municipality.

2. 2022 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES Not Applicable

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The 2021 population data for the municipality decreased from 1,779 (2016) to 1,659 (2021), a 6.7% decrease in population. The census data was collected in May of 2021.
- 3.2. RDBN rural areas saw a 21.3% decrease in the overall population. Area B - 9.5% decrease and Area E – 5.1% decrease.
- 3.3. Statistic Canada Policy for a formal review request is attached. The formal review deadline is December 31, 2022.

4. TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE

- 4.1. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
- 4.2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS
- 4.3. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IMPLICATIONS

5. DISCUSSION

- 5.1. Staff spoke with the BC Representative for Statistic Canada. The Village of Burns Lake may email the BC representative directly if the council decides to request a formal review.
- 5.2. To be included in the email is the list of reasons that council believes the population numbers are incorrect. Evidence can be anecdotal such as there is a housing shortage in the community, and the expectation was that the population would increase from the 2016 census. If the review moves further along in the process, Statistics Canada may require information such as dwelling counts or building permit numbers or other types of information.

5.3. The BC representative suggested that if a review was requested by council, the municipality could be put in contact with the area's consulting analyst to explain the methodology, response rate, and imputed numbers used to collect the data.

6. RELEVANT LEGISLATION

7. CAO COMMENTS

7.1. Reviewed and approved- S. Worthing CAO

8. RECOMMENDATION AND OPTIONS

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9.1. RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1

THAT staff are directed to email the BC Statistics Canada representative (kwong.wong@statcan.gc.ca) to request a formal review of the 2021 Census population data for the Village of Burns Lake and to set a meeting with the area's consulting analyst.

Option 2

THAT a formal review of the 2021 population census data for the Village of Burns Lake is not requested.



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February 11, 2022

Village of Burns Lake
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Attention: Mayor Dolores Funk

**Subject: 2022 Grant Writing Support Funding
Northern Development Project Number 7898 20**

The Northern Development Initiative Trust board appreciates your interest and application to the 2022 Grant Writing Support program. The purpose of this funding is to provide grant writing support for priority community projects and to provide assistance to non-profits and First Nations located in or near your community. We are pleased to advise you that your application has been approved for a rebate grant up to \$8,000 toward a community grant writing position during the 2022 calendar year, **pending your notification to Northern Development of the person hired in this position by June 30th**. This position should be filled by a local candidate with the writing skills to meet the requirements of the program. Northern Development is flexible as to when you contract or hire these services during 2022.

The Village of Burns Lake must submit a completed Grant Writing Support program reporting form which can be found on Northern Development's website at www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/capacity-building/grant-writing-support/. This report must verify a minimum of \$10,500 in wages or contract payments and a minimum of \$200,000 of grant applications during the approved calendar year. The minimum requirements must be met in order to receive the full \$8,000 rebate. Complete reporting is due by February 28, 2023.

The Northern Development Board wants to see the Village of Burns Lake reach its economic potential and we look forward to being a partner in that endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel McKay", written over a white background.

Joel McKay
Chief Executive Officer

- c: Sheryl Worthing, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Burns Lake
- Val Anderson, Deputy Corporate Officer, Village of Burns Lake



February 18, 2022

Ref: 269578

Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia
Attendees of the February 2022 Regional Meetings with Minister Josie Osborne

Dear Mayors and RD Chairs:

Thank you for taking the time to join Minister Josie Osborne for the February 2022 regional meetings. As Minister Osborne said, these meetings continue to be a great opportunity to hear from you about key issues and initiatives in your communities and for you to hear from each other and share your experiences.

Minister Osborne addressed a number of topics during the meetings, including updates on flood response/recovery, COVID-19, local government finance review, and a few funding opportunities. This email provides links and resources to the topics addressed.

Flood Response/Recovery

As you all well know, the atmospheric river weather events in November caused floods and landslides crippling critical transportation infrastructure, causing extensive losses to the agricultural sector; prompting the evacuation of over 17,000 people; and the tragic loss of five lives.

Local, provincial, and federal governments and our partners, including First Nations and NGOs, are working with affected communities. While some communities have moved into flood recovery, we heard during the meetings how others are still struggling with flood response issues.

