



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, November 26, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT

Mayor D. Funk
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor H. Wiebe
Councillor K. White
Councillor Rensby
CAO S. Worthing
Director of Public Works, D. Ross
Deputy Corporate Officer – V. Anderson

GUESTS

None

PUBLIC

0 members of the public attended.

MEDIA

Blair McBride – Lakes District News

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

2019-11-26: 411

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

AND THAT additional item (e) be added under Section 11 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND FILED;

THAT the agenda for November 26, 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

2019-11-26: 412

THAT the November 12, 2019 minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted;

AND THAT the November 14, 2019, minutes of the Special Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

MAYOR, COUNCILLOR AND CAO REPORTS

Mayor Funk

- Attended an AAC apportionment meeting. The Minister may take a long time before the AAC is allocated.
- Volunteered at the Rotary Auction.
- Met with Val Erickson from NewGold Blackwater.
- Attended an RBA meeting.
- Met with Corrine George from CNC, CNC is working on an adventure tourism program in Burns Lake.
- I will be meeting with CNC President this week.

Councillor Hill

- Attended the Northern Health Endoscopy meeting, moving forward as planned.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-11-26: 413

THAT the Village of Burns Lake sends a letter to Northern Health to support the Endoscopy Working Groups' effort to bring endoscopy services to the Lakes District Hospital and Health Centre.

CARRIED

- Attended Perinatal Working Group. If BL gets maternity services back, it will be the first time such as service will have been restored in the province.

Councillor Rensby

- Attended Rio Tinto Water Engagement Initiative meeting in Prince George.

CAO Worthing

- Attended the Introduction to First Nation Communities in the Lakes District course with three members of staff.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-11-26: 414

THAT the Mayor and Council reports be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Caribou Herd Plan Tweedsmuir-Entiako, *Councillor Rensby, verbal, Sean Mitchel, FLNORD by phone*

- S. Mitchel gave an overview of the herding planning process.
- This is the second year of the program.
- Tweedsmuir-Entiako herd is classified as a species at risk.
- Currently have a draft Section 11 agreement, waiting for Federal signing.
- BC does not want the Federal Government to issue a Section 80 Protection Order
- The Federal Government does not consider socio-economic effects.
- Section 11 uses broad community engagement to build three recovery scenarios.
- We are identifying the highest value areas, such as calving areas.
- There could be ecological restoration (planting trees etc.)
- The reduction of predators could be considered.
- Caribou often only have one offspring.
- Functional ecological restoration would slow down predators, making it more difficult to feed on caribou
- The recommendation is 3 wolves over 1,000 km sq; currently, there are 14 to 26 per 1,000 km sq.
- Implemented a short-term wildlife conservation plan for predator reduction this winter.
- They have broad consultation, seem to have local support, have received emails from across Canada and internationally not supporting the predator reduction.
- Caribou are reducing at 12% per year, without doing anything there will be no herd in the near future.
- Estimating 20 years for the habitat in the Tweedsmuir area
- Council asked the best way for the village to engage,
- The best way to engage is to fill out the template document "What We Heard" document.
- The RDBN will be discussing this in December.
- Council discussed mortality from bears. Only adult female caribou are collared. When a mortality notification is received, a biologist goes to the site and investigates why. In general, wolves are the primary cause of caribou mortality. Bears are not the leading cause.
- Clarification of "fewer moose and deer" on the landscape, hundreds of years ago caribou roamed, moose were not a part of this landscape at the population they are now. Higher moose brought in more wolves.
- 0.2 moose/100 km sq

- Will monitor moose, caribou and wolf populations if predator reduction program is implemented.
- Council discussed the reduction of moose populations
- Use the “What We Heard Document” to address moose population concerns.
- We are working to find a balance between industry and herd preservation.
- Council discussed clearing the beaches on the calving areas for the caribou. The project is important to clear the shoreline of the calving area.
- The mayor thanked Sean for the presentation.

Water and Sewer to Industrial Park - *Director of Public Works, D. Ross*

- The two options have similar costs.
- The option through Village Heights allows for a future subdivision in the area.
- Council discussed the Kerr Rd. area.
- Houses and properties in that area could be serviced.
- A class D cost estimate is the lowest level of estimation.
- As you move to a Class A cost estimate, more money will need to be spent on engineering.
- Council discussed whether the properties in the industry site would hook-up or not.
- Council discussed grant opportunities.
- Council discussed the economic development lens of providing water and sewer to the site.
- Council discussed the cost of septic fields versus connecting to municipal services.
- CAO Worthing discussed the hook-up procedure.
- The Village has lagoon and water capacity to service a much higher population.
- Further investigation will come at a price tag.
- Council discussed the Ministry of Environment and Highways approvals.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-11-26: 415

THAT council receives the “Water and Sewer to Industrial Park” report;

AND THAT staff bring back a report on the next steps and costs for water and sewer to the Industrial Park.

