



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, August 27, 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor D. Funk  
Councillor D. Hill  
Councillor H. Wiebe  
Councillor C. Rensby  
CAO S. Worthing  
Economic Development Officer – L. Watson  
Deputy Corporate Officer – V. Anderson

**GUESTS**

None

**PUBLIC**

30 members of the public

**MEDIA**

None

**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.

**2019-08-27: 308**

**THAT additional items (a) and (b) be added under Section 5 DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS ;**

**AND THAT additional items (f) and (g) be added to Section 10 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION;**

**AND THAT additional item (w) be added to Section 11 RECEIVED AND FILED;**

**AND THAT the agenda for the August 27 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

Recess of Regular Meeting to convene the Public Hearing

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 309**

**THAT the Regular Meeting of Council on August 27 is recessed to open the Public Meeting at 7:06 pm.**

**CARRIED**

Reconvene the Regular Meeting of Council

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 313**

**THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be reconvened at 7:41 pm, after the closing of the Public Hearing.**

**CARRIED**

OCP Amendment and Rezoning – *RDBN Director of Planning J. Llewellyn*

- Council discussed the state of the apartments in Burns Lake and the vacancy rate.
- The housing demand is hard to determine and at this point, there are no hard facts only anecdotal evidence.
- Council discussed the negative side of turning away investment.

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 314**

**THAT third reading be given to “Village of Burns Lake Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1003, 2019”;**

**AND THAT third reading be given to “Village of Burns Lake Rezoning Bylaw No. 1004, 2019”;**

**AND THAT third reading be given to “Village of Burns Lake Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1005, 2019”;**

**AND THAT Council direct that consideration of adoption of Bylaws No. 1003, 2019, 1004, 2019 and 1005, 2019 not occur until the charges on title have been amended or removed as necessary to appropriately develop the property for an apartment building;**

**AND THAT Council direct that consideration of adoption of the Bylaws No. 1003, 2019, 1004, 2019 and 1005, 2019 not occur until the applicant registers a covenant on title restricting the maximum height of any building on the property at 253 First Avenue be limited to no more than 14 metres from the elevation of the asphalt roadway at the midpoint of the property frontage along 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.**

**CARRIED**

Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1006, 2019

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 315**

**THAT “Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1006, 2019” be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

Sign Regulation Bylaw Amendment No. 1008, 2019 – *DCO V. Anderson*

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 316**

**THAT the “Sign Regulation Bylaw Amendment No. 1008, 2019” be given first, second and third readings.**

**CARRIED**

## **DELEGATIONS**

Track Re-surfacing Committee – *S. Barth and K. Saul*

- S. Barth gave an update for the project.
- R.Hamp is the technical advisor for the project.
- The pavement resurfacing should last 20-25 years.
- The track is used year-round by the community and it is free to use.
- The track is owned by School District #91. It is estimated that the track is used 3% of the time by students.
- A rubber track, can't be plowed or salted/sanded, blacktop surface can be.
- The committee has raised \$30,000.
- Users range from children to seniors. The Initial Attack and Unit crews use it for training.
- Users are predominately women using the track, as it is perceived as a safe place to exercise.
- The track will become a more essential facility because it is FREE, no equipment, no volunteers or scheduling issues.
- Council asked what the subsurface is like, R. Hamp replied the four test holes were excellent. The material will be

removed to have a proper slope so there is no pooling of water.

- Council spoke about track teams at the high school, would installing asphalt inhibit a future track team. A rubberized track could be installed over top should a track team form.
- The \$194,000 project budget is for full width, SD #91 wants the full width resurfaced.
- The committee requested that Council match the funding they received and that it come from the ComFor Reserve account.