Through all of this we have all been keeping in mind the human aspect of this emergency and the toll it has taken on the physical and mental wellbeing of you and your staff. I continue to be humbled and impressed by the flexibility and resilience of local government officials and staff during this difficult time, recognizing the incredible hard work you are doing, dealing with so many “on the ground” issues. Across the Ministry, we also were impressed by the inter-community support across BC that is happening, communities offering support to their colleagues whether in the EOCs or in the field with repairs.

This event has challenged all of us, but we are leveraging the relationships and learnings gained from this experience, recognizing that climate related events like the ones we experienced in 2021 will most likely happen again.

2022 Spring Freshet and Snow Survey

The February 1st snow survey is now complete and the full report is [available online](#) and a map of the current snow basin indices can be found [here](#).

Generally, the province has above normal snowpack for this time of the year, with the average of all snow measurements across the province at 110%. Seasonal weather forecasts from late January by Environment and Climate Change Canada indicate an increased likelihood of colder than normal temperatures from February through April for the entire province. There is an increased likelihood of greater than normal precipitation in the Northeast, Peace and Upper Fraser East for February to April, whereas there is a greater probability of below normal precipitation for Vancouver Island and the South Coast.

The River Forecast Centre will continue to monitor snowpack conditions and will provide an updated seasonal flood risk forecast in the March 1st, 2022, bulletin, which is scheduled for release on March 8th, 2022.

COVID-19 Update

[Easing Restrictions](#)

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced earlier this week that starting on February 17, 2022, many province-wide restrictions will be eased. With proof of vaccination and masks as well as COVID-19 safety plans in place where applicable, these activities can return to normal.

This includes no restrictions on indoor and outdoor personal gatherings, full capacity allowed for indoor and outdoor organized events, indoor events at venues, exercise and fitness, adult sports activities, tournaments and swimming pools, full capacity and fewer restrictions in restaurants, bars, pubs, and nightclubs, including no limits on table size, normal liquor service hours, customers don't have to remain seated, and dancing is allowed when wearing a mask indoors.

Restrictions and safety measures that remain in place will be reviewed in March and April 2022. [Masks](#) continue to be mandatory for all indoor public spaces. The requirement to [show proof of vaccination](#) to access many businesses, events, and services also remains in place.

Local Government Meetings and Public Hearings

The easing of restrictions does not significantly impact local government business (including meetings and public hearings) as these essential functions have already been exempt from the restrictions under the Gatherings and Events Order, including in-person attendance at open meetings.

Local governments' decisions around electronic or in-person public attendance will depend on the unique circumstances in each community. Based on individual community needs, this could include a hybrid of virtual and in-person attendance at meetings. Local governments are encouraged to review their meeting rules and update them accordingly.

I would encourage local governments to continue considering enhanced safety measures where in-person attendance is required to support the health and safety of staff and the public. Note that proof of vaccination still does not apply to public attendance at local government meetings.

COVID-19 Safety Plans

On January 7, 2022 Dr. Bonnie Henry announced an order requiring employers (which includes local governments) to re-activate their COVID-19 Safety Plans to reduce the spread of the highly transmissible Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus and the [Workplace Safety Order](#) has been posted on the government website. Note that this order does not have an expiry date and remains in force until repealed.

WorkSafe BC has provided guidance on reactivation or development of these plans and further information can be found on the [WorkSafe BC website](#). As a reminder, COVID-19 Safety Plans are formal, written plans with more rigorous controls than communicable disease prevention plans and are more appropriate for periods of elevated risk.

I recognize that many of you had COVID-19 Safety Plans earlier in the pandemic, and you may have maintained all or many of the measures from your COVID-19 Safety Plans. WorkSafe BC strongly recommends reviewing your COVID-19 Safety Plans to ensure that they are current and aligned with all guidance and orders from the Provincial Health Officer.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses](#)

People 12 years and older will get a booking invitation 6 months after the date of their second dose for a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Please encourage your residents to get a booster dose as this is helping to protect your communities from COVID-19 and vaccination continues to be our primary protective measure.

Keep watching [BC's Response to COVID-19](#) website for updates, and please encourage your residents to do the same.

