

Regular Meeting of Council
Monday, January 22, 2007 at 7:00p.m.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held at the Village Council Chambers,
380 Main Street, Lytton, BC**

PRESENT:

Mayor O'Connor
Councillor Lightfoot
Councillor MacIntyre
Councillor McArthur
Councillor McKay
Administrator Dall
Finance/Corporate Officer Wood

ABSENT:

PUBLIC:

GUESTS/DELEGATION:

Bill Melanson, RCMP

1. ORDER:

Mayor O'Connor called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. AGENDA

008-07 "Moved that the agenda for the January 22, 2007 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as amended."

CARRIED Unanimously

Lightfoot/MacIntyre

Additions to the agenda include:

- Mayor O'Connor - Health Centre and Water Treatment

3. MINUTES:

009-07 "Moved that the minutes of the January 08, 2007 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, as presented."

CARRIED Unanimously

Lightfoot/MacIntyre

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: none

5. DELEGATIONS: Bill Melanson, RCMP

Mr. Bill Melanson reported that the statistics report presented covers the full year ending 2006. He summarized some of the stats stating that there were a few instances of counterfeit twenty dollar bills found in the area, they were able to dismantle a marijuana grow operation, and cocaine is accessible, but not a major problem at this time. Traffic accidents were up, mostly as a result of the Coquihalla shutting down which results in traffic re-routing to Highway #1.

Mr. Melanson stated that Lytton is a pretty quiet town. When asked what else could be done in the Village, he stated that some municipalities have been proactive working with School Districts promoting drug free zones around their schools. It is an educational tool used for the students and this program is usually initiated by the school district.

Mr. Melanson reported he is requesting the addition of one more member in 2007. Currently, there are 5 members including himself and when there detachment took over the Spences Bridge area, there was no increase in staff. He also noted that when members are required to attend court, the staff compliment is further reduced and this occurs approximately 15-20 days per year.

Council thanked Mr. Melanson for his report and added that the Village would provide any assistance or support required.

Bill Melanson left the Council Chambers at 7:35 p.m.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

a) Correspondence

i. Jan 05, 2007 – OMMA – call for 2007 resolutions and nominations

For Council's information.

ii. Jan 09, 2007 – Council of Forest Industries Annual Conventions

COFI is hosting their annual convention April 11-13, 2007 in Prince George. Each mayor has received a complimentary registration including accommodations and Mayor O'Connor will attend.

iii. Jan 15, 2007– Ministry of Health – UBCM meeting follow up

Minister George Abbott's letter stated the IHA will allow community input on the exterior of the new health care facility and that Mr. Randy McDonald, Executive Director of Capital Services will continue to work with IHA on the status of the proposal to co-locate the emergency services building with the IHA facility.

iv. Jan 17, 2007 – School District 74 “Education Round Table”

Gold Trail School District #74 has scheduled an “Education Round Table for Tuesday January 23, 2007. The meeting is to share the Learner Support model implemented in the district as well as to be an informal gathering of individuals who care about students, school and community.

b) Correspondence for Information – as per attached listing.

The Correspondence List January 4, 2007 to January 17, 2007 was received for information.

c) Administrator Reports

i. Policy #3005A – Lytton Ice & Snow Removal Policy

010-07 “Moved that the Lytton Ice and Snow Removal Policy #3005A be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED Unanimously

McArthur/MacIntyre

ii. One Stop – BC Business Registry

One Stop BC Business Registry is a public agency offering online business registration, business address change and liquor license renewal services. It provides one stop shopping including business license registration.

Administration will review the current business license bylaw and determine whether or not business licenses should be a requirement of the Village or not.

iii. Provincial Grant Programs “Local Motion Program”

The Local Motion grant is for projects which have the design work and public consultation already established. The Village does not have any projects that are ready to be implemented which meet these criteria. Administration will meet with Lytton First Nation and the Chamber of Commerce to determine if a partnership can be created to develop a project for this grant. One suggestion is walking trails and there may be some plans already developed.

The Town’s for Tomorrow grant criteria allows for funding of 80% of the Village portion of the Lytton Well and Storage project. This funding would change the Village matching requirement from 33% to 20% or from \$533,333 to \$320,000 should the grant be approved.

011-07 “Moved that the application for the Lytton Well and Storage Project be submitted to the Provincial Government for the Towns of Tomorrow grant.”

CARRIED Unanimously

Lightfoot/McArthur

iv. Seniors Housing

BC Housing is able to assist in planning for Seniors Housing. This information will be forwarded to the Lytton Community Housing Society who are meeting on February 26, 2007. Administration will discuss these projects with Terra Consulting.

v. Lytton Fire Rescue False Fire Alarms

After reviewing other community's false alarm policies and considering the Village's history of false alarms, the Fire Chief and Administrator recommend that a policy is not necessary.

vi. Nicomen Water Agreement

Nicomen Indian Band requested the Village assist with the operation and maintenance of their water system from January 1 to December 31, 2007. The Village will encourage them to develop their own trained staff.

012-07 "Moved that the Corporate Officer and Mayor be authorized to sign the Nicomen Water Agreement for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2007."

CARRIED Unanimously

McKay/McArthur

vii. Lytton First Nation Water and Sewer Agreement Renewal

The water and sewer agreement with Lytton First Nation and the Village expired December 31, 2006. The agreement includes 4 conditions for 2007.

013-07 "Moved that the Corporate Officer and Mayor be authorized to sign the LFN Water Agreement for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2007."

CARRIED Unanimously

McArthur/MacIntyre

d) Financial/Corporate Officer Report:

i. Auditor

As a result of the implementation of capital tangible assets, it is recommended that the current auditors Meyers, Norris, Penny, LLP be retained for the years 2007-2009. Administration will determine whether a contract should be in place, compare the auditor fees in other municipalities and the procedure for appointing an auditor for more than the current year.

ii. Budget Process 2007

Council will meet with staff to discuss the 2007 budget on January 31, 2007.

e) **Public Works Report: none**

f) **Fire Department Report: none**

7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

i. Bylaw 588, 2007 Water Service & Connection Bylaw

014-07 “Moved that fourth and final reading be given to Bylaw No. 588, 2007 – Water Service & Connection Bylaw with the inclusion of the amendments presented.”

CARRIED Unanimously

McArthur/McKay

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor McArthur:

- reported that Spences Bridge will be celebrating the 100th birthday of their community hall this year.

Councillor Lightfoot: nothing to report

Councillor McKay: nothing to report

Councillor MacIntyre: nothing to report

Mayor O’Connor:

- reported that the Health Centre meeting was held last week at the Village office with IHA and the community stakeholders. The group from IHA was accommodating and listened to the community. The new facility may use geothermal heat which requires a well. The existing Village well is an option and then IHA would drill another well for the Village. June is when they plan on beginning construction on the new facility.
- reported that at the name of the new health facility must be resolved and it should be the community who does this not IHA. Administration will advise the Health advisory committee to consult with the community to determine the name and make the recommendation to IHA.
- reported that the existing St Bartholomew’s hospital will go back to the community in trust to the Village for the benefit of health care in the community. The Anglican Church has an original agreement with the hospital for this property. The community and the Anglican Church should meet to discuss this property independent of IHA. Administration will advise the Health advisory committee to meet with the Anglican Church about this matter.

- reported that he toured the Kamloops water treatment plant and was very impressed with the technology. The technology is scalable, and the costs to do this with Thompson River water should be investigated.

9. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10. IN CAMERA

11. ADJOURNMENT

015-07 “Moved that the regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:46 p.m.”

CARRIED Unanimously

MacKay/Lightfoot

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER