

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village
of Fraser Lake Held June 9, 2010 at the Municipal Hall

Those in attendance were: Mayor Lindstrom
Councillor Jantz
Councillor Mowat
Councillor Reyden

Staff: Vern Hilman, Asst Works Foreman
Sylvia Legary, EDO
Elizabeth Litke, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Donna Ward, Clerk/Treasurer

Public: Cheryl Parsons
Mrs. Marilyn Beaver

Mayor Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

AGENDA

Resolution 06-10-182 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

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

"Carried"

DELEGATION

Cheryl Parson presented Council with written information on a program called "Breakfast for Learning" that is being done at FLESS. The committee involved in organizing these meals for students is requesting donations of time, food or financial contribution to their endeavour. They are looking for this support for school start up in September.

Mayor Lindstrom thanked Cheryl for her presentation and said that Council would discuss the request later in the meeting. Cheryl left the meeting at 7:09 PM.

MINUTES FROM THE
PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution 06-10-183 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Jantz

"That the minutes from the regular meeting held May 26, 2010 be approved as presented."

"Carried"

Resolution 06-10-184 M/S Councillor Jantz/Councillor Reyden

"That the minutes of the in-camera meeting held May 12, 2010 be approved as presented."

"Carried"

At this time Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Elizabeth Litke gave Council instructions on their new Village laptops. Council was informed that they would be given new business cards with their new e-mail addresses on them.

Elizabeth left the meeting at 7:25 PM.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

Mayor Lindstrom asked Vern if he had found out any new information on the wetlands in Burns Lake. Vern said he is still trying to arrange that visit. He recommends still flying up with Mickey Bisanz so that aerial view and photos can be done. Mayor Lindstrom agrees and would like to take part in the visit.

Mayor Lindstrom asked Vern about the lock boxes to be placed on Tunasa Cres above the new water plant. Vern said they should be coming next week and would be about 30"x30"x8'.

Councillor Jantz asked about the lights at the water plant. Vern said that one light had been moved to the east side of the building. He suggested leaving the remaining lights as they are due to the volume of traffic that goes through that lot – people come over the bank and by the building going down to the lake at night and good lighting is best for security under those circumstances. He also said that the lights are fairly directional downward and the cost of changing from a 70 watt to a 50 watt is about \$220 each as ballasts would have to be changed by an electrician. Council agreed to leave the remaining lights as is at this time.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor Jantz attended the Sr Citizen's Society AGM last week. The executive has remained the same for this coming year with Richard Cail as president. He also attended the Senior's Director's meeting where discussion was held on the walkway from the Sr Lodge to Highway 16. Councillor Jantz reminded them that this area is Crown property, not Village property, and the Village cannot do anything regarding improvements to that area. There was a complaint of difficulty accessing the traffic control light at Hwy 16 and Chowsunket St in the winter.

Vern will see that this area is cleared of snow come winter. He also attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting which was uneventful. The next Chamber meeting will be in September.

Mayor Lindstrom reported that he attended the graduation ceremonies at FLESS and presented the Village \$1,000 scholarship to Kaitlan Fitzgerald. He also participated in a tour of the Rio Tinto Alcan smelter at Kitimat that was arranged through the Regional District. He said that Alcan had slowed their expansion down a bit in order to employ many locals that had been laid off when Eurocan closed earlier this year.

Resolution 06-10-185 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the Council reports be approved as presented."

"Carried"

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Resolution 06-10-186 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the accounts payable in the amount of \$108,253.39 be approved as presented."

"Carried"

WORKS DEPT REPORT None presented. Asst Works Foreman was there for questions only.

EDO REPORT

Resolution 06-10-187 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Mowat

"That the EDO written report be received as presented."

"Carried"

BUSINESS FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk presented a written report to date. Discussion was held on whether or not fires should be permitted at White Swan park under any circumstances. Council agreed that the sign referred to in resolution 05-26-173 would remain as stated with the following clarification.

Resolution 06-10-188 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Jantz

"That fire permits for White Swan Park be limited to community organizations or events. Also that the location of the fire be pre-arranged with the Village Office."

"Carried"

EDO, Sylvia Legary, left the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Council agreed to the Clerk contacting a property owner on Cougar Street to discuss possible uses of their property and any requests for usage variances.

Admin was asked to confirm with the two private citizens that had taken the pyrotechnics course whether or not they could attend the Fort St James display as apprentices.

Resolution 06-10-189 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Mowat

"That the proposal for change to municipal property submitted by Rob and Jan Rutledge be approved as presented."

