



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL  
FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Wednesday, February 13, 2019 AT 6:30 PM

**PRESENT**

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

**PUBLIC**

12 Members of the Public

**MEDIA**

Blair McBride – Lakes District News

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Funk called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2019-02-13: 59**

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

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**REPORTS**

St. John's Anglican Church Staff Report from April 2018 –  
*Director of Protective Services R. Krause*

St. John's Anglican Church Staff Report from December 2018 –  
*Senior Management Team*

Heritage Technical Services Report – St. John's Anglican Church

Correspondence Received

- Mayor Funk read aloud a letter from Wayne Brown.
- Mayor Funk read aloud a letter from Rene Jaspers.

## Committee of the Whole Discussion:

Speakers were asked to answer the following questions during their presentation.

1. Is your group interested in using the St. John's Anglican Church?
  2. What are your plans for the space?
  3. Do you have funding to operate the venture?
  4. Would you participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the use of the St. John's Anglican Church?
- Dr. George Magee spoke on behalf of the Rotary Club. The Rotary has funds that were donated by Dr. and Mrs. McEwen, which could be used to restore the church. The Rotary is considering this project and may offer seed money for the restoration. The Rotary is not interested in owning the church or the land. They would like to use the building for meetings. If they involve themselves they would like to have the McEwen name attached to the space.
  - Wayne Brown is concerned about the deterioration of the stained glass windows. He feels restoration of the windows needs to be a priority for whoever takes over the church.
  - Lori White spoke as previous member of the Village of Burns Lake's Heritage Commission. She wondered if the building could be incorporated with the Museum. Perhaps funding could be tied to the museum.
  - Michael Riis-Christianson spoke to the strong interest in using the building as an art gallery and how it can't in its present state be used as a public building. It is one of the oldest buildings in Burns Lake, but to truly be an asset to the community it needs to be restored.
  - Dr. George Magee spoke about the Anglican Church in Smithers. The Smithers Museum Society have made it relatively self sustaining. It was rented 150 times last year. The Town of Smithers does not contribute to the operating budget. Perhaps the Museum Society could take the lead?

- Tracey Payne representing herself commented that the old Church in Smithers has a kitchen, which adds to its 'rentability'.
- Sandra Barth speaking for herself and the Lakes District Arts council, stated their organization is not in a position to be a lead for the project. To her knowledge most places like this receive funding from government to operate. The building needs a lot of work, and if it is developed as a rental, it will then impact other venues in town. If the space is rented out, rent must be at market value.
- Jack Brown spoke on behalf of the Rotary Club, their vision is this is an asset of the Village and the Rotary could provide seed money for a restoration project. The project however, has to be on a self sustaining basis. We need to get the end vision for the project and work backwards.
- Michael Riis-Christianson suggested that there needs to be a Committee of Council or some such group formed who would bring recommendations back to council.
- Tracy Payne commented the \$50,000 in the Village of Burns Lake reserve plus the Rotary funds you could likely double the amount through grant funding.
- Wayne Brown asked if the Council would re-establish the Heritage Commission.
- The Mayor thanked everyone for coming and for their input.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD None**


**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Council

**2019-02-13: 60**

**THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 6:52 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR  
CORPORATE OFFICER

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council for the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019