

MINUTES

Village of Lytton Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 26, 2009
at the Council Chambers, 380 Main Street, Lytton, BC

Present:

Mayor Lightfoot
Cnclr Steer
Cnclr Robertson
Cnclr Polderman
Cnclr McKay

CAO Hay
CO Harrison

Delegations: Gord Rattray - New Pathways to Gold
Dale Karst - McElhanney Consulting
Bert Braybrook - Telus

Member of the Public:

Rod Bate
Peggy Chute
Chief Byron Spinks
Pat Weekly

- 1) **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL** - Call to Order at 6:59pm
- 2) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - January 26, 2009

**Cnclr McKay Moved, and
Cnclr Polderman Seconded**

09/07 "That the agenda be accepted as presented"

Carried Unanimously

- 3) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – Minutes of Regular Council Meeting 12 January 2009. Two issues were raised regarding Mayor's report.

**Cnclr Robertson Moved, and
Cnclr Polderman Seconded**

09/10 "That minutes be adopted as amended" Carried Unanimously

- 4) **DELEGATION** – **New Pathways to Gold Society – Mr. Gord Rattray will brief Council on this organization and the service it provides to the Village.**

Mr. Rattray passed report to Members of Council. He spoke of reasons for NDI's inception, what the goals of the society are, and position of Village in scheme. Original organization began with former Mayor O'Connor, Chief Byron Spinks, and Gord Rattray. He gave some of his personal skills and experience. John Haulka is another associate of society. March 2007 the first meeting was held in the Lytton council Chambers. Purpose was to seek new economic development for the Hope to Barkerville area along the Canyon Hwy., to encourage people to visit the area, and to encourage new business establishment and growth of existing firms. Also, to link the communities economically. The wish was to establish a tour path for people from the lower mainland to Barkerville with stops along the way to break up long drive. To encourage Chinese to visit, based on long history of participation of Chinese in establishment of communities during railway building and gold rush. July 1, 2007, at Yale, Lt. Governor was invited to participate in the celebration. Chief David Spintlum and the Canyon war were part of the reason for securing the area as part of Canada. BC 150 was approached to support cultural tour on gold rush. An acting troupe was established and 20,000 people across BC watched the troupe perform. Stephen Hume was commissioned to complete the Simon Fraser book which

emphasized Fraser's relationship with First Nations people. Next year a Task Force will be formed to encourage people to visit museums along the Hope/Barkerville route. The plan is to issue passports for people to use along route. This is a Great area for geocaching. Money is being raised for David Spintlum memorial. Funding, \$150,000.00 from BC 150, leveraged to pay admin expenses. Raising money for projects, \$300,000.00 raised from two other sources. Documentary will be ready in 2 weeks. Financial data presented as part of report. BC150 and NDIIT major funders. Grant writer's project. Local communities could get money from NDIIT for grant writers. \$2500.00 from community, \$7500.00 from NDIIT. Future: securing funds, improving economic opportunities for corridor. Looking for funding to run the Society through 2010. He sees the Society as a valuable tool for Communities in the area to use to encourage opportunities. Power Point will be fwd. to Village Staff for perusal. Presentation ended at 7:23pm. Cnclr Robertson asked for clarification on securing funding for local historical sites. Mr. Rattray expounded on fundraising. Communication between NPTG and communities is the key to success. Mayor asked question on Rivermania. Mr. Rattray outlined process involved and what happened to project. Mayor also addressed issue of costs involved with Spintlum Park. Mr. Rattray outlined benefits of park. Cnclr McKay asked about documentary. Mr. Rattray explained briefly.

Mayor Lightfoot thanked Mr. Rattray for his presentation.

TELUS – Mr. Bert Braybrook will brief the Council on the status of cell phone service for the Village and surrounding area.

