



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, December 10, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT

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

GUESTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MEDIA

None

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-12-10: 428

THAT additional item (a) be added under Section 10 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION ACTION;

THAT the agenda for December 10, 2019, Regular Meeting of Council is approved as amended.

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS

None

DELEGATIONS

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-12-10: 429

THAT the November 26, 2019, minutes of the Special Meeting of Council be adopted;

AND THAT the November 26, 2019 minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

MAYOR, COUNCILLOR AND CAO REPORTS

Mayor Funk

- Met with Dr. Dennis Johnson, the new president of CNC.
- Task forces will be set up for each regional campus.
- Attended the Christmas Light Up event
- Meeting with MP Bachrach on December 17 at 5:30 p.m.
- Met with Cindy Johnson and Councillor Rensby about the TSR Committee to figure out their role after the AAC announcement

Councillor White

- Attended the Indigenous Cooking program meeting. The class should start in June 2020. Recruitment will be open to any interested students.

Councillor Hill

- Attended Christmas Light Up Parade
- Volunteered with the Fire Department for the fireworks in Spirit Square.

Councillor Wiebe

- Attended Christmas Light Up and handed out hot chocolate at the event.

CAO Worthing

- The Voyent Communication System demonstration will be on January 7 at 5:30 p.m.
- The office will be closed on December 24 at noon, all day on December 27, and all day on January 1, 2020.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-12-10: 430

THAT the Mayor and Council reports be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Burns Lake Heights Property – *Director of Protective Services R. Krause*

- Director Krause gave an overview of the Burns Lake Heights property.
- Council discussed the options to decide what the next steps are.
- A select committee is formed to discuss one topic.
- Committee of the Whole is a meeting outside of the regular council meeting schedule.

- A public meeting could be set to discuss the property.
- Council discussed the monetary value of logging the property.
- There are many decisions that will have to be made and options to be considered before making a decision.
- The land is zoned Urban Residential.
- A separate time during strategic planning will be planned to discuss the property.
- Staff has spoken with FLNRORD regarding the crownland piece beside the row houses.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-12-10: 431

THAT Council for the Village of Burns Lake receive the report titled Burns Lake Height Property;

AND THAT the discussion of Burns Lake Heights property is included in Strategic Planning.

CARRIED

2019 Burns Lake Business Walk Summary - *EDO L. Watson*

- Council thanked EDO Watson for completing the 2019 Business Walk and for compiling a good report.
- Many businesses are looking for workers.
- The cost of freight charges into Burns Lake was also a repeat topic.
- The business walk focussed on retail businesses.
- Online shopping was also mentioned a number of times.
- Council discussed online businesses and marketing.
- Council discussed the internet speed and it is not a significant issue within the municipality.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-12-10: 432

THAT the 2019 Business Walk Summary report of Dec. 10, 2019, be received.

CARRIED

2020 Village of Burns Lake Meeting Dates - *DCO V. Anderson*

It was moved and seconded by Council.

2019-12-10: 433

THAT the following dates be set for the 2020 Regular Council Meetings to be held at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers:

- January 7 & 21
- February 4 & 18
- March 3 & 17
- April 7 & 21
- May 5 & 19
- June 9 & 23
- July 14
- August 11
- September 1 & 15
- October 6 & 20
- November 3 & 17
- December 8

AND THAT Closed Meetings of Council be held at 6:00 p.m. when required.

CARRIED

Groundwater Report – *DCO V. Anderson*

- Council discussed water issues
- There are issues regarding legislation due to NAFTA.
- Council discussed water metering.
- Council discussed properties that are metered.
- Residential is not metered.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-12-10: 434

THAT staff seek a legal opinion and bring back a report containing wording to prohibit the processing of groundwater in all zones and the meaning of 'processing' and 'bulk water' will be included in the report;

AND THAT the Village of Burns Lake sends a letter to the Premier of BC, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operation and Rural Development and the MLA in favour of the Strathcona Regional District's resolution B154 endorsed at the 2019 UBCM convention.

CARRIED

Council Resolution Tracker – *DCO V. Anderson*

- For ease of tracking resolutions made at Council meetings, the spreadsheet will be included in the agenda package for the first meeting of each month.

NCLGA Resolution Submission Guidelines

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-12-10: 435

THAT Council members will bring resolution ideas forward for council consideration no later than January 21, 2020, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

RDBN resolution request – *CAO Worthing*

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-12-10: 436

THAT the Village of Burns Lake Council approves the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to act on our behalf as the primary applicant for UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services fund;

AND THAT the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako apply on behalf of the Village of Burns Lake for up to \$25,000;

AND THAT the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako will receive and manage grant funding on behalf of the Village of Burns Lake from the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services funding stream.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

None

**ORIGINAL
COMMUNICATIONS
ACTION**

Modernizing the Motor Vehicle Act – *District of Saanich letter*

- Council discussed the content of the letter

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-12-10: 437

THAT a support letter for the District of Saanich’s letter regarding modernizing the Motor Vehicle Act be sent to Premier Horgan

DEFEATED

**ORIGINAL
COMMUNICATIONS
RECEIVED AND
FILED**

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-12-10: 438

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

- a) Nechako Watershed Roundtable – participation thank you
- b) Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako – 2020 Meeting Schedule
- c) SD#91 – 2020 Strategic Plan Snapshot
- d) UBCM – Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment
- e) FCM – Building better lives together Nov 2019
- f) PAPC – Good Neighbour Alert
- g) BC Hydro – Prince George to Terrace Capacitors project update

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

None

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

Municipal accounts dated December 4, 2019, of \$101,087.57 were found to be in good order.

READING FILES

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-12-10: 439

THAT the Reading File of December 6, 2019, be received and filed:

1. Letter to Ministry of Tourism, Arts, and Culture RE: UBCM Meeting
2. Letter to Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development RE: UBCM Meeting
3. BC Rural Centre November News
4. Letter to Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee RE: Appointment of a Representative to the PGTAC
5. BC Games Society Newsletter November 2019
6. Office of the Seniors Advocate Research Rounds
7. NCLGA Member Update - Geoscience BC Event Invitation
8. Healthier Northern Communities E-brief
9. Office of the Seniors Advocate - Monitoring Senior Services Webinar
10. Volunteers Needed for Save-On-Foods Event Sunday, Dec. 22 2019

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded by Council.

2019-12-10: 440

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 7:55 p.m., on December 10, 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, December 10, 2019.