

MINUTES

Village of Lytton Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2009 at the Council Chambers, 380 Main Street, Lytton, BC

Present:

**Mayor Lightfoot
Cnclr Steer
Cnclr Robertson
Cnclr McKay**

**CAO Hay
CO Harrison**

Absent:

Cnclr Polderman

Delegations:

**Brent McDonald, Harvey Nelson, Joe Negelski, Highways Dept
Michael Freeman, MNP, Hope, Village Auditor**

Several Members of Public

- 1) **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL** - Call to Order - Meeting called to order 7:00 pm
- 2) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - April 27, 2009 - addition to Finance/Corporate Officer , special meeting,

**Cnclr Steer Moved, and
Cnclr McKay seconded;**

09/64 "That the agenda be adopted as amended". Carried Unanimously

- 3) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – Minutes of Regular Council Meeting April 14, - Correction made in wording of resolution 09/56

**Cnclr Robertson moved, and
Cnclr McKay seconded;**

09/65 "That the minutes be adopted as amended". Carried Unanimously

- 4) **DELEGATION** – 1. **Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure**
Brent MacDonald introduced his associates and began his Power Point presentation, describing VSA activities, winter snow clearing, MOT has responsibility for road maintenance. He explained the workings of Drive BC and its purpose for providing information to the public. Drive BC is interface between MOT and the public to inform them of current road conditions and updates on dangerous conditions or closures. He spoke of particular volatility of the Jackass Mtn. area. MOT monitors the quality of work done by contractors and writes assessment report on contractors. Local stakeholders are consulted for these assessments. The toll free line to VSA - 888-315-0025. Emil

Anderson 800-667-5122, Interior Roads, South Caribou, 8, He explained road classifications, explained snow and ice control, ie; abrasive and chemical ice control need to keep roads safe and protect travelling public, spoke of weather stations, avalanche control, commercial. vehicle inspection. He explained how temperature sensors are imbedded in the road surface to determine road surface temp. Commercial Vehicle Inspection program requires inspections be carried out to ensure highway trucks are safe and carrying proper equipment like chains when travelling. Current road information are always available to help travelers to plan trip. Lytton weathercam is listed on the internet (can be googled). 800-550-4997 current road conditions. Some discussion. Cnclr McKay asked if Village could receive copy of presentation and was assured that one would be forwarded to the Village Office.

Mr. Negelski, an associate, gave an oral presentation on signage on Hwy 1. Service and attraction signs on the highway are the blue signs. He explained the rationale for signs, explained sign hierarchy beginning with regulatory signs (stop, etc). People need 300 m between signs to be able to digest the information at hwy speed. Question from Peggy Chute was answered with offer of help and advice for Village on signage. Some discussion. He offered the opinion that his function is to help local government, business and chambers, etc. to improve signage, to start at beginning, determine what community wants, within guidelines. Mayor suggested that time to change signage was point where old signs started to deteriorate. Peggy brought up a particular problem. Signs at Cache Creek create problems for people unaware of local geography and can divert people wishing to come to Lytton through the North route to Lillooet. Negelski spoke of need for sign showing farmer's market availability. Mayor asked who was responsibility for pull-outs, - was told it was MOT. Response from Brent MacDonald suggested safety reasons could restrict access to pull-outs. Mayor indicated that there was a lack of rest stops on #1 hwy, and how important they are to travelling public. Negelski indicated that MOT had to be cognizant of community services and not to build rest stops where they may compete with commercial establishments. CAO spoke briefly of all help Brent MacDonald had given him during the recent past. Mayor thanked the delegation for presentation. 8:05pm

2. **Audit Report** - Michael Freeman, MNP, presented audited financial statements to Council, explained their purpose and content. He thanked staff for the tremendous amount of help they had provided the audit team. He introduced various aspects of the report and answered questions from Council Members. He assured Council that overall, the Village is in good shape. The Mayor thanked Mr. Freeman for his report.

**Cnclr Robertson moved, and
Cnclr McKay seconded;**

09/66 "That the audited financial statements be approved as presented" carried unanimously

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES –

6) NEW BUSINESS – Ambulance Paramedics of British Columbia: The AP are asking for a motion of support for their letter to the Provincial Government.

**Cnclr McKay moved, and
Cnclr Steer seconded**

09/67 “That the Village support the Ambulance Paramedic’s request for a return of both parties to the bargaining table“. Carried Unanimously.

- **Ashcroft Elem School: for information**

- **New Homes:** Mayor updated council on contents of letter rec’d from ministry of Housing and Social Development. Some discussion on the value of support. Suggestion in Council that Village pursue the program. Item will be brought forward at later date. Matter was referred to the Lytton housing committee, which will be comprised of the members of council.

- **Letter from Premier:** for information. Referred to the Rec. committee.

- **Lytton River Festival:** Some discussion on delivery and set-up of the mobile stage co-owned in SD74. Issue was regarding who has responsibility to set up the stage.

