



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Wednesday, January 11, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

**PRESENT**

Mayor C. Beach  
Councillor K. Holliday  
Councillor S. Schienbein  
Councillor M. Riis-Christianson  
Councillor J. Illes  
Director of Finance B. Crossman  
CAO S. Worthing  
City Clerk C. Hart

**GUESTS**

**PUBLIC**

5 members of the public

**MEDIA**

Flavio Nienow – LD News

**CALL TO ORDER**

Corporate Officer S. Worthing called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**INAUGURATION**

Mayor C. Beach and Councillor M Riis-Christianson were sworn in to Council by RCMP Staff Sergeant Charlotte Peters.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-01-11: 1**

**THAT additional information for item (f) in section (11) ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS be added to the agenda;**

**AND THAT the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS; AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Scott Zayac

- Scott Zayac brought out the letters from the Regional Post-Secondary Education Committee and the College of New Caledonia and encouraged Council to get the facts from each side and make an informed decision.

Rick Pooley

- Rick Pooley discussed the significant problems with the local post-secondary structure and encouraged Council to ask each institution about service levels, rural area focus, and collaborative efforts.
- The Mayor thanked the members of the public for their comments.

## DELEGATIONS

### Burns Lake RCMP

- Staff Sergeant Charlotte Peters gave an overview of RCMP operations for the last quarter of the 2016.
- Council thanked the Staff Sgt for bringing her report to Council.
- Council asked about the possibility of fences along the CN tracks. Staff Sgt. Peters suggested to Council that CN was not interested in fencing, but rather, informing the public of the dangers of the tracks.
- Staff Sergeant Peters explained that they were dealing with parking issues along Hwy 16 in front of the Evergreen Mall.
- Mayor Beach thanked Staff SGT. Peters for her delegation.

### Burns Lake Chamber of Commerce

- The delegates from the Burns Lake and District Chamber of Commerce, Jordanna Evans and Lynda Uchacz, gave an overview of their operations for 2016.
- Council asked about accommodations for visitors and incentives to stay in Burns Lake. The delegates replied that they are looking into various programs.
- Council asked if mountain biking was a frequent request at the VIC. The delegates confirmed that it is frequently mentioned by visitors.
- Mayor Beach thanked the delegates for their presentation.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-01-11: 2

**THAT the December 14, 2016 minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

## MAYOR'S, COUNCILLOR'S, C.A.O.'S REPORTS

Mayor C. Beach

- Mayor Beach thanked Councillor Illes for his time as Acting Mayor.
- Mayor Beach gave congratulations to Councillor Riis-Christianson for being elected to Council.

Councillor J. Illes

- Councillor Illes attended the Regional District Meeting in December and discussed liability insurance toward non-employees.
- The Board discussed the recycling program contract renewals throughout the region and will be pursuing a Solid Waste Management Plan in 2017.
- Councillor Illes mentioned that New Gold is working on tailings pond design and is having issues reaching environmental compliance.

Councillor K. Holliday

- Councillor Holliday thanked Councillor Illes for his service as Acting Mayor.

Councillor S. Schienbein

- Councillor Schienbein attended a Fire Smart Committee meeting. The committee has been working on suggestions for the OCP, and they are seeking solutions to fire risk mediation that can't be managed by the Initial Attack Crew.
- The BV Airshed Committee has been discussing initiatives for air quality improvement. The Town of Smithers has approved \$13,000 for its wood stove exchange program.
- Councillor Schienbein will be attending a Partnering for Healthier Communities Committee Meeting.

Councillor M. Riis-Christianson

- Councillor Riis-Christianson attended the Burns Lake Public Library Board Meeting. The library will be holding an event to promote family literacy.

CAO S. Worthing

- The bid process has closed for the engineering and consulting portion of the water tower replacement project.
- CAO Worthing had a meeting with Northern Health regarding suggestions for the OCP. They expressed several concerns regarding seniors housing.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-01-11: 3

**THAT the Village of Burns Lake Mayor's, Councillors' and C.A.O.'s reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS**

2016 By-Election Results Report

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-01-11: 4

**THAT the "Village of Burns Lake 2016 By-Election Final Report" submitted by S. Worthing, Chief Election Officer, be received for information.**

**CARRIED**

Signing Authorities

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-01-11: 5

**THAT Mayor Christopher Beach and Councillor Michael Riis-Christianson be added as signing authorities for the Village of Burns Lake.**

**CARRIED**

Local Government Leadership Academy

- Council asked if there were any unspent funds in Councillor Travel.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-01-11: 6

**THAT the Local Government Leadership Academy report be received.**

**CARRIED**

Council Team Building Session

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-01-11: 7

**THAT Council receive the report entitled "Council Team Building Session."**

**CARRIED**

Acting Mayor Schedule

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-01-11: 8

**THAT the 2017 Acting Mayor Schedule be approved.**

**CARRIED**

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Library Budget Meeting Jan 17 at 11:00am

- Staff informed Council of the library budget meeting.

#### **ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – ACTION**

College of New Caledonia and Regional Post-Secondary Education Committee - Requests for Letters of Support

*\*Councillor S. Schienbein declared a conflict of interest at 8:18pm and removed herself from the meeting.*

- Council discussed the resolution and asked that it be clarified that AVED should be the one responsible to make this decision.
- Some on Council felt that the support should be given to RPEC immediately.
- Council determined that this decision was not for Council to make, but that it should be made by the community a whole, under the authority of AVED.