Mr. Braybrook addressed Council, explaining his position in Telus, and areas of responsibility. He passed out briefing report, and spoke of contents of report, dealing with Telus and its wireless network. Fiber optic feed and switch to new health centre and upgrade of cable through the Botanie Creek area. Lytton and Boston Bar are on priority list, however, no guarantees because of economic conditions at present. Recommendation is to have Village draft a letter showing interest in having Cell service in area and encouraging establishment of same. Costs in \$500,000.00 range. Cnclr Steer asked about 2009. No definite plans for this year, but that isn't a definite no. Cnclr Polderman questioned him on site of tower. Currently in negotiations for property. Cnclr stated that we have heard same story for some time, and exhortations to Telus have not helped speed work. Mayor brought up fact that we are on #1 Hwy and a large number of people pass through here every day. Cnclr Steer brought up the fact that thousands of people go rafting here, from all over the world. Mayor suggested that Village will forward letter to Telus. Mayor thanked Mr. Braybrook for his presentation. Mayor raised issue with Telus telephone offering re: voice mail. 8:42pm

McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd. – Mr. Dale Karst will brief Council on the Water System Upgrade scheduled for the Village during the upcoming year.

Mr. Karst introduced himself and gave brief history of his association with Village and the progression of the water project. Explanation given for the drilling of well 3 on IR18. He made reference to booklet produced for Council. Mr. Karst presented power point demonstration. Question from Cnclr Steer on possibility of drilling well at reservoir, rather than pumping water uphill. Mayor questioned on purpose of brochure, and whether servicing airport property was an issue. What current population served by current system? Other questions on Lytton Creek's flow. Cnclr Steer asked question on flow volumes for Lytton Creek and where numbers came from. Cnclr Polderman asked question regarding flow path for water from wells to reservoir. Mayor asked about need for reservoir. Question on whether well 1 is gudi or non-gudi. Goulder has cleared the wells as non-gudi. Karst outlined history of Goulder investigation and resulting decision. Filtration or UV are necessary to completely remove all possible contaminants. These systems are expensive. No report on whether well 1 has surface water contamination. Cnclr McKay asked if Village had choice. Karst said current plan would eliminate need if wells are not influenced by surface water, which will be included in Goulder

report. Cnclr Polderman question on source of water in aquifer. Cnclr Steer, question on cost of current plan vs filtration for Lytton Creek. Cnclr Polderman questioned water use numbers for January in two ensuing years. Karst gave explanation involving malfunction of equipment at reservoir. Cnclr Polderman questioned accuracy of data when readings vary so much. Average daily use variance wide also. He wondered how accurate readings could be established when there were numerous inconsistencies in readings. Karst defended numbers. No explanations in report on how numbers were established. Cnclr McKay suggested we should build system to provide water for maximum flow days. Mayor asked question on break in system under CP tracks. Cnclr Polderman asked question on 4" reducing valve on 6" line, and impact on supply if valve upgraded to 6". Cnclr Steer asked on size and sufficiency of planned reservoir. Would reservoir of this size provide sufficient storage for Village. Answer was yes. Cnclr Polderman asked about size of pumps in well 1 and 2. Asked about height that water will be pumped from wells. 70 meters of elevation to reservoir, plus 30 meters for well depth. Mayor asked about strength of chlorine solution. Lower percentage is easier on pumps and valves. Cnclr Polderman asked if we will be operating two systems. Answer was yes. Mayor asked for cost of water mains from well 3. Cnclr McKay asked about summary of costs of system. Karst referred to Table 6.3. Cnclr Steer asked about maintenance costs, pump replacement. Cnclr McKay asked about pre-design work vs actual design of system. Cnclr Polderman asked reason for larger reservoir on Loring way vs the one above IR17. Reason given was need for additional water for school. Larger source should be as high as possible to serve as fire storage. Mayor suggested our biggest problem could be large need for water during power outage. Karst suggested we would have four hours of water from lower reservoir and 5 hours from upper. Lytton Creek could be used in emergencies. CAO raised issue about future legislation which will prevent us from legally using Lytton Creek for any purpose. IHA will have to give recommendation to wells, not Goulder, on whether they have influence from surface water. Lytton Creek and Well 1 will need filtration, under IHA ongoing policy. Cnclr McKay, Village will have to continue using open water surface source until phase 3 is completed. Cnclr Steer, we may have to go to filtration in future, perhaps now would be better. Cnclr Polderman, what causes cost of filtration, building or maintenance. Answer: Both Karst spoke of sand system and membrane system. Some general discussion water issues. Cnclr Mc Kay suggested Mayor and CAO tour LFN system at Stein River. Cnclr Polderman asked what cost was to treat Skuppah water with filtration system. Table 6.14, data on costs that Village does not currently incur. \$40,000.00 additional per year. Discussion on pumping costs, time required for PW maintenance people, Suggestions on rate for water consumption. Need to build reserve for replacement of equipment which will wear out with use. Mayor questioned consumption numbers per household for various communities. Cnclr Polderman raised issue of legality of water meters. Need to have them tested by the Federal Gov't. CAO asked that Karst contact IHA and ask that our wells be approved by IHA, so we can make intelligent decision on future process. Karst displayed slide of position of well 3 and routing of pipe to connect it to our system, position of treatment plant on 7th and piping, as well as IR17, schematic of well construction, plan of treatment plant and surrounding land, photo of location of plant, taken from south, schematic of plant, drawing of reservoir and its placement vis a vis IR17 and highway, details of reservoir itself. Mayor thanked Mr. Karst 9:20pm