CARRIED

Natural Resources forum and COFI convention - *DCO V. Anderson*

- Mayor’s registration and one night hotel is paid by COFI

It was moved and seconded by Council.

2019-11-26: 416

THAT Mayor Funk, Councillor Rensby and Councillor Wiebe attend the Natural Resources Forum in Prince George from January 28-30, 2020;

AND THAT Mayor Funk and Councillor Rensby attend the COFI conference in Prince George from April 1 - 3, 2020.

CARRIED

C2C funding - Proposed Meeting Date – *DCO V. Anderson*

- Council spoke to the spirit of C2C events will only benefit relations.
- Council discussed having an experienced facilitator be part of the event.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-11-26: 417

THAT a Community to Community forum with area First Nation governments be held on January 23, 2020;

AND THAT the Village of Burns Lake in collaboration with local First Nation governments apply for funding under UBCM's Community to Community Forum program by December 6, 2019;

AND THAT the Village of Burns Lake contributes up to \$2,500 leverage funding for the UBCM Community to Community Forum grant from the General Government Expense Account.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

None

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTION

Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee Appointment

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-11-26: 418

THAT Mayor Funk be appointed to the Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee for a term of 3 years;

AND THAT Councillor Hill is appointed as the alternate for the Prince George Treaty Committee for a term of 3 years.

CARRIED

The unveiling of the WFN Log Building Restoration Project

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-11-26: 419

THAT Mayor Funk and Councillor Rensby will attend the WFN Log Building Restoration Project celebration on December 6 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at #8 Defoe Road in Palling.

CARRIED

**ORIGINAL
COMMUNICATIONS
RECEIVED AND
FILED**

None

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-11-26: 420

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

- a) **Minister John Rustad MLA – Multiculturalism Grant Program**
- b) **City of Victoria – UBCM resolution re: Opioid Crisis**
- c) **CN Rail – Collaboration with communities to improve grade crossing safety**
- d) **John Rustad MLA – Invite to ALR Roundtable to discuss changes – December 3, 2019, in Vanderhoof**
- e) **The Link – Holiday Spirit fundraiser – 24 Days of Giving**

CARRIED

Council highlighted the following original communication items:

Item (b) council appreciated the change in tone from the UBCM meeting.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-11-26: 421

THAT the Village of Burns all send a letter to the Provincial Government supporting the City of Victoria’s resolution to UBCM regarding the opioid crisis.

CARRIED

Item (f) The Link letter

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-11-26: 422

THAT the Village of Burns Lake participates in the Link Holiday 24 Days of giving with a \$500 donation from the Community Goodwill Account.

CARRIED

Item (d) ALR roundtable

- Council discussed the involvement of the RDBN in this process.

NEW BUSINESS

Interpretive Centre Rental Agreement *CAO Worthing*

- Council discussed the renewal.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-11-26: 423

THAT the Interpretive Centre Rental Agreement for January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED

NDIT Northwest Regional Advisory Committee - *CAO Worthing*

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-11-26: 424

THAT Councillor Hill be appointed as the Village of Burns Lake's representative on Northern Development Initiative Trust's Northwest Regional Advisory Committee;

AND THAT Mayor Funk is appointed the Village of Burns Lake's alternate on Northern Development Initiative Trust's Northwest Regional Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

FLNRORD Press Release - New AAC set for Lakes Timber Supply Area

- Council discussed the announcement and thanked all involved in the process.
- Council discussed the efforts of community members and council to advocate for our area.

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-11-26: 425

THAT a thank you letter be written to the Lakes Timber Supply Review committee for their work advocating for the area during the Lakes Timber Supply Review process.

CARRIED

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

Municipal accounts dated November 22, 2019, of \$251,695.40, were found to be in good order.

READING FILES

It was moved and seconded by Council

2019-11-26: 426

THAT the Reading File of November 8, 2019, be received and filed:

1. **BC Community Forest Association October Newsletter**
2. **Southside Health and Wellness Center November Calendar & Newsletter**
3. **Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project Construction Update**
4. **ICBC 2019 Pedestrian Safety Campaign**
5. **Office of the Seniors Advocate Research Rounds**
6. **Email from Doug Campbell RE TV Reception**
7. **COFI Connects Newsletter October 2019**
8. **BC Games Society October Newsletter 2019**
9. **Northern Health Healthier Northern Communities E-brief**
10. **Letter from Wet'suwet'en First Nation RE Donation Request**

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded by Council.

2019-11-26: 427

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 8:17 p.m., on November 26, 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, November 26, 2019.