

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Fraser
Lake Held April 14, 2010 at the Municipal Hall

Those in attendance were:

Mayor Lindstrom
Councillor Duncan
Councillor Jantz
Councillor Mowat
Councillor Reyden

Staff:

Vern Hilman, Asst Works Foreman
Donna Ward, Clerk/Treasurer

Public:

Lindsay Ault, Girl Guides
Mrs. Ronnie Ault

Mayor Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

AGENDA

Resolution 04-14-115 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Duncan

"That the agenda and declaration of new business be adopted as presented."

"Carried"

DELEGATION

Lindsay Ault made a presentation to Council regarding her upcoming trip to China as part of the Girl Guide (Rangers) organization. She has spent 11 years in Girl Guides and feels the group has taught her a great deal about being true to herself, being honest, being a good friend and numerous other attributes. In China she will be part of a group of 12 Girl Guides from BC who will visit schools and orphanages bringing care packages to the children and doing volunteer work while there. The trip will cost about \$4,500 and she is requesting a donation from the Village to assist in her costs. When she returns from China she will be making a presentation at the library, additional ones at the local schools and a presentation to all the Girl Guides in this district regarding what she accomplished and what she learned on her trip.

Resolution 04-14-116 M/S Councillor Jantz/Councillor Mowat

"That the Village donate \$300.00 to Lindsay Ault for her trip to China as a Girl Guide representative."

"Carried"

Council thanked Lindsay for her presentation and she and Mrs. Ault left the meeting at 7:08 pm.

MINUTES OF THE
PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution 04-14-117 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Jantz

"That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held March 24, 2010 and the minutes of the informal meeting held March 4, 2010 be adopted as presented."

"Carried"

BUSINESS FROM THE
MEETING

Page 6 of the regular minutes of March 24, 2010 under New Business should read "OBAC" not NDI.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor Jantz attended the April Chamber meeting. Maureen Czirfusz, Manager of the Houston Chamber, did a presentation on benefits of belonging to a Chamber. The meeting was very well attended – 21 people and her presentation was well received. Councillor Jantz said that we need to determine how to draw on the enthusiasm of some of the new members of our community.

Councillor Jantz asked who might be attending the Bike rodeo – he will be there as a representative of BC Ambulance but can also represent the Village. Mayor Lindstrom and Councillor Duncan said they will be attending as well.

Mayor Lindstrom reported that he has a meeting with Stellat'en on Friday to discuss the lot transfer in the Southside Subdivision. Stellat'en is very happy with the lots chosen. He also has a video conference on Thursday with the Regional District, Forestry and OBAC.

Resolution 04-14-118 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Duncan

"That the Council reports be received as presented."

"Carried"

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Resolution 04-14-119 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the accounts payable in the amount of \$105,060.56 be approved as presented."

"Carried"

Councillor Reyden asked if we recycle the sand taken off the streets. Vern responded that we use some but most cannot be used as the salt prevents the sand from compacting. Also a great deal of it has debris in it from people raking it off their lawns.

A number of other questions were asked and answered regarding the payables.

BUSINESS FROM
THE CLERK

Resolution 04-14-120 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the regular meetings of Council schedule for July 28, 2010 and August 11, 2010 be cancelled due to summer vacations."

"Carried"

Discussion was held on the upcoming fireworks course to be held in PG. Council was assured that municipal volunteers are covered by our liability insurance.

Resolution 04-14-121 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That one Village employee and one public volunteer be permitted to attend the fireworks course in PG with hotel for one night, course fees, meals and travel being paid by the Village".

"Carried"

Admin was to submit a list of the volunteer names she had received for Council to decide who would be chosen to attend.

Discussion was held on the possible date for the official opening of the new water plant. It was agreed upon that we have refreshments (cake, hot dogs, sodas) and that we have the open house from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm and again from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Admin will check with MLA and MP

as well as granting agency representatives as to best date.

Discussion was held on the new water plant and the trials and tribulations of start-up. It was explained that the new system does use chlorine as a final treatment but that the volumes will be much less since the water will first be filtered and then treated by UV and then chlorinated.

Discussion was held on fireworks for Canada Day. Councillors Duncan and Jantz will assist with the fireworks. Also the Village employee and public volunteer being sent on the course should be available to do the fireworks.

There was no resolution to receive the Fire Chief's report at the March 24, 2010 regular meeting of Council.

Resolution 04-14-122 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Jantz

"That the Fire Chief's report from March 24, 2010 meeting be received as presented."

"Carried"

Resolution 04-14-123 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That \$250 be donated to the Fraser Lake Youth Soccer for the purchase of First Aid supplies."

"Carried"

Mayor Lindstrom agreed to present the scholarship at the graduation ceremonies in June.

Admin told Council that FLESS had requested the Village prepare and present a Canada Day Youth Award. These were done by Heritage Canada in the past but that has been stopped. FLESS will conduct the nominations and choice of person to receive the award and the Village will prepare a certificate. Mayor Lindstrom agreed to present the certificate at the Canada Day celebration.

Council did not wish to organize any activities for Local Gov't Awareness Week.

