

## MINUTES

Village of Lytton Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2009  
at the Council Chambers, 380 Main Street, Lytton, BC

### PRESENT:

Mayor Lightfoot  
Cnclr Steer  
Cnclr Polderman  
Cnclr Robertson  
Cnclr McKay

CAO Hay  
CO/CFO Harrison

Delegation: Gene Bryant, BC Hydro

- 1) **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL** - Call to Order - Meeting called to order 7:00 pm
- 2) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - May 11, 2009 - Agenda adopted as presented

Cnclr Polderman moved, and  
Cnclr Robertson seconded;

**09/67 "That agenda be adopted as presented". Carried Unanimously**

- 3) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – Minutes of Regular Council Meeting April 27, 2009

Cnclr Steer moved, and  
Cnclr McKay seconded;

**09/68 "That the minutes of the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting be adopted as presented". Carried Unanimously**

- 4) **DELEGATION** – BC Hydro - Gene Bryant Mr. Bryant passed out a handout to Council. Mr. Bryant is the Public Affairs Officer for Okanagan/Thompson district. Spoke of BC Hydro's purpose and low cost provider of elec. power. 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest on NA continent. Gave run-down on BC Hydro's numbers, Able to buy power cheap and resell for profit. Cdns highest users of elec in world. Thought to be because of low cost. Some discussion on rates and the Villages lack of choice in heating energy. Some discussion on the cost of "line loss" during transmission. \$125,000 available for donations to communities, Suggested that Village investigate this as source of funding. Spoke on transmission to Lytton, fed from Boston Bar or Spence's Bridge. Able to switch feed under most conditions, but some cases affect both sources. Some difficulty in system when Lytton fed from Spence's Bridge, Hydro does not yet have a solution for this. When outage happens from SB, and switching does not work, it takes a minimum of two hours to get crews out to fix the problem. Some discussion on brown-outs and dimming when power goes out and comes back on. Mr. Bryant explained what happens in system when faults occur, how the system tries to self-fix, and procedures to protect system. BB is preferred feed for Lytton, but Village has been receiving a lot of service from SB. Some discussion on customer calls, System is set up to be predictive, ie; it makes a determination as to where the problem is based on where calls come from. ONUS system (outage notification update service) Notifies commercial customers of problem allowing some pro-active decisions. Some discussion on the apparent increase in travel time for Hydro crews to repair problems in Lytton area. Lytton has traditionally been very high on the list of most affected communities. Spoke of Hydro's attempts to improve customer access to company during power outages,

increased trunks to accommodate more calls. Spoke of sustainable communities group and power smart sustainable communities program. Introduced pamphlet that is for council's information. Some discussion on Hydro's policy on tree removal to protect lines from interference. Spoke of certified utility arborist. Hazardous tree removal is hydro's responsibility. Mayor thanked Mr. Bryant for his presentation. 8:10pm.

5) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** – Partnership to Create New Homes for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.

Mayor asked for Council's wishes. Committee Meeting set for 19 May to discuss matter and report to Council.

No. 612, 2009) First, Second & Third Reading - Fees & Charges Bylaw (Bylaw

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

**09/69 "That bylaw 612, 2009 be tabled for next meeting". Carried Unanimously**

Review) - Some changes were suggested by Cnclr Steer that would make bylaws less difficult to follow. Cnclr Steer will meet with commissions and make a report to Council.

(Bylaw No. 613, 2009) First, Second & Third Reading - Board of Variance Bylaw

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

**09/70 "That the Board of Variance Bylaw no. 613, 2009 be taken to third reading".  
Carried Unanimously**

Works Reserve Bylaw - Question on bank account with BMO, Ashcroft. CFO advised Council he has sent letter to BMO requesting information. As yet there has been no reply.

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

**09/71 "That Bylaw 614, 2009, a bylaw to repeal the Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve fund bylaw no. 205, 1975, be taken to Third reading". Carried Unanimously**

Council has been requested by the CFO to forego the placing of \$20,000.00 into the Fire Hall Reserve until a determination can be made of the Village's intent in the matter of the new fire hall.

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

**09/72 "That the payment into the Fire hall Reserve, as required by resolution in Council, be bypassed for the 2009 budget year only, to resume in the 2010 budget year". Carried Unanimously**

6) **NEW BUSINESS** – **Reservoir Cleaning** - Some discussion on current condition of reservoir. Some indication that there is 3' of silt on bottom (Dan Mundall, P. Eng. Village consultant) Cnclr McKay suggested the Village ask Jim Brown, LFN Public Works, to assist Village Crew to assess the situation. Council felt they could not commit to this big an expense (\$6-\$8000) and will wait for more information before making a decision. CAO spoke on structural certification of reservoir. LFN public works will be contacted.

- **Boil Water** - Mayor Lightfoot gave overview of meeting with IHA on current water situation, IHA reluctant to remove boil alert because of possible health hazard to elderly and infirm. Alert means system is compromised, warning means that there is a potential hazard, order is satisfaction of current law. "Wolf" cry on water creates a problem of believability with citizens should a serious incident occur. Cnclr Polderman suggested a definition be placed on our web site for people's information. Not boiling would increase Village's liability. CAO advised Council members that communities on boil alert for 18 months become available for funding to build infrastructure to enable them to get off boil alerts.

- **Advanced Voting Poll** - contents of letter mentioned by Mayor

- **LGMA 2009 Conference** - for information – some discussion on CAO's attendance at meeting.

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

**09/73 "That CAO attend the conference at public expense". Carried Unanimously**

- **Village Office Dome – Painting** - discussion of quote rec'd.

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

**09/74 "That the Village accept the quote from Featherbrush Painting in the amount of \$600.00 plus GST". Carried Unanimously**

- **Mayor's Badge of Office** - some discussion. Tabled for further thought and discussion

- **Quesnel's Billy Barker Days** - for information. No action.

