

MINUTES

Village of Lytton Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 23, 2009
at the Council Chambers, 380 Main Street, Lytton, BC

present:

Mayor Lightfoot
Cnclr Steer
Cnclr Polderman
Cnclr Robertson
Cnclr McKay

CAO Hay
CO Harrison
LH John MacDougal

Guests

Irene Steer
Peggy Chute
Pat Weekley

Delegations:

Amy Thatcher
Sgt Zol

- 1) **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL** - Call to Order at 7:00 pm
- 2) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - February 23, 2009. Following items added to Addendum: 1) animal control bylaw, 2) BC assessment Letter, 3) Crosswalk painting, 4) prescribed burning, 5) Application for Funding to Community Development (Cnclr Polderman)

09/32

Cnclr Polderman moved, and
Cnclr Robertson seconded

“That the agenda be adopted as amended” Carried Unanimously

- 3) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – Minutes of Regular Council Meeting 09 February 2009.
Changes made on as noted.

09/33

Cnclr Steer moved and
Cnclr Polderman seconded

“That minutes be adopted as amended”. Carried Unanimously

DELEGATION –

Sgt. Zol to address Council

Sgt. Zol was invited to speak at 7:05 pm on the naming of the “Pocket Park” area after Cst. Ekstrom, a member of the RCMP Detachment here who died in the line of duty near Lytton. Sgt. Zol asked Council if there had been any further action from Council on proposal to name Pocket Park after the deceased Member of the Force. Some comments on previous discussion on the possibility of naming the park after this member, installation of plaque, etc. Mayor Lightfoot indicated a wish to have more public input. Suggested striking a Committee. Some discussion. Sgt Zol concluded his address and was thanked by Mayor Lightfoot.

- 4) **Amy Thatcher – Gold Country presentation** Amy Thatcher arrived 7:15pm. Introduced by Mayor at 7:20 pm. Ms Thatcher gave short address to Council and guests. Break at 7:25 while projector was being set up. Meeting continued at 7:28pm Power point demo to council explaining purpose and scope of Gold Country program. She touched briefly on

geotourism.com and geocacheing.com. The presentation ended 7:50pm. Questions were asked regarding photos and an explanation was given. Some discussion followed. Questions on Olympic exposure. Explanation of footage of area submitted to the Olympic Committee. Mayor thanked Ms Thatcher 8:00pm

09/34

Cnclr Polderman moved
Cnclr McKay seconded

“That the Village renew the membership with Gold Country”. Carried Unanimously

5) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** – Volunteer Recognition Dinner
Some discussion.

6) **NEW BUSINESS** – **The British Columbia Climate Action Charter** - CAO explained situation to council. Some issues involved. Mayor spoke briefly on immediate concerns on input. Cnclr Steer expressed concerns over staff time involved in fulfilling obligations. General discussion on changes which would fit the “greening up” effect, and what we could do to enhance our lessening of carbon production. Cnclr McKay expressed some concerns.

09/35

Cnclr Steer Moved
Cnclr Polderman Seconded

“that the Village Council sign the charter.” Carried Unanimously

- **Amendment of Aspen Planer Ltd. Non-Replaceable Forest License (NRFL) A81521.** CAO gave explanation of issues involved. For information. Some discussion. Mayor asked CAO to write a letter asking for clarification on the contents of the letter from Aspen Planer. Some discussion

- **Greyhound Canada Transportation Corp.** Some discussion expressing concerns over loss of transportation availability. Currently there is a long wait at Cache Creek on the trip to Kamloops. Some further discussion. Consensus of Council was to send letter to object to cut in service

09/36

Cnclr Steer moved
Cnclr Robertson seconded

“That the Village forward a letter to the Transportation Minister objecting to any reduction in public transport in the canyon”. Carried Unanimously

- **Ashcroft Rodeo Parade (2009)** some discussion. No decision on participation in parade. Matter closed.

Power outage 5 min break 8:15pm. Meeting reconvened 8:20pm.

- **Host Province Mark** Some discussion,

09/37

Cnclr Steer moved

Cnclr Robertson seconded

“That the Village investigate further for more information on the plaque and web button”.
Carried Unanimously

- **BC Hydro Information** some discussion. CAO will fwd letter requesting information from hydro

- **Community Social Services Awareness Month** Some discussion, Village will not be participating. No motion made.

