



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, June 09, 2020 AT 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Funk  
Councillor D. Hill  
Councillor K. White  
Councillor H. Wiebe  
Councillor C. Rensby  
CAO S. Worthing  
Economic Development Officer L. Watson  
Director of Protective Services R. Krause  
Deputy Corporate Officer V. Anderson

**GUESTS**

None

**PUBLIC**

3 members of the public

**MEDIA**

Priyanka Ketkar – Lakes District News

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Funk called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2020-06-09: 199**

**THAT Item (j) be added to Section 8 REPORTS;**

**AND THAT Items (h) and (i) be added to Section 11 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND FILED**

**AND THAT the agenda for June 9, 2020, Regular Meeting of Council is approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS - None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**DELEGATIONS**

None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2020-06-09: 200**

**THAT May 19, 2020, minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**MAYOR, COUNCILLOR AND CAO REPORTS**

Mayor Funk

- Met with MLA John Rustad discussion of economic recovery

Councillor Rensby

- Attended meeting with MLA Rustad

It was moved and seconded by Council:

**2020-06-09: 201**

**THAT the Mayor and Council reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS**

Development Variance Permit #2019-10-15 amendment– #8-5<sup>th</sup> Ave

- Staff explained the purpose of the amendment. The developers are finding seniors are seeking two-bedroom apartments.
- The change will open up the ground space to provide a green space for the complex.
- The amendment will reduce the number of variances on permit #2019-10-15.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2020-06-09: 202**

**THAT Development Variance Permit #2019-10-15 amendment for the property located at #8 – 5th Avenue be approved.**

**CARRIED**

Development Variance Permit #2020-05 – 118-8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

- The variance is for a larger shed than allowed.
- One comment was received.
- Proposed structure is within the lot coverage bylaw.
- Director Krause said there is no issue with fire access.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2020-06-09: 203**

**THAT Development Variance Permit #2020-05 for the property located at 118-8<sup>th</sup> Avenue be approved.**

**CARRIED**

Burns Lake Fire Rescue Department 2019 Annual Report – *Director of Protective Services R. Krause, verbal*

- Staff provided an update
- Have developed a full COVID plan
- YTD call volume is down 10%
- One major structure fire occurred in May.

- The Community Protection Fund grant from the province has provided the department with gear for wildland fire fighting.
- Council thanked the department for another successful year.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2020-06-09: 204**

**THAT the Burns Lake Fire Department 2019 Annual Report be received.**

**CARRIED**

Splash Park Update - *Director of Public Works D. Ross*

- The contractor will be here to start on June 22.
- The expected completion date is August.
- Boat launch parking area was enhanced with better parking.
- Staff will install fencing to keep people off of the newly seeded grass.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2020-06-09: 205**

**THAT the Splash Park Update report be received.**

**CARRIED**

Essential Services Mutual Aid Agreement – *CAO Worthing*

- Staff gave an overview of the agreement.
- The sharing of qualified employees is a benefit for participating municipalities.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2020-06-09: 206**

**THAT the Essential Services Mutual Aid Agreement between the RDBN and each of the member municipalities be approved.**

**CARRIED**

Meeting with LBN Council regarding the Foundational Agreement

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2020-06-09: 207**

**THAT Staff contact Councillor Betty Patrick with meeting date options of June 22 and June 29.**

**CARRIED**

Meeting with TC Energy June 18 or 22 - *CAO S. Worthing, verbal*

- Update to Council to share the plan for increased activity on the pipeline.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2020-06-09: 208