[Local Government Finance Review](#)

In January 2022, Municipal Affairs Minister Josie Osborne, Finance Minister Selina Robinson, and UBCM President Laurey-Anne Roodenburg signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) (MOU) on local government financial resiliency.

Over the past several years, local governments have been faced with multiple new financial challenges around the costs of attainable housing, community safety, and climate change. The Province and UBCM will work together to review the local government finance system in BC to ensure that local governments remain resilient in the face of economic changes. This will include discussions about cost pressures local governments may be experiencing around attainable housing, community safety and climate change, and the impact of the new economy. These issues were identified in a UBCM membership-endorsed [report](#) and published in August 2021. The report included 20 recommendations that focused on strengthening the municipal and regional district finance system.

Progress under the MOU will be made through the creation of a Local Government Financial Review Working Group made up of staff from the Province and UBCM. The working group will review the recommendations and develop a work plan for short, medium, and long-term consideration.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Update

Environmental Quality Program

The final intake for the **ICIP Environmental Quality Program** has been **extended to February 23, 2022, at 4 pm PST**. Program information can be found at: www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program

As a reminder, the Environmental Quality Program is focused on infrastructure that will support quality and management improvements for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater. It will also support projects that remediate contaminated sites and divert solid waste from landfill.

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that add value around environmental protection, resource recovery and reuse, climate change adaptation and mitigation and energy efficiency, generation, and recovery. A water conservation plan is a requirement for any drinking water and wastewater projects.

CleanBC Communities Fund

The third intake for the **ICIP CleanBC Communities Fund** is now open for applications **until May 25, 2022, at 3:00 pm PST**. This intake supports projects starting in 2023 and must be completed by March 2027. Program information can be found [here](#).

The CleanBC Communities Fund is a foundational component of the province's CleanBC plan, which puts BC on the path to a cleaner, better future with a low-carbon economy that creates opportunities for all while protecting our clean air, land, and water.

It funds infrastructure projects that reduce Canada's net greenhouse gas emissions and provide "public use for benefit". The four project outcomes are energy efficiency of buildings, generation of clean energy, management of renewable energy, and access to clean energy transportation.

The CleanBC Communities Fund is a collaboration between the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in close partnership with Infrastructure Canada.

Please email infra@gov.bc.ca to get connected to a program team member who can respond to your questions.

Strengthening Communities' Services Program

The second intake for the **Strengthening Communities' Services Program** opened on February 8, 2022 and **will accept applications until April 22, 2022**. This means that communities can continue to respond to peoples' unique needs, especially those who are most vulnerable.

The fund is open to all local governments and modern Treaty Nations to support unsheltered homeless populations and address community impacts caused by COVID-19. For the second intake, the program guidelines have been updated to clarify that supports to address extreme weather events, such as temporary warming and cooling centres, are eligible for funding. Although these services were eligible during the program's first intake, the guidelines did not specifically mention them.

UBCM is administering the program on behalf of the province. For more information visit the [UBCM website](#).

The next round of regional meetings will take place during the first week of March. Minister Osborne will be joined by Minister Beare to provide an update on connectivity. Minister's Office staff will have been in touch this afternoon with invitations to the next meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Faganello', with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

Tara Faganello
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Chief Administrative Officers
Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, President, UBCM
Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM
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Todd Pugh, Executive Director, CivicInfo BC

February 25, 2022

Village of Burns Lake
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Attention: Mayor Dolores Funk

**Subject: Burns Lake Northern Housing Incentive
Northern Housing Incentive Program
Northern Development Project Number 7772 50**

Northern Development Initiative Trust was created by the Province to be a catalyst for central and northern B.C. to grow a strong diversified economy by stimulating sustainable economic growth through strategic and leveraged investments.

I am pleased to advise you that the Northern Housing Incentive application from the Village of Burns Lake for the 'Burns Lake Northern Housing Incentive' project was approved for a grant up to \$120,000 from the Northwest Regional Development Account on February 23, 2022.

This approval is open for a period of 12 months from the date of approval, during which we expect a funding agreement signed with Northern Development and the project commenced. Our staff will be in touch with you regarding the funding agreement.