- **Emergency Program Coordinator** Explanation by CAO on need for person in position and current Village position and the lack of someone to fill position. Some discussion. CAO will have a poster prepared, outlining need, duties, and asking for volunteers..

- **New Website to Support Community Tourism Efforts** some discussion. Issue to be passed on to Chamber of Commerce.

- **Grant Application for Community Development** Cnclr Polderman spoke on grant application. Suggested that staff determine requirements of application for community development grant. Some discussion. Mayor Lightfoot outlined some details that were involved. CAO will investigate.

7) **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

a) **Correspondence for Information** - as per list attached. Some discussion, for information

b) **Administrator Report** - **LGMA - 2009 Annual CAO Forum** – CAO gave short talk on subjects covered at conference. For information. Discussion on TILMA. And need for tenders,

- **Maintenance of Pocket Park Stairway** - short update for information

- **Auditor’s Visit** - short update, audit has gone well thus far, audit team seemed pleased with the results of their two day stay.

c) **Finance/Corporate Officer Report** - NTR

d) **Public Works Report** - None

e) Fire Department Report – None

- 8) BYLAWS/POLICIES** – Cemetery Bylaw - Mayor suggested that the third reading previously given the bylaw be rescinded.

09/38

Cnclr Steer moved

Cnclr Polderman seconded

“That the third reading of the bylaw be rescinded”. Carried Unanimously

The Bylaw required corrections and revisions and be updated for third reading at the next regular Council meeting.

9) COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor McKay: Spoke briefly of fire fighters and Emergency Response meetings.

Councillor Polderman: No Report

Councillor Robertson: Spoke of dangerous situation on west side of village involving precipice down to river at point where new pedestrian bridge meets the east bank. Some effort should be made to ask CN to construct a short fence along the bank.

Councillor Steer: Short report on LGA meeting for new council members held at Penticton. Spoke briefly on contract for web design, for CAO’s information. Decision required on photos currently on web site that are copyrighted and we do not have permission to show them. Short report on the Wireless Committee meeting, - viable business, web-casting capability, some problems involved in performing this function at council meetings. Chlorine monitoring equipment arrived Friday, 20 February, and will be installed next week. Chamber of Commerce meeting – some discussion,

Mayor Lightfoot - Attended LFN Chief and Council meeting accompanied by CAO, discussion on old hospital suggestion made to have IHA do facility report on building. Some discussion. CAO indicated IHA do not do assessments on buildings they do not intend to keep. Some discussion on possibility of Dept. of Hwys changing the routing of the hwy. at hospital, closing access to lot from #12 Hwy. Short account of trip to Skuppah about fire protection contract. A tour of the Skuppah sand filtration plant was offered by Chief MacIntyre. Two emergency management meetings attended. Some discussion of senior gov’t. downloading onto municipalities, federal infrastructure money is a lose/lose because municipalities have to match funds which requires a raise in taxes. Short discussion on emergency preparedness. Question on availability of council for meeting Monday afternoon. Short update on sub regional governance. March 23rd 10 am sub-regional governance meeting.

10) CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11) ADDENDUM as per adoption

Bc assessment letter: BC assessment representative will come to Lytton and speak to council if they wish. Council expressed wish to have representative come and address council.

Crosswalks and painting: CAO updated council on crosswalk painting, cost of painting is being prepared. Some input from lead hand. Some discussion on cost of street sweeping.

Prescribed Burning - lead hand expressed concerns about dry grass and needles around village that would be serious fire problem and wants to do selective burns to reduce hazard. Some discussion.

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**Cnclr Steer moved,
Cnclr Polderman seconded**

“That the Village Public Works Department and the Lytton Volunteer Fire Department perform controlled prescribed burning to reduce the fire hazard around the Village”. Some discussion Carried Unanimously

Dogs at large: CAO spoke on problem of stray dogs running loose, and excrement found on streets and sidewalk. Some discussion.

09/40

**Cnclr Polderman moved
Cnclr Robertson seconded**

“That the CAO commence action to acquire an Animal Control Officer who will perform the function for the Village on an as needed contract basis”. Some discussion Carried Unanimously

Community housing society: some discussion on membership. To be brought forward on future meeting.

11) ADJOURNMENT

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**Cnclr Steer moved
Cnclr Polderman seconded**

“That meeting be adjourned”.

Carried Unanimously 9:43pm


MAYOR


CORPORATE OFFICER