- **School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) – School Closures** - for information. Clinton, Venebles schools scheduled for closing..

- **LFN Invitation to Grand Opening** - Cnclr McKay explained situation. Council and Staff will attend as able.

may attend as able. - **Open House Invitation** - for Council's information, members

- **Street Closure (Fourth Street)** - Friday 4-11, Sunday 9-3

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

**09/75 "That 4<sup>th</sup> Street be closed for the May Long Weekend activities from 4:00PM to 11:00 PM on Friday, 15 May 2009, and from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Monday, 18 May 2009 Carried Unanimously**

- **Repairs to Fire Truck** - CAO requested Council approve payment of the costs required to repair the clutch and transmission of the #2 truck.

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

**09/76 "That payment be made to cover cost of repair of the Fire Truck". Carried Unanimously**

CAO suggested a policy be instituted to enforce use of log books. Some discussion. Log books will be placed in each Village vehicle and staff operating them will be instructed to complete them as necessary. A policy will be formulated once procedures are established..

- **Repairs to Backhoe** - CAO informed Council of repairs required to the Village back hoe and requested that authorization be given to pay for the repairs.

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

**09/77 "That admin staff be authorized to pay for back hoe repairs". Carried Unanimously**

- **Information Center Roofing Project** - CAO addressed council to acquaint them with particulars. One quote was received, and the installer has agreed to reduce the cost by \$1000.00 if the Village Public Works Dept. removes the old shingles Cnclr Polderman had question on sq footage of roof. Some discussion on type of roofing to be installed.

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

**09/78 "That quote to replace the shingles on the Information Centre roof with Decra shingles be approved, and that staff draw up contract and authorize Public Works to remove old shingles to save the Village \$1000.00". Carried Unanimously**

## **7) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

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

b) **Administrator Report** - Letter to be sent to Government supporting a return to the bargaining table by the Government with info copy to CUPE - update by CAO

- **Meeting with IHA** - update as per previous discussion. Village is encouraged to work with INAC.

- **Meeting with INAC & LFN** - Capital Projects Meeting. Very informative. CAO gave update to Council. INAC has suggested that they would help the Village with guidelines for the water project. INAC will cover cost of feasibility study for combined LFN/Village water system, a well to be drilled above IR 17, cost share (to be confirmed) for the Project Manager for project, and meet with parties to keep program moving forward, reservoir at 265 for water storage. May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting at LFN Hall Lytton Creek and filtration with possible well support was discussed. Some discussion on costs of the system. Cnclr Steer suggested we should formulate an exit strategy if association does not work and to explore all options, Lytton creek, Stein River, wells, etc.

c) **Finance/Corporate Officer Report** - **Financial Statement** – for information, some discussion

- **Cheque List** – for information, some discussion

d) **Public Works Report** - **Working on water leaks** - for info - some problems being experience, PW have been on OT to solve problems

e) **Fire Department Report** – Cnclr Polderman attended the Fire Department Meeting, 4 members attended. Cnclr Polderman told the members of the Dept. that Council wanted an inventory of the equipment presently held by the Dept. and an indication of its age and condition. He had some concerns about the manner in which the meetings were conducted, ie; minutes should be taken and a copy prepared for Council. He will follow-up on his suggestions. Denise MacIntyre has offered to do inventory. The Fire Chief did not attend the meeting. Also, no one on council or staff has key or code to access the building. The fridge has stopped working, and the air compressor on #1 truck has stopped working, and this fact wasn't reported to the CAO. Both front doors need replacing before winter. The department is not well organized. Don Burkhardt offered to be the safety person. The Dept. has been given a copy of the Bylaw by Mayor Lightfoot. Some discussion on FNESS.

8) **BYLAWS/POLICIES** – **Bylaw Respecting a Financial Plan Program to be Undertaken during the Years 2009 to 2013. Bylaw No. 615, 2009.** Fourth Reading -

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

**09/79 "That Bylaw 615, 2009 receive fourth and final reading". Carried Unanimously**

- **Corporation of the Village of Lytton Tax Rates. Bylaw No. 616, 2009.** Fourth Reading -

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

**09/80 "That Bylaw 616, 2009 be given fourth and final reading". Carried Unanimously**

**9) IN CAMERA MEETING** - Pursuant to the Community Charter Division 3 – Open Meetings Section 90 (1) (a) Personnel. Moved

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

**09/81 "That the regular meeting of Council adjourn to in-camera" Carried Unanimously 9:40 PM**

Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:58 pm

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

**09/82 "That the meeting be extended past 10:00 pm". Carried Unanimously**

**10) COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Cnclr McKay**

**Councillor Polderman:** - see report on Fire Department.

**Councillor Robertson:** - no report

**Councillor Steer:** - Attended SILGA meeting. Gave report to Council on meeting. Dealing with media interesting. Some resolutions passed, spoke on quads and licencing. Officers elected (acclaimed) Directors at large appointed. Sponsors spoke on services offered. Generally worthwhile experience. More presentations than one person could attend. Would have been nice if more than one person had attended.

**Mayor Lightfoot** - Monday is parade day, does Council want to be part of parade? LFN workshop, Council invited, cost \$315.00, cooperative approached to encourage joint efforts among groups and partners, It was hoped have it at Stein School, but it will not be open by then, will be near Seniors Compound

Moved that Village pay admission costs.

**Steer/Polderman carried.**

Trip to Clinton water. Some discussion on their system and relative benefits. Some discussion on Clinton's new fire hall.

**11) ADJOURNMENT**

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

09/83 "That the meeting be adjourned".

Carried Unanimously 10:16 PM

  
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Mayor

  
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Corporate Officer