#### Rio Tinto – *Lianne Olson, Advisor Communications and Communities*

- Andrew Czornohalan - Operations Manager, Rio Tinto
- The operational footprint is large, including 14,00 sq km of watershed.
- 1 Kitimat Smelter – 6 Billion dollars CAN investment
- Lowest CO emissions aluminum in the world is produced here.
- Partnerships are important to the company, changing the conversation to partner with communities and First Nations. Stewardship of the resource is broader than just one industry.
- \$225 million in salaries and benefits including retirees.
- 1.3 million in community grants, of that \$600,000 went to watershed communities.
- **Nechako Reservoir Update**
- Recreational and residential importance to Burns Lake
- Drought conditions in 2018, leading into lower than average snowpack, the reservoir is 4 feet lower than other years.
- They have reduced power generation at Kemano and have relied on BC Hydro to reduce the water requirement.
- **Water Engagement Initiative**
- Implemented Water Use planning based on the model used by BC Hydro.
- There have been 3 face-to-face meetings to date with community members.
- Open conversations regarding water, Rio Tinto is taking a more modern approach to water management.
- Climate change adaptation is this an anomaly or an ongoing change in climate?
- Rio Tinto is working with UNBC to bring together all research documents for climate change in northern BC.
- Rio Tinto is completing a socio-economic analysis and community social interest plan.
- Council discussed Tweedsmuir Park, and the drop in water levels this summer. Rio Tinto manages a point in the Nechako River/Stuart River to keep a 20 degree temperature. If there is a warm front coming they will

release water to cool that area of the river, which drops the water levels upstream.

- Discussion of the water engagement initiative outcomes. Rio Tinto is at the table, also FLNRORD, endorsed by the water controller for BC, DFO, First Nations (Cheslatta very active participants) RDBN and District of Vanderhoof, Nechako Watershed Round table.
- The outcome is to better represent the interests of diverse interests. All of it is underpinned with technical people.
- Discussion of dredging of the reach, not considering at the moment, however, are looking at the long-term health of the reservoir.

The Mayor thanked the delegations for their presentations.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 317**

**THAT July 23, 2019, Special Meeting minutes of Council be adopted as presented;**

**AND THAT July 23, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes of Council be adopted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

## **MAYOR, COUNCILLOR AND CAO REPORTS**

Mayor Funk – Attended the Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA) meeting in Terrace. A project manager has been hired to assist the RBA communitiess. Attended the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the St. John’s Anglican Church.

Councillor Hill – Attended the annual Rotary Club Trek, it was their 30<sup>th</sup> year.

Councillor Rensby – Attended the stakeholder meeting held by John Rustad.

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 318**

**THAT Staff send a letter to all BC municipalities asking for support of the Cow/calf moose resolution at UBCM.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Wiebe – Attended the Forestry Roundtable meeting organized John Rustad.

CAO Worthing - announced the Canada Infrastructure grant for the Water Treatment Plant.

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 319**

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

**CARRIED**

Development Variance Permit 102 Eveneshen Drive – *CAO Worthing*

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2019-08-27: 320**

**THAT Development Variance Permit # 2019-07-04 for the property located at 102 Eveneshen Drive be approved.**

**CARRIED**

2020 Visitor Information Centre Services RFP – *DCO V. Anderson*

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 321**

**THAT Staff advertise the 2020 Visitor Information Centre Service RFP.**

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

None

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION**

Municipal Insurance Association – Voting Registration

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 322**

**THAT the Village of Burns Lake's MIA voting delegate is CAO Sheryl Worthing;**

**AND THAT Councillor Charlie Rensby is designated Alternate #1 and Councillor Henry Wiebe is designated Alternate #2.**

**CARRIED**

Resource Breakfast Series - Invite

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 323**

**THAT Mayor Funk and Councillor Rensby attend the Forest Sector Breakfast on September 27 at Terminal City Club.**

**AND THAT Councillor Wiebe attends the Energy Sector Breakfast on September 26 at Terminal City Club.**

**CARRIED**

Northern BC Tourism Sponsorship

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 324**

**THAT the Village of Burns Lake become a Viewpoint Sponsor for the 2019 Northern BC Tourism Summit and AGM;**

**AND THAT the Viewpoint Sponsorship of \$250 is paid for from the 2019 Economic Development budget.**

**CARRIED**

2019 COFI Community Dinner - invite

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 325**

**THAT Mayor Funk attends the 2019 COFI Community Dinner on September 19, 2019, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Prince George.**

**CARRIED**

Bottling of Groundwater – letter from Bruce Gibbons

- Bottling of groundwater is a major loophole in water bottling is a major loophole in bulk water export.
- Staff needs to consider NAFTA when writing the report.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2019-08-27: 326**

**THAT Staff bring back a report on the Village of Burns Lake's bylaws regarding the bottling and bulk export of groundwater**

**CARRIED**

Truck Loggers Association's Mayoral Forestry Dinner - invitation

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2019-08-27: 327**

**THAT Mayor Funk and Councillor Rensby will attend the TLA Mayoral Forestry Dinner on September 23 at the Terminal City Club.**

**CARRIED**

Lakes District Fall Fair Association – invitation to speak

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2019-08-27: 328**

**THAT Mayor Funk will accept the invitation to speak during the Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, September 7 at the Lakes District Fall Fair.**