Admin will inform the local industries and organize a Day of Mourning to be held at White Swan Park at 11:00 am on Wednesday, April 28th to pay tribute to the people injured or killed in the work place. Mayor Lindstrom will say a few words at the ceremony.

Admin informed Council that NKDF will present \$16,000 of the remaining \$20,000 for their contribution to the Southside Development at 11:45 am on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Councillor Mowat, Mayor Lindstrom and Councillor Jantz hope to attend this presentation.

Admin showed Council what she proposed to put on the Legend for the Southside sign advertising the property for sale. A few suggestion for changes were made and will be incorporated into the final product.

Admin gave Council a mock up of the ad being placed in the FLESS yearbook. Council was pleased with the design.

Resolution 04-14-124 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the Clerk's report be received as presented."

"Carried"

CORRESPONDENCE LISTING

Resolution 04-14-125 M/S Councillor Jantz/Councillor Mowat

"That the listing of correspondence sent on behalf of Council for this period be received as presented."

"Carried"

BYLAWS

Resolution 04-14-126 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Jantz

"That Bylaw 717, 2010 being a bylaw to adopt a 5 year financial plan receive final adoption."

"Carried"

Resolution 04-14-127 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Jantz

"That Bylaw 718, 2010 being a bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 682, 2008 be given third reading."

"Carried"

Admin explained to Council that it might be in our best interest to set a light industrial taxation rate even though we do not have any such assessed values at this time. In looking at rates in other municipalities it was noted that often the light industrial rate is just slightly higher than the commercial rate. Admin recommended a light industrial rate of 18.00/1,000 of assessed value be set for this year. This rate can be further discussed for 2011 budget. Council agreed to this proposal.

Resolution 04-14-128 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That Bylaw 721, 2010 being a bylaw to set the tax rates for the 2010 budget year be given first three readings."

"Carried"

READING LIST

Resolution 04-14-129 M/S Councillor Jantz/Councillor Duncan

"That the reading list be received as presented."

"Carried"

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Jantz said that he will have the letter regarding Forestry ready for the April 21, 2010 meeting.

Councillor Jantz said that he is very pleased with the recycling happening at the Bottle Depot and suggested that the Village operation should take advantage of the paper recycling. It was suggested that a list of the types of paper that can be recycled here be put in the next newsletter.

Vern was asked if the sweeper was operating well and how things were progressing with picking up piles of yard clearing left on the sides of the roads. Vern said that the machine was working very well but that it takes time to get everything done. Discussion was held on the fact that the Village picks up piles left by a landscaping company charging for lawn clearing. It was concluded that if the piles had been left by the residents they would be picked up so the Village would continue to pick up the piles left by the landscaping business as well.

Mayor Lindstrom spoke about the recent vandalism at White Swan Park where fires had been set on the picnic tables and the flower pots were destroyed. Councillor Mowat added her concerns about the vehicles actually racing on Park Drive.

Resolution 04-14-130 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That a letter be written to Sergeant Calhoun stating our concerns and requesting a meeting take place between members of Council and members of the local detachment to discuss the problems occurring in Fraser Lake."

"Carried"

A letter was received from Alfred Hahlen and Linda Delong regarding the health problems resulting from outside wood heater emissions. Council is being requested to ban all outside wood heaters from within the Village.

Discussion was held on this subject. Mayor Lindstrom said he would go and discuss the problem with one of the wood heater owners and see if there was a workable solution. Hopefully he will have a response before the April 21 meeting.

Discussion was held on the Chamber's upcoming request for signage space on the information signs. Admin told Council that she had spoken with the Chamber President and suggested the Chamber determine how much space they would need and make a formal request to Council at that time.

Discussion was held on the bid received from Van-Con for finishing the road in the Southside Subdivision. Council was agreeable to having Van-Con attend the April 21 meeting and speak to them on the subject.

WORKS DEPT
REPORT

Vern spoke to Council about their request for sample letters from the firm approached regarding quotes on harvesting the heat from the arena ice plants to heat the building. Vern said the company was reluctant to provide letters they had prepared for other customers but would be happy to give a sample of the type of report we could expect on our system if we engaged their services. They would also produce three references for our consideration. Vern was given permission to begin the approval process.

Vern spoke to Council regarding clean up week which this year will be May 25-28 saying that we must inform the public that this year wood products must be seperated with stained, painted or wood piled separately from natural wood.

Resolution 04-14-131 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the Works Dept report be received as presented."

"Carried"

IN-CAMERA

Resolution 04-14-132 M/S Councillor Jantz/Councillor Mowat

"That the meeting go in-camera under section 90 of the Community Charter. Time 9:31 pm."

"Carried"

Vern Hilman left the meeting at this time.

Regular meeting resumed at 10:05 pm.

Admin gave Council an invitation from Fort St James regarding a "FAM DAY" being held on May 19th.

ADJOURN


Resolution 04-14-133 M/Councillor Mowat

"That the meeting adjourn. Time 10:07 pm."

"Carried"

CERTIFIED CORRECT


MAYOR LINDSTROM


DONNA WARD, CLERK/TREASURER