



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Wednesday, June 28, 2017 AT 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor C. Beach  
Councillor K. Holliday  
Councillor M. Riis-Christianson  
Councillor J. Illes  
Councillor S. Schienbein  
CAO S. Worthing  
Director of Finance B. Crossman  
Director of Public Works D. Ross  
Director of Protective Services R. Krause  
City Clerk R. Billard

**GUESTS**

Wayne Brown – Process 4 circle arts Gallery

**PUBLIC**

2 members of the public

**MEDIA**

Flavio Nienow – LD News

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor C. Beach called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-06-28: 240**

**THAT the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended**

**CARRIED**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**DELEGATIONS**

Process 4 circle arts Gallery – Wayne Brown

- W. Brown thanked Council for opportunity to speak.
- W. Brown noted that it was nice to see more business people on Council.

- W. Brown discussed the history and current use of the Village owned building, currently occupied by the Lakes Artisan Cooperative.
- W. Brown expressed concerns that Council is competing with other landlords as well as having taxpayers subsidizing a business
- W. Brown asked Council to consider setting the rent at fair market value
- W. Brown said he withheld his business license payment to get council's attention
- W Brown discussed the differences between a cooperative vs. sole proprietorship
- W. Brown requested that no action be taken upon his business while he is away.
- W. Brown presented a list of questions to Council that he would like answers to.
- Mayor Beach thanked W. Brown for his presentation to Council.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-06-28: 241**

**THAT the June 14, 2017 minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

## **MAYOR'S, COUNCILLOR'S, C.A.O.'S REPORTS**

Mayor C. Beach

- Mayor Beach said he, along with Village Staff attended Geoscience BC meeting and was surprised to learn that Burns Lake and area has a lot of potential for mineral discovery.
- Mayor Beach noted that GeoScience BC used the local airport as a base of operations.
- Mayor Beach discussed a Discovery Channel program, featuring GeoScience BC in Burns Lake.
- Mayor Beach attended a BL MBA bike camp
- Mayor Beach discussed the start of the Burns Lake soccer season and noted that 275 people had signed up this year.
- Mayor Beach said there is now a men's soccer team that has been started by a teacher from England that is new to Burns Lake.

- Mayor Beach said he attended a teleconference hosted by MLA John Rustad regarding the softwood lumber dispute.
- Mayor Beach noted that the Mayor of Prince George discussed a marketing campaign to get communities together to put a face on the impact of the forest industry.
- Mayor Beach attended Bill Dell's retirement party and congratulated him on his 38 years of service at the Village of Burns Lake.
- Mayor Beach attended the BC Transit bus launch and said it is nice to see the busses running through town, starting very early in the morning.
- Mayor Beach said he attended the Annual Show and Shine Car Show and noted that it was a great event for the community.
- Mayor Beach congratulated Staff on the Aboriginal Day parade entry float and said that the live Pioneer music on the float was excellent.
- Mayor Beach said he thought it was great to have the parade travel along Highway 16 this year.
- Mayor Beach said he also attended the Aboriginal Day celebrations at Spirit Square and noted that it was a really good day.
- Mayor Beach said congratulations to Staff and the Public Works Crew for the excellent work at Radley Beach and noted that the improvements are generating conversation for further improvements.
- Mayor Beach thanked the Director of Recreation for her excellent work over the last three years and said her last day working at the Village of Burns Lake would be Sunday.

#### Councillor J. Illes

- Councillor Illes attended the Community-to-Community Forum at Nadleh Whut'en First Nation.
- Councillor Illes noted that the RDBN is building a relationship protocol and presented a first draft of the protocol to Council. He said that the RDBN would be looking for the Village of Burns Lake to make a motion to adopt the protocol in the future.
- Councillor Illes said that the RDBN is acknowledging that they exist on unseeded First Nations Territory and this is shown in every agenda.
- Councillor Illes attended the Keeping it Rural Conference and said there was excellent information and presenters.

- Councillor Illes discussed the AAC allocation for green timber in Quesnel is now 32% less than they were 10 days ago. He said it is a blow to the community.
- Councillor Illes discussed a community bus from the Ferry to Burns Lake.

#### Councillor S. Schienbein

- Councillor Schienbein attended the Lakes Outdoor Recreation Society AGM and went on a tour of recreation sites on the Southside. She said the area has many assets, which is awesome.
- Councillor Schienbein said she has been watching the water tower project unfold and that it is very interesting.
- Councillor Schienbein said she has spent some time at the Municipal Campground and Radley Beach talking to people and said it is incredible to see the Campground full.
- Councillor Schienbein passed on her appreciation to the Director of Public Works for doing such a great job.
- Councillor Schienbein said she would like to see some signage down at the Municipal Campground that would compel people to walk around the downtown core.
- Councillor Schienbein attended two Bulkley Valley Airshed Management Society meetings and noted there is interesting information. She said a report due next year, will likely show the air quality in Burns Lake is failing.
- Councillor S. Schienbein said that the Bulkley Valley Airshed Management Society is hoping to have a workshop on road dust soon.
- Councillor Schienbein said she encourages people to go online and look at 'PurpleAir' air quality monitoring system. She noted that the District of Hazelton have one and said that it would be beneficial for Burns Lake as a recruitment tool to advertise our good air quality and attract people with breathing conditions from other areas.
- Councillor Schienbein visited the community garden and is amazed how much great work is happening there.
- Councillor Schienbein attended the June 8 RDBN Board of Directors meeting in place of Councillor Illes.

