



MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Wednesday, February 15, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT

Mayor C. Beach
Councillor K. Holliday
Councillor S. Schienbein
Councillor J. Illes
Director of Finance B. Crossman
CAO S. Worthing
City Clerk C. Hart
Director of Public Works D. Ross
Director of Protective Services R. Krause
Director of Recreation D. Jung
Economic Development Officer V. Anderson

GUESTS

PUBLIC

MEDIA

Flavio Nienow – LD News

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Beach called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-02-15: 71

THAT the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Changes to Budget Since Last Meeting

- Director of Finance B. Crossman gave an overview of the changes that had been made to the budget since the last meeting of Council.

Outdoor Rink Report

- Council expressed disappointment that the outdoor rink budget was so expensive, and suggested that it be brought back for the coming year.
- Council discussed the timelines of an outdoor rink installation.

Water Tower Replacement Funding

- Council discussed which reserve the funds to install the new water towers would be withdrawn from.
- Council suggested that the Water Reserves should be used to fund the project.

- It was determined that the water towers should be funded jointly with Water Reserves and Comfor Reserves.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-02-15: 72

THAT the water towers replacement project be funded using \$215,000 from Water Reserves and \$314,931 from Comfor reserves.

CARRIED

Water and Sewer Rates Report

- Council discussed the water and sewer rates and suggested that charges should be based entirely on usage.
- Staff suggested that water and sewer rates were self contained budgets and that, if the rates were reduced in one area, they would need to be raised in another area.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-02-15: 73

THAT the water and sewer rates report be received.

CARRIED

Community Energy Association

- Council discussed the benefits of membership to Community Energy Association.

It was moved and seconded by Council

THAT the Community Energy Association membership be renewed for 2017.

DEFEATED

Frontage Rates

- Council discussed frontage rates for water and sewer. It was determined that the frontage rates are set to continue until repealed by Council.

Grant Funding History

- Council discussed the grants that the Village had received since 2011.

Spirit Square Security Cameras

- Council discussed the Spirit Square security cameras and it was determined that senior staff would be tasked with monitoring the cameras after hours.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-02-15: 74

**THAT the \$5,000 capital budget item for security cameras be removed;
AND THAT \$3,800 be added to the operating budget for the purchase of security cameras and exterior lighting at Spirit Square.**

CARRIED

Office 2016

- Council discussed the upgrade of the Office software and it was determined that Office 365 was too expensive for the benefits that it offered.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-02-15: 75

THAT a Microsoft Office site license be purchased as part of the 2017 Budget.

CARRIED

Recreation Subsidy Rates

- Council discussed the revenues from the curling rink.

Treadmill Purchase

- Staff voiced the need to purchase a treadmill immediately.
- Council discussed the usage of the treadmill at the Lakeside Multiplex.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-02-15: 76

THAT Council approve the purchase of one treadmill at a cost not to exceed \$7,002

CARRIED

Radley Beach Upgrades

- Council discussed the purchase of sand at Spirit Square.
- Council suggested that the two dock sections should also remain in the budget.
- Staff outlined the possibility of using the Nourse Legacy funds to purchase the dock sections.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-02-15: 77

THAT Council direct staff to remove the addition of new docks for \$7,500 from the 2017 Budget and add \$12,000 for the Radley Beach Revitalization Project

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-02-15: 78

THAT \$4,500 from the Nourse Legacy funds and \$3,000 from general revenues be approved for the addition of two extra dock sections at Radley Beach.

CARRIED

- Council asked that staff explore upgrades to the Burns Lake Municipal Camprground.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-02-15: 79

THAT staff bring back a report on what could be accomplished at the municipal campground for approximately \$10,000.

CARRIED

Downtown Parking

Councillor Holliday declared a conflict of interest due to the fact that her business is located in the area being discussed in the parking report. She removed herself from the meeting at 7:07pm.

- Staff gave an overview of the parking problems in the downtown core.
- Council discussed parking in the downtown core.
- Council discussed the cost of parking and suggested that it should be shared between the businesses.
- Council suggested that the business owners be engaged to determine if they would be willing to share the cost of parking.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-02-15: 80

THAT a meeting be scheduled with the business community to discuss the downtown parking initiative.

CARRIED

Water Filtration Engineering

Councillor Holliday returned to the meeting at 7:19pm.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-02-15: 81

THAT \$46,000 be taken from Water Reserves to fund the Water Treatment Feasibility and Pilot Testing in 2017.

CARRIED

- Council asked that staff bring back information on the cost of a feasibility study to provide water and sewer services to the industrial park.

- Council noted that they would like to explore reducing the commercial tax rate to a 2 to 1 ratio with residential tax rates in the future.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

- Flavio Nienow of the LD News asked for clarification as to whether or not the new dock sections were included in the budget. Staff clarified that they were included.

ADJOURN

It was moved by council

2017-02-15: 82

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

CARRIED



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the Budget Meeting of Council for the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017