**CARRIED**

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS  
RECEIVED AND FILED**

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 329**

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

**Correspondence – various:**

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – online building codes
- b) Ministry of FLNRORD – response to July 5 letter from council
- c) UBCM – Federal Gas Tax electronic transfer
- d) Kidney Foundation of Canada – request
- e) Email from Rebecca Matthews – electromagnetic fields
- f) Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Species at Risk
- g) Letter from Paula Laurie – Request for Quiet Zone signage
- h) Green Communities Committee – letter to council



**Correspondence regarding NCLGA:**

- i) NCLGA July 26 Board Meeting Highlights**
- j) Call for Expression of Interest to host NCLGA 2021 and 2022 AGM and Convention**
- k) Letter from Northern Health – regarding meeting with Northern Health at NCLGA in Williams Lake**
- l) Letter from MoTI to NCLGA – regarding NCLGA resolution R19 regarding wildfire mitigation efforts on highway corridors**
- m) Letter from Ministry of Children and Family Development to NCLGA – regarding childcare resolution R33**
- n) Letter from Ministry of Rural Economic Development – regarding Rural Broadband R7**
- o) Letter from the Ministry of Advanced Education and skills training – regarding NCLGA resolution R17 – Small Aircraft Training**

**Correspondence regarding UBCM conference:**

- p) Small Talk Forum Sept. 24 – topic suggestion request**
- q) Legislative Assembly of BC – 2019 UBCM Official Opposition Meeting Opportunities**
- r) North Cowichan UBCM resolution – Regional Management of Forestry**
- s) City of Victoria – support letter for the City of Richmond’s UBCM resolution for the creation of a lobbying registry.**
- t) City of Pitt Meadows – support letter for the District of West Vancouver’s UBCM resolution regarding single-use items**
- u) City of Victoria - UBCM resolution to restore Provincial supports for libraries**
- v) Support letters were received from the following for the City of Victoria’s UBCM resolution for the restoration of provincial library funding:**
  - i. City of Pitt Meadows**
  - ii. City of Ft. St. John**
  - iii. District of Taylor**
  - iv. Corporation of the Village of Pouce Coupe**
  - v. Town of Gibsons**
  - vi. Elkford**
  - vii. City of Prince George**
  - viii. District of Chetwynd**

ix. City of North Vancouver  
w) Northern Health – Meeting invite during UBCM

**CARRIED**

Council discussed Item (g) Letter from P. Laurie

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2019-08-27: 330**

**THAT Staff write a letter thanking Paul Laurie for her letter dated August 13, 2019.**

**CARRIED**

Item Rio Tinto Watershed Invite

It was moved was seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 331**

**THAT Councillor Rensby represents the Village of Burns Lake on Rio Tinto's Water Engagement Initiative.**

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Municipal accounts dated August 21, 2019, in the amount of \$266,018.99, were found to be in good order.

**READING FILES**

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 332**

**THAT the Reading File of August 23 be received and filed:**

- 1. Letter to Ministry of FLNRORD RE: BLMBA Application to RDF**
- 2. Letter to Minister of Advanced Education, Skills, and Training**
- 3. RE: Delivery of Post-Secondary Education in Burns Lake**
- 4. Letter to MP Cullen RE: Request for the continued support of the CPRA Green Jobs Initiative**
- 5. Office of the Seniors Advocate Aging Research Links**
- 6. Northern Health - Food Alerts**
- 7. Northern BC Tourism News & Updates**
- 8. Northern Health - Communities E-brief**

9. BC Games Society - July Newsletter
10. Pacific Northern Gas - Notice of Regulatory Proceeding
11. Kitimat LNG Project - Update Summer 2019
12. Southside Health and Wellness Newsletter and Calendar Sept 2019

**CARRIED**

Item #2 Councillor Hill fully supports the letter and he thanked Council members who are attending UBCM.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

F. Varga spoke to the OCP amendments 1003, 2019, 1004, 2019 and 1005, 2019

F. Varga stated that council he felt did not have all the information required to make an informed decision regarding these amendments.

**RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS** None

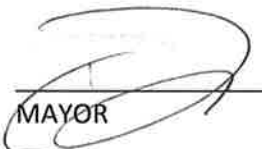
**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded by Council.

**2019-08-27: 333**

**THAT the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m., on August 27, 2019.**

**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, August 27, 2019.

