

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of  
Fraser Lake Held January 13, 2010 in the Municipal Hall

Those in attendance were:

Mayor Lindstrom  
Councillor Duncan  
Councillor Mowat  
Councillor Reyden

Staff:

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

Public:

Sylvia Litke, Proposed RV Society  
Ryan Tripp, Proposed RV Society  
Butch McMaster, Proposed RV Society

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

#### AGENDA

Resolution 2010-01-01 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Duncan

"That the agenda be adopted with the addition of the proposed RV Society delegation."

"Carried"

#### DELEGATION

The delegation spoke of their intention to form an RV Society which would work towards developing and maintaining trails for safe use of ATV's and snow mobiles. The idea is to have these trails connect Fraser Lake to Endako and eventually on to Burns Lake. They will need corridor access and grants to accomplish this. The benefits offered by an official club/society doing this is insurance and promotion of safe and environmentally friendly practices and self-policing. Council was very pleased with the ideas presented by the delegation and Village staff will work on grant investigation for this type of proposal.

Mayor Lindstrom thanked the delegation for their presentation and they left the meeting at 7:18 pm.

MINUTES OF THE  
PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution 2010-01-02 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Duncan

"That the minutes of the December 9, 2009 regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented."

"Carried"

BUSINESS FROM  
THE MEETING

Admin was asked how the plans were coming for the Jamboree. She explained that the organizing group was having a meeting this evening to decide upon some items but had been informed that there were only 5 registrants. Admin told Council the Torch Relay organizers would like to know which Council members would be attending the celebrations and if they were available to provide any assistance necessary. Councillor Duncan and Mayor Lindstrom will be attending and available for duties. Councillors Mowat and Reyden will get back to me on their availability.

Admin was asked if she had approached the School Board concerning a possible joint project regarding tennis courts. Admin has not to date.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Lindstrom attended the carbon footprint workshop at Stelat'en and received a very warm welcome. UNBC was the facilitator for the workshop and explained a number of carbon footprint reducing measures they are taking.

Resolution 2010-01-03 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Duncan

"That the Council reports be received as presented."

"Carried"

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Resolution 2010-01-04 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the accounts payable in the amount of \$638,953.46 be approved as presented."

"Carried"

REPORT FROM DEPUTY  
CLERK/TREASURER

The Deputy Clerk/Treasurer presented a written report on climate action

The Asst Works Foreman spoke to Council about the requirements of the Climate Action Charter and related legislation as he and the Deputy have been working together on this issue. He said there will be a difficult period of adjustment but that hopefully things would settle down after a bit. There are some small things that we can do to make a difference such as having automatic light switches that turn off when a person leaves the room, more energy efficient lighting, etc. All of these items though will have an impact on budget as they all cost money to install.

Resolution 2010-01-05 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the report from the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer be received as presented."

"Carried"

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented a written report to date. Discussion was held on the subject of portable sawmills in light industrial zoning. Council does not want to discourage development but would like to see some restrictions placed on such a usage. Mayor Lindstrom will arrange a meeting with the person who requested this usage be included in light industrial zoning and discuss the matter with him in hopes of finding a solution.

Admin gave Council a notice from the Chamber informing them of a HST presentation by MLA John Rustad on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Legion.

Admin presented a request for a letter of support from the local branch of the RC Legion for their meals that they provide to seniors on a weekly basis.

Resolution 2010-01-06 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That a letter of support be written for the RC Legion for their supplying of meals to the seniors."

"Carried"

Admin gave Council a copy of the proposed agreement between the Regional District and the Bottle Depot regarding additional recycling for Fraser Lake and area.

Vern Hilman, Assist Works Foreman, gave Council a memo he had written on the dissatisfaction and the method of conveying this dissatisfaction that some members of the community have for the services provided by the Works Dept – particularly regarding snow removal.

Resolution 2010-01-07 M/S Councillor Reyden/Councillor Mowat

"That upon receiving a report from the Assist Works Foreman or Works Foreman that a member of the public has been verbally or physically abusive to any member of the Works Dept as they perform their duties, the Clerk/Treasurer will immediately inform this resident in writing that this particular service will no longer be performed for that resident. This includes plowing of seniors' driveways, pushing back of ridges across all driveways and pushing back of snow bank edges on private driveways. "

"Carried"

Admin informed Council that she had received a gift certificate, addressed to her not the Village of Fraser Lake, from a company that had previously been awarded a contract by the Village of Fraser Lake. She was hesitant to accept a Christmas gift because of her position with the Village of Fraser Lake. Mayor Lindstrom said that he had also received a Christmas gift certificate from this same company and was also reticent to accept the gift. Council encouraged both the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to accept and enjoy the Christmas gift as they were convinced that it was merely a gift, not a compensation for having dealt with this particular company. They said the situation may be assessed differently if the gift giving company was presented vying for a contract with the Village but that this is not the case.

Admin gave Council the Nov/Dec report from the EDO and a copy of the UBCM newspaper for December.

Admin gave Council numerous items for the 2010 budget. Council agreed on a preliminary budget meeting for Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm. Admin will arrange for supper.

Resolution 2010-01-08 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the business from the Clerk be received as presented."

"Carried"

#### READING LIST

Resolution 2010-01-09 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Duncan

"That the reading list be received as presented."

"Carried"

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Duncan asked if the Village had maintained an outdoor rink in the past. Admin said that no we had not because we have the arena including public skating. She added that some public wondered why the Village did not maintain a rink on the lake. She explained that if we, as a municipality, were to take the backhoe out on the lake to clear off a patch we would have to do some fairly extensive environmental controls such as replacing the hydraulics in the machine with vegetable oil etc to meet governmental requirements.

Resolution 2010-01-10 M/S Councillor Mowat/Councillor Reyden

"That the Village of Fraser Lake supports the recycling proposal between the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako and the Fraser Lake Bottle Depot and wish to allocate funding out of the recycling monies that have been designated for use in the Fraser Lake area to this project."

"Carried"

Mayor Lindstrom complimented Admin on the Village newsletter but said that he had received complaints concerning the article on abusive behaviour displayed to the Works crew as they performed their duties. Apparently some residents took offense at the article saying that it was aimed at all the residents, not just the offenders. Admin is to provide clarification in the next newsletter.

Discussion was also held on providing public thanks for our volunteers such as the fire dept, ambulance etc. It was specifically mentioned about the fire dept and their fire works services for Mouse Mountain Days and Halloween. It was explained to Council by Admin and Councillor Mowat that the newsletter has always provided thanks to the fire dept for the fire works displays. Admin added that before the Mouse Mountain Committee took over the organization of that celebration, she had also sent a letter to all volunteers for that day and a memo to the works dept and the fire dept thanking them for their contribution.

Resolution 2010-01-11 M/S Councillor Duncan/Councillor Reyden

"That the meeting go In-Camera under Section 90 of the Community Charter. Time 8:47 pm."

"Carried"

Regular meeting resumed at 9:04 pm.

ADJOURN

Resolution 2010-01-12 M/Councillor Mowat

"That the meeting adjourn. Time 9:04 pm."

"Carried"

CERTIFIED CORRECT

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MAYOR LINDSTROM

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DONNA WARD, CLERK/TREASURER