Short break at 9:20pm
Reconvened at 9:25pm

5) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** – Donation Request for
"Books for Little Readers"

**Cnclr McKay moved, and
Cnclr Polderman seconded
09/11 "That village donate \$150.00 to the Books for Little Readers Program" carried
unanimously**

6) **NEW BUSINESS** – Volunteer Recognition Dinner general agreement for event. CAO advised April is volunteer month. To be held till next meeting and included on next agenda. General discussion. Council can come up with suggestion for inclusion on list of volunteers.

Nicomén Wind Energy Project

Mayor felt the Village should stay involved in project. Some discussion. Cnclr McKay felt it would be beneficial to Village to have a member of council in attendance. Cnclr Polderman volunteered to attend first meeting.

7) **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

a) **Correspondence for Information** - as per list attached. For information

**Cnclr Steer moved, and
Cnclr Polderman seconded**

09/12 “That correspondence list be accepted for information.” carried unanimously

9) **IN-CAMERA** – Pursuant to the Community Charter Division 3 – Open Meetings
Section 90 (1) (g) & (i) Legal Issues, (h) Administrative Tribunal.

CAO suggested going directly to in-camera, as time is short.

**Cnclr Steer moved, and
Cnclr Polderman seconded**

09/13 “That meeting adjourn to in-camera as per sec. 90 CC-legal” Carried Unanimously

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:46pm

Cnclr Steer moved

Cnclr Polderman seconded

09/14 “that regular meeting be reconvened on Wednesday 28 Jan 09 at 2:00pm Carried Unanimously

Cnclr Steer moved

Cnclr Polderman seconded

09/15 “That meeting adjourn”. Carried Unanimously

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned 9:58pm.

Meeting reconvened at 2:00pm, Wednesday 28 January 2009, with all Members of Council, CAO and Corporate Officer present.

b) **Administrator Report**

- **Letter from Canadian Association of Home & Property Inspectors (BC)**

Recommendation will be presented to Council at next meeting.

- **Funding Now Available for Newly Elected C2C Program - Outline of available grant and submission date.**

Some discussion.

- **Investment in Business in Lytton**

email sent to gentleman requesting assistance

- **Update (verbal) on the status of the Pocket Park project -**

railings in next week 2 Feb. email to BC150 requesting extension. Extension granted to 1 June.

- **TNRD Building Inspector -**
info available for next meeting

- **Lone Worker Monitoring -**

quote received from Corps of Commissionaires, substantially less than others

- **Elected Officials Training Seminar SILGA Communities – Kelowna -**
asked for names of council wishing to go

- **LGMA - 2009 Annual CAO Forum -**

CAO will attend

- **Maintenance of Pocket Park Stairway**

Cleaning in summer, snow removal in winter. Some discussion. Cnclr McKay suggested contacting Mike Hume LFN

- **Fire Department - Open house for Council Thursday Night**

- **Visit from NDIT CEO**

Email sent requesting attendance, no date set.