**THAT Council meets with TC Energy for a project update on June 18.**

**CARRIED**

Lakes Economic Development Service Establishment Repeal Bylaw

It was moved and seconded by Council

2020-06-09: 209

**THAT Council approves the RDBN's Lakes Economic Development Service Establishment Repeal Bylaw No 1920, 2020.**

**CARRIED**

Antlerless Moose Harvest – *Councillor Rensby, verbal*

- The Cow/calf hunt
- The Village of Burns Lake put forward the resolution to UBCM in 2019 to ban the antlerless moose hunt.
- Discussion of predator numbers.
- Discussion as to what UBCM's advocacy efforts have been.
- The Village can request to the regional office in Smithers as to what the current predator and moose populations are for the Tweedsmuir Entiako herd.
- Discussion of the two areas that this was tried and it does not appear to have had positive results, the caribou herds still declined.
- 1 - ask UBCM, 2 - ask the province for their data and 3 - work with the hunting community
- Discussion of having the Rod & Gun Club involved in advocacy.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2020-06-09: 210

**THAT a letter be written to the province, cc'ed to MLA Rustad asking for the data and studies used to determine the Antlerless Moose Harvest;**

**AND THAT staff request data from the regional office in Smithers.**

**CARRIED**

Epkens Development – CAO S. Worthing, verbal

- An offer was made to purchase two adjacent properties to the proposed development on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue; as a result, Council may be looking at a rezoning application.
- This new proposed development would qualify for the NDIT housing grant.
- Staff will need to develop a Housing Incentive Policy before the grant can be submitted for this fund.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Lakes District Economic Diversification Update – EDO L. Watson

- Staff gave an Economic Development Plan update.
- Staff has been conducting one-on-one phone calls with businesses. Businesses are feeling overwhelmed by COVID information overload.
- Businesses are putting Safety Plans in place.
- Staff provided the Worksafe Safety Plan template to business contacts.
- Many businesses in the community stayed open during the COVID event.
- Middle of branding and marketing.
- The tourism plan is coming together.

COVID-19 Roundtable Updates by Council and CAO

- Mayor Funk - attending bi-weekly meetings with the province and northern health regarding COVID.
- CAO Worthing - there is one new case in the Northern Health Region. The EOC was reduced to a Level Zero, staff will monitor and adjust accordingly. All village parks are open.
- Visitors to the office are following the one person at a time rule for the office.
- Councillor Hill - the community support network is still meeting; initiatives are on hold at this point.

Crosswalk Update – email from Angie Allwood MoTI

- The Ministry is suggesting a traffic study.
- Discussion of crosswalk issues for pedestrians and truck drivers.

Logo Discussion

- Discussion of the compass.
- Discussion of the long shoreline.
- Discussion of the bridge.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2020-06-09: 211**  
**Defeated**

**THAT Option 4 with the bolder font and without the bridge will be selected as the new Village of Burns Lake logo**

**Defeated**

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION**

None

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND FILED**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2020-06-09: 212**

**THAT original communications (a) through (i) be received and filed:**

- a) **The Link – Spring/Summer Update**
- b) **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – May 21 regional conference call**
- c) **Province of BC – New lanes for Highway 16**
- d) **Association of Canadian Cannabis Retailers – support letter request**
- e) **MoTI – Load Restrictions – May 22**
- f) **Parents for French in Burns Lake – Thank you for support letter**
- g) **Beacon Theatre Project Update**
- h) **Ministry of Health – Guidance for local government re: homelessness and COVID-19 pandemic**
- i) **New Gold press release – June 9, 2020**

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The municipal accounts dated:  
June 2, 2020, of \$455,331.71  
Were found to be in good order.

**READING FILE**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2020-06-09: 213**

**THAT June 5, 2020, reading file be received:**

1. Burns Lake Fire Rescue 2019 Annual Report
2. Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch - Temporary Expanded Service Area
3. Coastal GasLink - May Construction Update
4. BC Community Forest May 2020 Newsletter
5. Northern BC Tourism Association adjusts to Meet Local Needs
6. Northern Health Connections gradual return of service
7. Climate Ready BC Virtual Workshop June 18

**CARRIED**

**RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2020-06-09: 214**

**THAT June 9, 2020, Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8: 10 p.m.**

**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, June 09, 2020.