"Carried"

The Clerk reported that no bids had been received for operation of the arena concession for 2010/2011 ice season.

Council was told of a conference call with the Regional District regarding 911 service was being held Monday, June 14th at 9:00 am. Mayor Lindstrom will try and be at the Village Office along with the clerk to participate in this call.

The Clerk reported that a letter of support had been requested by John Rustad's office for a nomination that Dr. John Pawlovich be awarded the Order of British Columbia. As this request was time sensitive the Mayor asked the Clerk to compose and send a letter of support. The Clerk read the letter to Council.

Resolution 06-10-190 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That a letter of support for the nomination of Dr. John Pawlovich for the Order of British Columbia be forwarded to John Rustad's office."

"Carried"

The Clerk gave Council a package of job/level descriptions that the Asst Works Foreman has drafted for the Works crew. She requested that a special meeting be set up to discuss personnel requirements for the coming year and Council's desires for a replacement for the Clerk's position as the current Clerk plans to retire around this time next year. Council would like to have this meeting in early September.

The Clerk also informed Council that she would be taking some sick leave for surgery – probably in September.

Resolution 06-10-191 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

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

"Carried"

Mayor Lindstrom gave Council an invitation from the BCTF to attend a meeting on what the BCTF Inquiry Group has achieved to date and what they hope for the future.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Resolution 06-10-192 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the correspondence list be received as presented."

"Carried"

READING LIST

Resolution 06-10-193 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the reading list be received as presented."

"Carried"

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 06-10-194 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the 'Policy for Provision of Service to Public – Property Pins' be approved with the addition of the word "owner" after the words "if private property" in the beginning of the first sentence under Special Circumstances"

"Carried"

Discussion on the policy resolution involved Councillor's experience that finding property pins is the property owner's responsibility – not that of the municipality.

Councillor Jantz said that he and Councillor Duncan have accepted responsibility for the Fire Works portion of Mouse Mountain Days. They have ordered about \$1,500 worth of fireworks. They recommend informing the public that the level of fireworks for this year's celebration will be of a lower calibre than that in the past so that they know to come down to White Swan Park rather than expecting to see the fireworks from their homes. The Works Dept will assist with sand placement and clean-up but Councillor Jantz and Councillor Duncan will be in charge of the display. Council agreed that if one of the pyrotechnics course attendees who normally did Halloween fireworks at his home with a group of other helping wished to assist with July 1st display, they would welcome the help.

Discussion was held on the Breakfast for Learning Committee request for assistance.

Resolution 06-10-195 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the Village donate \$300 to the Breakfast for Learning program and that Council provide further support with assistance in serving breakfast for one week in September."

"Carried"

Councillor Jantz said that some of the residents of the private mobile home park in Fraser Lake were confused as to the proper civic address for their properties. Admin will write to the owner with this information and request that the owner pass this information on to their pad renters.

Councillor Mowat said that Park Drive is not on any of the emergency services maps and will need to be for 911 service. Admin said that she and a temp employee had been working on updating the Village map last year as a number of streets are not included – map is from late 60's - but circumstances halted the project at that time. She hopes to complete this project within her time remaining with the Village.

Discussion was held on whether or not the properties in the Southside should be advertised through a commercial/light industrial experienced real estate agent.

Resolution 06-10-196 M/S Councillor Jantz/Councillor Reyden

"That real estate service be investigated for this property and recommendations brought back to Council."

"Carried"

Mayor Lindstrom said that he would be speaking to Stellat'en First Nation regarding the finalization of the land exchange agreement with them.

Councillor Mowat asked whether the Village would be willing to again supply garbage bags and ice cream treats for the FLESS community cleanup day being held June 22nd. She was told that this tradition would carry on.

Discussion was held on the Altum Engineering Ltd. Feasibility Study Fee Proposal for Fraser Lake Arena Energy Integration Options. Concern was expressed that the proposal does not include a definite cost Council but realizes that the study must be done in order to explore possibilities. The firm comes highly recommended and Vern has been pleased with discussions he has had with them.

Resolution 06-10-197 M/S Councillor Councillor Jantz/Councillor Mowat

"That the Village of Fraser Lake engage the firm of Altum Engineering Ltd. as per their Feasibility Study Fee Proposal for Fraser Lake Arena Energy Integration Options."

"Carried"

ADJOURN

Resolution 06-10-198 M/Councillor Mowat


"That the meeting adjourn. Time 9:18 PM."

"Carried"

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MAYOR LINDSTROM



DONNA WARD, CLERK/TREASURER