



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, January 08, 2019 AT 6:00PM

PRESENT

Mayor D. Funk
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor C. Rensby
Councillor H. Wiebe
Councillor K. White
CAO S. Worthing
EDO V. Anderson

GUESTS

Frank Varga and Miles Fuller

PUBLIC

MEDIA

Blair McBride – Lakes District News

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor D. Funk called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-01-08: 15

THAT the Agenda for this meeting be approved.

CARRIED

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS; AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DELEGATIONS

- M. Fuller President of the Chinook Community Forest presented photos from the 2018 wildfire season.
- M. Fuller was hired as a community liaison officer during the wildfires.
- M. Fuller gave a brief overview of the Nadina wildfires from his perspective.
- M. Fuller was involved in broadcast burning over 20 years ago. He showed a picture of one of those broadcast burned blocks (which was in the middle of the Nadina fire) and it did not burn. He feels this is due to having no fuel loading on the forest floor because of the broadcast burning. He showed a picture of the block.
- M. fuller presented a picture of Wasp Lake, which showed examples of leave strips and an Old Growth Management Area (OGMA) that burned.

- M. Fuller feels that the OGMAs are now just fuel for fires because they are fallen down and dead.
- M. Fuller gave an overview of his opinion of what happened to cause the catastrophic fires this summer. Several things have to come together for fires to run long distances at night as they did last summer. The conditions include high temperatures, low humidity, wind and fuel. Fuel is the only thing we have control over.
- Almost every fire last summer was fueled by a southwest wind.
- There is extreme fuel loading in the unburned, north end of Tweedsmuir Park. A wildfire with a southwest wind through the northern section of Tweedsmuir Park could jump Ootsa Lake if the conditions were right.
- M. Fuller shared a recently released map of planned logging around Granisle for fuel mitigation purposes.
- F. Varga discussed Statutory Regulations for harvesting and that there is flexibility in the regulations for the purpose of wildfire mitigation.
- M. Fuller discussed what he learned from the Australian firefighters.
- Council was shown a video of a planned burn of a 40 year old stand of timber in the Kootaney region, which depicted the danger of fuel loading on the forest floor.
- F. Varga gave brief overview of fire mitigation strategy and the need for public communication and awareness.
- F. Varga has written many letters and papers to the Ministry regarding fuel mitigation.
- Two BL Comfor fire mitigation projects were approved for the Boer Mountain area and the Pinnacle–Babine Forest Products area. Both areas contain major infrastructure.
- Jim Snetsinger will be in Burns Lake in the near future and one of the topics M. Fuller and F. Varga would like to discuss is the reopening the Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP) process.
- The Mayor thanked the delegation for their presentation.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD None

**RELEASE OF CLOSED
MEETING RESOLUTIONS**

AJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-01-08: 16

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 pm

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Wednesday, January 16, 2019 AT 5:00PM

PRESENT

Mayor D. Funk
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor C. Rensby
Councillor H. Wiebe
Councillor K. White
CAO S. Worthing
EDO V. Anderson
Deputy Corporate Officer R. Billard

GUESTS

Jim Snetsinger
Agathe Bernard
Beth Eagles

PUBLIC

MEDIA

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Funk called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-01-16: 17

THAT the Agenda for this meeting be approved.

CARRIED

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS; AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DELEGATIONS

Jim Snetsinger, Agathe Bernard and Beth Eagles.

- J. Snetsinger set the AAC in 2011
- J. Snetsinger discussed the TSR 5 data package release.
- J. Snetsinger discussed the role of the Chief Forester.
- J. Snetsinger discussed the status of the Lakes TSA.
- J. Snetsinger explained the Lakes TSA.
- J. Snetsinger discussed Timber Supply Review objectives.
- There was a discussion about the AAC.

- There was a discussion about the changes in the timber supply review process.
- J. Snetsinger discussed the Timber Supply Review Process and the public discussion paper.
- Council discussed AAC volume and area based tenures.
- There was a discussion about the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic.
- There was a discussion about section 18 transfers.
- Council discussed volume uplifts sent outside the district.
- J. Snetsinger said Mountain Pine Beetle killed 54 million cubic metres of pine trees at 76% mortality in the Lakes TSA.
- J. Snetsinger said the Lakes TSA was comprised of 64% pine trees.
- There was a discussion about standing dead timber shelf life.
- There was a discussion about a 15-year shelf life and an extension to the shelf life.
- There was a discussion about the mid-term timber supply.
- J. Snetsinger encouraged Council to keep the lines of communication opened.
- Council discussed VQOs and fuel mitigation.
- There was a discussion about Burns Lake Community Forest.
- There was a discussion about the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- There was a discussion about the Firesmart Committee, training and grant applications.
- Mayor Funk thanked the delegation for their presentation.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS

AJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-01-16: 18

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6 pm.

CARRIED



MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

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