We wish you every success and look forward to seeing the positive impact your project has on the local economy.

Sincerely,



Joel McKay
Chief Executive Officer

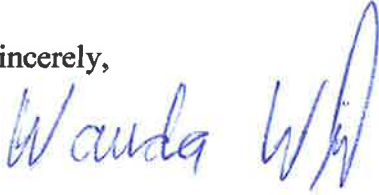
- c: Sheryl Worthing, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Burns Lake
- Val Anderson, Deputy Corporate Officer, Village of Burns Lake
- Ken Guenter, Economic Development Officer, Village of Burns Lake

To Mayor and Council,

February 28, 2022

I am writing this letter in regards to the LGBTQ crosswalk. It would be offensive to me and many people in Burns Lake. We are tax payers. We are not a LGBTQ community. We have people from that persuasion in our community but they are the minority, and we have many persuasions. I am a Christian and I'm not the only one in Burns Lake, so then we should also have a Christian crosswalk.

Sincerely,



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March 1, 2022

File No. 0400.50

Dear AKBLG member local governments,

Re: Request for Provincial Government to increase its funding to public libraries

On behalf of Cranbrook City Council, I am writing to share the City of Cranbrook's resolution regarding public library funding from the Provincial Government.

The City of Cranbrook endorsed the following resolution which calls for the UBCM to lobby the Province / Ministry of Municipal Affairs to increase its public library funding to address regulatory requirements as well as offsetting the inflationary increases to operating costs. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas libraries in British Columbia are largely funded by the property tax base of local governments, and provincial library funding has remained stagnant for the past 13 years;

And whereas public libraries are central to communities, providing equitable access to vital resources, including internet, computers, digital library tools, and in-person services from expert staff;

And whereas public libraries provide British Columbians with low-barrier services, that support job seekers and small businesses, that increase literacy in communities, that advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and that promote equity and inclusion;

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of BC be requested to immediately increase funding to public libraries in BC and to provide long-term sustainable funding, including regular increases, in future years.

We are requesting consideration and a motion of support from all AKBLG member local governments for submission of a motion for debate at the 2022 UBCM convention.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to reach out should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Peabody".

Mike Peabody
Acting Mayor

MP/kt

Copy: Cranbrook City Council
Mark Fercho, CAO
Marnie Dueck, City Clerk/Corporate Officer



March 1, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you for reading our letter. We are the Society of BC Veterinarians (SBCV), the voice of veterinarians in BC. We are the member service (not regulatory) organization providing education, advocacy, and public awareness activities as well as our evidence-based activities supporting and promoting animal health and welfare.

Over the past few years, we have been very involved in the issue of dangerous and aggressive dogs, as defined in the Community Charter and in the Vancouver Charter. We have consulted with the City of Vancouver and with the national Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA, of which we are an independent chapter) and others on this sensitive and important issue.

The CVMA just released an updated (February 2022) national position statement on Legislation Concerning Dangerous Dogs. You can find this document [linked here](#).

The SBCV is of the view, which was clearly expressed in documents filed in the BC Court of Appeal (as an Intervenor for the “Punky case” regarding dangerous dog status) that in BC, a veterinarian must be consulted and must examine the dog prior to receiving a designation of a dangerous dog, in order to make a proper and legitimate assessment and diagnosis for that dog.

There are compelling reasons supporting our view.

1. In BC, the Veterinarians Act allows only veterinarians who are registrants of the College of Veterinarians of BC (CVBC), our regulatory body, to practice veterinary medicine which is defined as the following: “The diagnosis and treatment of animals for the prevention, alleviation or correction of disease, injury, pain, defect, disorder, or other similar condition.” Any person who is not a registrant who diagnoses an animal may be guilty of unauthorized practice. There are more than 1,800 veterinarians in practice in BC, many of which conduct behavioural examinations for dogs and develop treatment plans, as part of their normal practice. These veterinarians often utilize prescription medications to aid in the treatment of these animals. It is important to note that veterinarians are the only professionals which are legally permitted to prescribe prescription medications to animals.