- **Council update on Sub-Regional Governance**

Dave Morris will attend first part of March.

- **Meeting at Kumsheen School Meeting - general information**

- **Calendar of Events**

Some discussion on preparation and presenting of Calendar

- **Trees for Tomorrow Grant**

Grant writers will write up, requesting funding for trees in Village.

- **Lytton & District Chamber of Commerce**

Letter sent for 4th of Feb. for informal meeting with Council 7pm, council chambers to discuss issues of mutual concern

- **Call for Resolutions for 2009 SILGA Convention**

AGM 29 apr-1may requests for resolutions from local gov't for items to be addressed by SILGA

Sgt. Zol wished Council to know that representation from the RCMP Detachment is available for any meeting.

- **Rental of Spare Office space**

Info for Council, suggested 800.00 per month, beginning 1 Mar, poss running to 1 June.

Cnclr Polderman moved

Cnclr Steer seconded

09/16 "That Commercial Space in Village Office building be rented to the company resurfacing the highway at \$800.00 per month for the duration of the work period." some discussion Carried Unanimously

- **Radios for PW**

Information sheets attached for Council to peruse for future reference. CAO spoke on current difficulties being experience by PW. Some discussion. Radio purchase will be placed in 2009 budget.

c) Finance/Corporate Officer Report

- **Cheque Listing** - some discussion relating to fire dept expenses. For Information

- **Financial Report** – December 2008 - Some discussion, for information

- **Proposed Budget Format** (to be handed out at the Meeting – utilized for a future Budget Meeting) – Some discussion

- **Financial Briefing** as to various accounts and their current status. (Verbal) - for information. Some discussion.

- **Identification of Zoning on Former Airport Property**
For information

d) Public Works Report -

None - some discussion on snow bylaw.

e) Fire Department Report – None

8) BYLAWS/POLICIES –

10) COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor McKay: - none

Councillor Polderman: - chamber dinner, question on training required by fire dept. Cnclr McKay will follow up with FNESS tomorrow. Training will be using FD equipment.

Councillor Robertson: - no report

Councillor Steer: - Handout, letter to BC Assessment regarding inequality of assessments in the Village. Some discussion on charts prepared and how properties above

Cnclr McKay moved

Cnclr Polderman seconded

09/17 "That the Village send a letter to BC Assessment outlining details of Cnclr Steer's report requesting information." Carried Unanimously

Museum meeting attended, no news, did not attend Chamber meeting, has been given standing invitation to attend.

Mayor Lightfoot: - TNRD – outlined concerns about hazardous waste and how it is being treated. Spoke on condition of hospital and possible concerns regarding its handover by IHA. Suggested pro-active approach to be prepared when handover actually happens. Expressed unhappiness with IHA over their current treatment of the Village. Spoke on letter received from CEO IHA.

Cnclr Polderman moved

Cnclr Robertson seconded

09/18 "That the Village a send letter to IHA requesting information on transfer of Hospital and its current condition. Carried Unanimously

Discussion of emergency plan - Work In Progress.

Letter from the Village Lawyer indicates that settlement with Donna Kildaw can be made public knowledge. In-camera discussions must remain private.

Continued discussion on hospital. Hospital board may have records of cost of maintaining hospital, for council's information. Some discussion. Council has a need to know the status of the hospital transfer, whether it will become property of the Village. Cnclr McKay suggested a joint meeting with Band on Hospital and property.

Explanation of possible future meeting with Rick Beauchamp who will assist the Village in the preparation of a 3 yr strategic plan. Feb 6 and 7 are possible dates, Fri night 6:30pm and Saturday 8:30-3:30. Cost to the Village will be \$2000.00.

Cnclr Polderman moved, and

Cnclr Robertson seconded

09/19 "That Rick Beauchamp be authorized to prepare a strategic plan for the Village at a cost not to exceed \$2000.00" Carried Unanimously

11) CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12) ADJOURNMENT Cnclr Steer moved, and Cnclr Polderman seconded

09/20 "That regular meeting of Council be adjourned" Carried Unanimously 3:34pm


MAYOR


CORPORATE OFFICER