- Councillor Schienbein discussed the Quesnel Timber Supply Review and said there has been a 35% reduction in green wood.

#### Councillor K. Holliday

- Councillor Holliday attended Northern Development Initiative Trust's Northwest Regional Advisory Committee meeting and said it is not likely that there will be an August intake as the funds have already been spoken for in first two intakes
- Councillor Holliday noted that there is still excess funds available that pine beetle communities can apply for and suggested the Village of Burns Lake should look at accessing these funds. She said Quesnel has really taken advantage of these funds and would like Burns Lake to do the same, as there is a substantial amount of money left.
- Councillor Holliday attended the Lakes District Secondary School production of Mama Mia and said it was excellent.
- Councillor Holliday said she is looking forward to the Canada Day celebrations at Spirit Square.

#### Councillor M. Riis-Christianson

- Councillor Riis-Christianson attended the Burns Lake and District Rebroadcasting Society AGM and wanted people to know that you don't have to pay for television in Burns Lake as there are five channels available for free and the society is looking at bringing in at least three more channels.
- Councillor Riis-Christianson said he and Councillor Illes will be preparing a formal report about the Keeping it Rural conference they attended. He noted that it was an incredible conference and thanked Council for letting them attend.
- Councillor Riis-Christianson said there was incredible speakers, in particular an Australian gentleman called Peter Kenyan who was terrific.
- Councillor Riis-Christianson said he is excited by possibilities as Burns Lake is very strong community and he is looking forward to bringing ideas to the Economic Diversification Committee.

#### CAO S. Worthing

- CAO Worthing gave a reminder that Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> is the final day for property taxes to be paid.
- CAO Worthing said she has been conducting Recreation Director interviews this week.
- CAO Worthing noted that day camps start at the Multiplex this week and that there are two new group leaders at Multiplex.
- CAO Worthing said that there are fun Canada Day events planned for Saturday at Spirit Square.
- CAO Worthing said she is sorry to be saying goodbye to the Director of Recreation this week. CAO Worthing said she has done an amazing job and we are going to miss her.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-06-28: 242**

**THAT the Village of Burns Lake Mayor's, Councillors' and CAO's reports be received**

**CARRIED**

## **REPORTS**

Community Wildfire Protection Plan – *CAO S. Worthing*

*CAO Worthing requested this be deferred to a future meeting of Council*

Handling the Funds of Others Policy – *Director of Finance B. Crossman*

- Council requested that the Handling the Funds of Others Policy be deferred until information has been released from the June 14 and June 8 Closed Meetings of Council.
- Council noted that the information has already been released publicly via a media release from Council.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-06-28: 243**

**THAT the Handling the Funds of Others Policy Report be deferred until the August 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting of Council**

**CARRIED**

2016 Annual Report – *City Clerk R. Billard*

- Council thanked City Clerk R. Billard for putting together the Annual Report and said they were looking forward to reading it.

**2017-06-28: 244**

**THAT the 2016 Annual Report for the Village of Burns Lake be approved**

**CARRIED**

Nepotism Policy – Director of Finance B. Crossman

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-06-28: 245**

**THAT the Nepotism Policy No. PER 11 be approved**

**CARRIED**

2017 Paving Revised – *Director of Public Works, D. Ross*

- Director Ross provided an overview of the revisions to the paving project.
- Council discussed the potential of incorporating sidewalks into the project.
- Council said they are supportive of the paving project, however as this is a high pedestrian traffic area sidewalks should be considered.
- Council discussed the viability of a sidewalk in this area.
- Council discussed Village service infrastructure.
- A discussion took place about the paving budget.
- Council thanked Director Ross for his hard work and said they could meet with him for further discussion.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-06-28: 246**

**THAT the \$160,000 paving budget for 2017 be allocated to Center Street (Highway 16 apron past third avenue, including intersections)**

**AND THAT the June 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 resolution 2017-06-14:233 be rescinded**

**AND THAT the LB paving Ltd. tender for the 2017 paving and patching project be approved at \$158,080 for Center Street Paving and \$39,975 for asphalt patching**

DEFEATED

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-06-28: 247

**THAT Staff bring back a report after consulting an engineer to determine the viability of constructing sidewalks on Centre Street from the Highway 16 apron past Third Avenue, including intersections.**

**CARRIED**

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### **ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – ACTION**

### **ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – RECEIVED AND FILED**

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-06-28: 248

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

- a) UBCM – 2016 Resolutions
- b) NCLGA – Official Statement from the NCLGA

**CARRIED**

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

### **READING FILES**

It was moved and seconded by Council

2017-06-28: 249

**THAT the following reading file be received:**

June 23, 2017

1. NCLGA – Message from the Executive Director
2. The Compass – June 7, 2017
3. Northern Health – Healthier Communities ebrief
4. Burns Lake and District Chamber of Commerce – Visitor Centre Update
5. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Service Area #24 Load Restrictions
6. The Compass – June 14, 2017
7. Letter – Unpaid Business License Fees – Process 4 circle arts Gallery
8. Letter – Unpaid Business License Fees – Purely H2O



**CARRIED**

Council brought out item 7 & 8

- Thank Staff for including the letters sent out – helpful to see what is going out.

It was moved and seconded by Council

**PUBLIC QUESTION  
PERIOD**

**RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2017-06-28: 250**

**THAT the meeting be closed to the public under section 90 (1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations.**

**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 Wednesday, June 28, 2017