2. In BC, as of today's date, there are only two Board-certified veterinarian behaviourists (DVMs -Doctors of Veterinary Medicine - who are Board-certified Diplomates in Behaviour from the ACVB; also called veterinary behaviourists). One is Dr. Karen Van Haaften, who works for the BC SPCA and the other is Dr. Patricia Pryor, who we understand is retired. We expect to see a third Board-certified veterinarian behaviourist in the near future. Board certification occurs after completion first of a DVM degree and then after several additional years of specialty training, when their role is to advance the behavioural health of animals through clinical practice, research, and science-based behaviour education. Board-certified veterinarian behaviourists are trained to address the relationships between an animal's health, environment, experiences, and its behaviour. These Board-certified veterinarian behaviourists have extensive knowledge of psychotropic medications, their uses, potential side effects, and interactions with other medications, and are licensed to prescribe them when indicated.
3. Both Board-certified veterinarian behaviourists and many companion animal veterinarians have sufficient skill and experience to examine, diagnose, and treat behavioural issues in dogs, and have referral networks that include specialists, trusted dog trainers, and others.
4. As stated by the CVBC, the problem is that "Many persons in BC, who are not veterinarians, profess to have special skill, knowledge or qualifications in the area of veterinary medicine. The unauthorized practise of veterinary medicine poses a risk to the public and its animals. The public interest requires that there be a means to not only regulate who is qualified to offer, but also regulate the quality of the services offered."

It is clear that anyone else who claims expertise in animal behaviour but who is not a veterinarian is not legally permitted to diagnose and treat an animal. Examination and diagnosis typically include a hands-on examination of the animal as well as an investigation into the animal's history, behaviour, symptoms, laboratory tests or other required diagnostics; a non-veterinarian (including a trainer with behavioural certification or a PhD who is not a DVM) is only permitted to do an assessment. An assessment cannot legally include any examination with a resulting diagnosis and treatment. An assessment is a collection of observations of an animal's actions without the requisite medical knowledge and interpretation. Anyone can perform an assessment. The SBCV suggests that without a veterinarian's professional knowledge, skill, and involvement, which may include reviewing determinations from another non-DVM's assessment, there has not been sufficient investigation into an animal's health and resulting behaviour to warrant a proper accurate diagnosis and designation of a dangerous dog.

5. Dangerous or aggressive dog designations may lead to euthanasia or strict changes in care and access to public places. Euthanasia is a permanent and final resolution to behavioural issues which may stem from a treatable problem such as pain. In many cases, physical pain, cognitive dysfunction, or some other malady may be present and may lead, directly or indirectly, to aggressive behaviour. In rare cases, aggression may be the result of a serious zoonotic disease such as Rabies. This particular disease is becoming more prevalent in Canada, with the importation of dogs from other countries, and has significant repercussions on all individuals who had contact with this animal. Without a veterinarian involved in every case, proper diagnosis would be impossible.

Only a veterinarian has the training, knowledge, experience, and legal authority to make such a determination; and the correct use of behaviour modifications, whether pharmacological or training or a combination thereof, which may diminish or resolve the aggressive behaviour. A destruction order made in the absence of a complete physical examination, behavioural assessment, and diagnosis by a veterinarian, and made without thoroughly canvassing other rehabilitative options such as training, medication, or alternative methods of providing appropriate care for the dog, may unnecessarily sacrifice animal life as well as welfare considerations.

6. The question of whether a dog is dangerous enough to warrant its destruction engages the interests and priorities of the SBCV and its members. These include promoting the health and welfare of animals and safeguarding the health and well-being of the public. The SBCV takes an empirical, animal-centric position and says that a dog's welfare should not be fodder for an adversarial system, but instead be the subject of a medically-sound examination and diagnosis which would include the dog's prospects for rehabilitation.

We are happy to share with you the national CVMA position statement of Legislation Concerning Dangerous Dogs. Should you wish additional information, we are happy to provide it. We urge you to consider the CVMA position statement and the law in BC and to include a veterinarian's examination, diagnosis, and treatment plan prior to the designation of a dog as dangerous or seriously aggressive.

Sincerely,



Dr. Al Longair, President
CVMA-SBCV Chapter Board of Directors

VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE
Cheque Register-Summary-Bank



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