



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, October 04, 2016 AT 5:30 PM

**PRESENT**

Acting Mayor J. Illes  
Councillor K. Holliday  
Councillor C. Beach  
Councillor S. Schienbein  
CAO Worthing  
Director of Finance B. Crossman  
City Clerk - C. Hart  
Director of Protective Services R. Krause

**GUESTS**

Taylor Bachrach - Mayor of Smithers  
Silas Brownsey - Executive Director, Transit and Crown Agency Programs  
Chris Fudge - Senior Regional Transit Manager  
Deb Bowman - ADM Ministry of Transportation - *Present Electronically*  
Anne Yanciw - CAO Town of Smithers  
Jason Llewellyn - RDBN Director of Planning

**PUBLIC**

**MEDIA**

Flavio Nienow – LD News

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor Illes called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2016-10-04: 208**

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**REPORTS**

**BC Transit Initiative**

- The representatives from the Ministry of Transportation gave an overview of the BC Transportation Initiative progress to date.
- Council asked if the Advisory Committee members would be able to engage with other members out of the public outside of the scheduled meetings.
- ADM Bowman confirmed that there were opportunities for discussion with the public throughout the process.
- Council asked for clarification regarding the Community Vehicle Program.
- C. Fudge gave an overview of the Transit Expansion

initiative..

- Council asked for details regarding the consultation that took place over the placement of the shelters.
- It was indicated that extensive consultation took place.
- Council asked for details regarding the wifi connectivity improvement proposed as part of the plan.
- D. Bowman indicated that wherever service could be improved, the ministry would be working with Telus to implement it.
- Mayor Bachrach indicated that the Town of Smithers is very enthusiastic about this opportunity.
- Council expressed concern about the loss of customers to local businesses and the potential loss of services in communities.
- Mayor Bachrach indicated that this initiative would allow people to remain in rural areas, even if services became unsustainable in some locations.
- Council discussed the issue of the effect that these changes would have on local businesses.
- D. Bowman indicated that this initiative is not about taking away services from municipalities
- Acting Mayor Illes thanked the representatives for their presentation.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**


**ADJOURN**


It was moved by Council

**2016-10-04: 209**

**THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:56pm.**

**CARRIED**

  
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MAYOR

  
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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, October 04, 2016