**Cnclr Steer moved, and
Cnclr Robertson seconded;**

09/68 “That Village provide Lytton Riverfest with \$1500.00 cash, services of the Pool lifeguards, the use of Council Chamber space, and that Council authorize the closing of 4th Street during the course of the festival, and incur the expense involved in setting up of the portable stage”. Carried Unanimously

- **Lytton Anglican Parish:** Discussion of problems occurred at hall when sewer backed up. CAO explained the situation to Council. Some discussion on the Village responsibility in the matter, and whether a decision to provide the hall sewer system with a anti back-flow valve would compromise the Village in the future. Decision made to install the valve on Village property.

**Cnclr Robertson moved, and
Cnclr Steer seconded;**

09/69 “That the Village Public Works Department install a back-flow prevention valve on Village property and that the cost be absorbed by the Village carried unanimously

- **RCMP SE District Op Cntr – No action taken**

- **Tien Sher Group –** The CAO addressed Council on the issue. Public concern has been expressed over the construction equipment currently on the old airport runway, which is in violation of the covenant on the property. A letter has sent by the Village Lawyer to Tien Sher. A letter has been received from Charan Sethi assuring Council the equipment will be moved and that violations will not happen in future. Some discussion.

- **Job Creation Partnership:** Letter received from Ministry of Housing and Community Development, suggestion that the Provincial Gov't could work with the Village to create jobs. Some discussion. Staff requested to investigate.

- **Internet access:** Some discussion on paying for Internet access for Councillors with public funds. Cnclr Steer questioned if this would be a taxable benefit and if the Village should buy laptops for the councillors, how does that affect the councillors? Discussion on Leasing as opposed to buying. Cnclr Robertson brought up problem of cash availability for councilors on pension if costs were going to be passed to councillors. Cnclr Steer suggested at the very least councilors should have email addresses that end in "Lytton.ca" ending. Mayor concurred. Mayor suggested that costs be collected for Council's information. Staff will investigate.

Some discussion on special meeting for budget and 5 year plan bylaw. Special meeting on 5th, will include public input. Regular meeting will be held on 11th.

Further discussion on supplying internet and laptops. Cache creek gives councilors 75 per month to defray costs. Is this a taxable benefit to council? Need cost breakdown for purchase, lease, email, internet access, for laptops.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

CORRESPONDENCE LIST: for information

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ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: - **Cross Walk Painting.** CAO reported that the painting was finished and well done, only problem being a bit of dust raised by machinery

Tourism Seminar. Attended by CAO and Mayor in Lillooet. Meeting consisted of more plans and more consultants.

c) **Finance/Corporate Officer Report - Special Meeting** – Due to need for public input into 5 year plan, and proximity of reporting date, a special meeting will be required.

**Cnclr McKay moved, and
Cnclr Steer seconded**

09/69 "That Council have a Special Meeting on 5 May at 6:30 pm to discuss the 5 year plan and to receive Public Input on the contents of the budget" Carried Unanimously

d) **Public Works Report** - John away last week for Chlorine handling course.

e) **Fire Department Report** – **repair to Fire Truck** – holding tank on #1 engine deteriorated and needs replacing. Truck to Kelowna for work to be done. Truck borrowed from Lower Fraser Reg. Dst. to serve during its absence.

Cnclr Steer spoke briefly on Fire Dept.

8) BYLAWS/POLICIES
final reading

-Snow Removal Bylaw (Bylaw No. 611, 2009) - for

**Cnclr Steer moved, and
Cnclr Robertson seconded**

**09/70 "That Bylaw 611, 2009 be taken to fourth and final reading". Carried
Unanimously**

-Fees & Charges Bylaw (Bylaw No. 612, 2009)

Some discussion... FO acquainted council on changes to bylaws schedules. A number of questions on schedule D. NO motion, will table for future meeting so council can consider options.

- **Bylaws 562 & 564 (Review)** Some discussion. Tabled to future meeting

Board of Variance Bylaw (Bylaw No. 397, 1991)

For First, Second & Third Reading - tabled to next meeting

9) COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor McKay: No report

Councillor Polderman: absent

Councillor Robertson: no report

Councillor Steer: Entered Museum report for Council's attention. Presented list of current board members.

**Cnclr Steer moved, and
Cnclr Robertson seconded;**

**09/71 "That board for museum committee be approved as presented". Carried
Unanimously**

Mayor Lightfoot: no report


10) CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Attached

11) ADJOURNMENT -

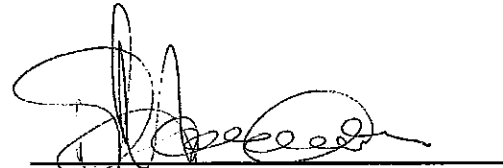
**CNCLR McKay moved, and
Cnclr Robertson seconded;**

09/72 "That the meeting be adjourned". Carried Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:54pm



Mayor



Corporate Officer