It was moved and seconded by Council

THAT the requests for letters of support be received from the College of New Caledonia and the Regional Post-Secondary Education Committee;

AND THAT a letter be sent to the Ministry of Advanced Education requesting a meeting to discuss a formalized decision making process to determine the local service provider for post-secondary education;

AND THAT a letter be sent to CNC and RPEC informing them of this request.

- Council asked that the motion be amended to include all stakeholders in local education.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-01-11: 9

THAT the motion be amended to read:

***THAT the requests for letters of support be received from the College of New Caledonia and the Regional Post-Secondary Education Committee;***

***AND THAT a letter be sent to the Ministry of Advanced Education requesting that they lead a formalized engagement and decision making process, inclusive of all community education stakeholders, to determine who they will appoint as the post-secondary education provider in Burns Lake;***

***AND THAT a letter be sent to CNC and RPEC informing them of this request.***

**CARRIED**

- Mayor Beach called the question on the motion as amended.

2017-01-11: 10

THAT the requests for letters of support be received from the

**College of New Caledonia and the Regional Post-Secondary Education Committee;**

**AND THAT a letter be sent to the Ministry of Advanced Education requesting that they lead a formalized engagement and decision making process, inclusive of all community education stakeholders, to determine who they will appoint as the post-secondary education provider in Burns Lake;**

**AND THAT a letter be sent to CNC and RPEC informing them of this request.**

**CARRIED**

***\*Councillor S. Schienbein returned to the meeting at 8:30pm***

Network BC

- Council suggested that a meeting should be arranged with Director Miller and Benedict

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-01-11: 11**

**THAT a meeting be scheduled with Director Benedict and Director Miller regarding cell services.**

**CARRIED**

Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-01-11: 12**

**THAT Councillor Schienbein be appointed to the Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee.**

**CARRIED**

Northern Development Initiative Trust Regional Advisory Committee - Request for Appointment

*Councillor Illes declared a conflict of interest at 8:45pm.*

- Council discussed who to appoint to the Northern Development Regional Advisory Committee.

It was moved and seconded by Council

THAT Councillor K. Holliday be appointed to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Regional Advisory Committee.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-01-11: 13**

**That the motion be amended to read:**

**THAT Councillor K. Holliday be appointed to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Regional Advisory Committee;**

**AND THAT Mayor C. Beach be appointed as the alternate director.**

**CARRIED**

- Mayor Beach explained that he did not wish to serve as alternate.

THAT Councillor K. Holliday be appointed to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Regional Advisory Committee;

AND THAT Mayor C. Beach be appointed as the alternate director.

**DEFEATED**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-01-11: 14**

**THAT Councillor K. Holliday be appointed to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Regional Advisory Committee.**

**CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-01-11: 15**

**THAT Councillor M. Riis-Christianson be appointed as the alternate appointee to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Regional Advisory Committee.**

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Illes Returned to the meeting at 8:55pm*

Carrier Sekani Family Services - Request for Letter of Support

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-01-11: 16**

**THAT a letter be written in support of the continuation of the Carrier Sekani Family Services Sexual Violence and Healing Forum.**

**CARRIED**

Regional District of Bulkley Nechako - Public Transit Service Establishment Bylaw

- Council clarified who was contributing to the service.
- Council expressed concern regarding the transportation initiative's effectiveness at addressing the safety of marginalized women along the highway.
- Council expressed concern that they could not withdraw

from the service once they had committed.

- Council asked for confirmation of funding for the coordinator position and that the new bus route has been approved.

It was moved and seconded by Council

THAT the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Public Transit Service Establishment Bylaw be approved.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-01-11: 17

**The following motion be deferred to the next meeting of Council:**

***THAT the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Public Transit Service Establishment Bylaw be approved.***

**CARRIED**

2017-01-11: 18

It was moved and seconded by Council

**THAT a meeting be scheduled with MOTI and BC Transit to discuss the details of the transportation initiative.**

**CARRIED**

Geraldine Craven - CA Fisher Property

- Mayor Beach noted that this item would be discussed in the closed meeting.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-01-11: 19

**THAT the letter from Geraldine Craven regarding the CA Fischer property be received.**

**CARRIED**

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – RECEIVED AND FILED**

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-01-11: 20

**THAT the original communication (a) through (d) be received and filed:**

- a) NCLGA 2018 Convention - Invitation to Apply
- b) School District 91 - Letter of Thanks
- c) RCMP - Road Safety Initiative
- d) Newgold - Appointment of Mayor

**CARRIED**

Council brought out item (D) - Newgold - Appointment of Mayor



It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-01-11: 21**

**THAT the travel costs associated with attending the Newgold Committee be approved.**

**CARRIED**

- It was noted that the travel costs would be covered by New Gold.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2017 COFI Convention

- Council asked for time to check their calendars.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-01-11: 22**

**THAT the 2017 COFI Convention attendance be deferred to the next meeting of Council.**

**CARRIED**

Key-Oh Lodge Grand Opening January 21<sup>st</sup>.

- Council discussed attendance at the Key-Oh Lodge Grand Opening.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The municipal accounts dated:

- December 9, 2016 (in the amount of \$350,998.07)
- December 21, 2016 (in the amount of \$133,112.60)

Were found to be in good order.

**READING FILES**

Reading File

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-01-11: 23**

**THAT the following reading file be received:  
January 5, 2016**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

**RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION**

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by council

2017-01-11: 24

THAT this meeting be closed to the public under section 90(1)(a)(c)(g) and (k) of the Community Charter.

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 Wednesday, January 11, 2017