



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, January 07, 2020 AT 6:15 PM

PRESENT

Mayor D. Funk
Councillor Wiebe
Councillor White
Councillor Hill
CAO Worthing
Director of Public Works D. Ross
Director of Protective Services R. Krause
Deputy Corporate Officer V. Anderson

GUESTS

No guests

PUBLIC

0 members of the public

MEDIA

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Funk called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded by Council

2020-01-07: 03

THAT the agenda for January 07, 2020, Special Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS; AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DELEGATIONS

Lakes District Maintenance – *General Manager, Mike Philip*
Lakes District Maintenance – *Regional Operations Manager Cori Funk*
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – *District Manager Bulkley-Stikine, Carl Lutz*

- Introduction of delegation and Council
- M. Philip spoke to the questions that have been received.

- The new response time with the new contracts was discussed.
- Size of sand is now 9mm reduced in size from 12mm
- The new procurement process the Ministry of Highways is happy with LDM retaining service area 24 and 28
- Council discussed the application of chemicals. When it snows, chemicals do not work.
- Maintenance is based on road temperatures on trucks and pucks on roads, not on the air temperature.
- LDM has chemicals available for colder temperatures.
- Road surfaces can vary 4 to 6 degrees in short road distances. LDM will put a salt brine down in anticipation of a snowstorm.
- Freezing rain events have changed the way roads are maintained. For example, a small amount of snow is left on side-roads to improve traction.
- Ministry of Highways trucks also have road temperature sensors.
- LDM runs 24-hour shifts during the winter.
- Trucks are calibrated using onboard computers. For example, x kilograms per km, it is more scientific now.
- LDM is always looking at weather forecasts to determine the best operations required for road maintenance.
- With the change in the new contract, more chemical applications are permitted.
- Employment numbers have increased over last year.
- Council discussed bare road requirements in the new contract.
- Calcium is used sparingly because other issues can occur if there is a temperature change.
- Salt is used for cold temperatures.
- When it is snowing, the chemicals are diluted, so it can cause problems.
- Ministry stations record weather, temperatures wind speed etc.
- One goal for LDM is to maintain consistency throughout the entire area.
- Decisions are based on the larger area.
- If road temperatures are not high enough early enough in the day to dry, it will create more significant problems if chemicals are applied.
- Training of employees includes winter training for all employees. Meet with SD91 and logging companies to determine where they are logging.

- “Priestly Hill always has a line” has been heard a number of times. Priestly is monitored extensively, and one problem is that the sun never reaches the road surface in winter. Coupled with higher elevation creates a problematic area to maintain.
- Priestly Hill is always a problem area, and it is in part due to colder temperatures on Priestly Hill.
- Across the province, there are a number of areas that “have a line.”
- Ministry of Highways has 3 staff members dedicated to service area 24.
- In the times of storms and weather events, Ministry staff will work after hours.
- LDM’s priority is to have safe roads. The goal is to bare off the roads; however, it is northern BC and the increase in freezing rain events has brought many challenges.
- In general, the industry can be very negative and we only hear the negative comments.
- Council discussed the invasive plant program and thanked LDM for their support.
- Council discussed the six-mile brake check and whether some type of warning system can be installed to let motorists know there are slow-moving trucks going down the hill.

The Mayor thanked the delegation for their presentation.

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| ADOPTION OF MINUTES | None |
| MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS | None |
| REPORTS | None |
| BUSINESS ARISING | None |
| ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – ACTION | None |
| ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND FILED | None |
| NEW BUSINESS | None |

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

None

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD


ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded by Council

2020-01-07: 04

THAT the January 7, 2020, Special Meeting is adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

CARRIED



MAYOR



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, January 07, 2020.