

MINUTES

Village of Lytton Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 25, 2009
at the Council Chambers, 380 Main Street, Lytton, BC

PRESENT:

Mayor Lightfoot
Cnclr Steer
Cnclr Polderman
Cnclr Robertson

CAO Hay
CO Harrison

**DELEGATION: BC Ambassadors - Symone Curry, Chelan McKay
BC Assessment – Bruce Tanaka**

- 1) **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL** - Meeting called to Order at 7:05pm
- 2) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - May 25, 2009

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

09/84 “That agenda be adopted as presented”. Carried Unanimously

- 3) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – Minutes of Regular Council Meeting May 11, 2009

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

09/85 “That the minutes of the May 11 meeting be accepted as presented”. Carried Unanimously

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

09/86 “That the minutes of the April 22 meeting be accepted as presented”. Carried Unanimously

- 4) **DELEGATION** –

BC Ambassadors - Symone Curry and Chelan McKay - Mayor welcomed delegation. Representative passed information to council. Brief combined oral presentation was made on Ambassadors program. A T-shirt was displayed and its message explained. A Request was made for information from Village Council to help program.

Mayor asked questions which were answered by representatives of the program. A description of the display area during presentations was related to Council. Some discussion. Mayor thanked delegation 7:20pm

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

**09/87 "That the Village donate \$140.00 for the purchase of magnetic signs". Carried
Unanimously**

BC Assessment - Bruce K. Tasaka -

Power point presentation on BC Assessment. Explained various aspects of assessment process and pertinent dates.

Questions: Cnclr Steer asked why undeveloped properties above CP rail have increased in value and those below have not.

Ans. Increase is due to increase in land values above CP, while all increases below cp were due to improvements, not land increases.

Some discussion on value of land on Fraser Ave. Cnclr Steer suggested that sale values above and below track were too close to indicate reason for disparity in taxation levels.

Cnclr Polderman questioned assessment on old court house where assessment was unreasonable and was reduced on appeal. Housing assessments vary far more than property values and sales would indicate as appropriate.

Some discussion on IHA and tax exemptions under the Health authorities act. Staff will check with Legal Counsel on law.

Mayor spoke to Mr. Tasaka on presentation and apparent lack of continuity of assessment system. Mayor asked about decommissioned hospital.

Some discussion on exemption for taxes on old court house.

Mayor thanked Mr. Tasaka 8:32pm

**5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – Fees & Charges Bylaw (Bylaw
No. 612, 2009) First, Second &
Third Reading**

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

09/88 "That this matter be tabled to next meeting". Carried Unanimously

- Mayor's Badge of Office

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

**09/89 "That the Village purchase a proper chain for the Mayor's Badge of Office and that
Staff contact the retailer to have a medallion made". Some discussion. Carried
Unanimously**

6) **NEW BUSINESS** - Chamber of Commerce – use of Council Chambers (rent) -

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

09/90 “That costs associated with renting the Council Chamber be waived when it is used by the Chamber of Commerce during the May long weekend, 2009”. Carried Unanimously

- Gold Trail School District – News Release - for info

6) **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

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

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

09/91 “That the correspondence list be received for information.” Carried Unanimously

b) **Administrator Report** - Letter sent to Government supporting a return to the bargaining table by the Government with info copy to CUPE - CAO has forwarded letter of support

- Company came to check the Fire Department’s “turn-out” gear - to be addressed in camera

- Have arranged for an ex Fireman to come to the Village to speak with the Fire Department and to lend his years of experience. -- CFO spoke on

Vancouver ex-fireman Bill Gebbie coming to assess FD

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

d) **Public Works Report** - Working on water leaks

- Wayne Brooks is conducting a short “hands-on” course for the Public Works staff - CAO gave verbal update to council on current happenings in PW. Some discussion on water reports, water reports, council would like to see reports on monthly basis, questions on action taken on unusual activity, question on zone meters, question on plan for leakage, non-functioning meters,

e) **Fire Department Report** - **NTR**

8) **BYLAWS/POLICIES** - Capital Works Reserve Bylaw No 614, 2009

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

09/92 “That the bylaw 614, 2009 to repeal Capital Works Reserve Bylaw 205, 1975 receive first, second and third reading”. Carried Unanimously

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No 613, 2009

Board of Variance Bylaw

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

09/93 That Board of Variance Bylaw no. 613, 2009 receive Fourth Reading and pass into law”. Carried Unanimously

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

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

09/94 “That the regular meeting be adjourned to in-camera”. Carried Unanimously 9:00 pm

Council meeting continued 9:20 pm

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

09/95 “That the CAO be appointed as FOIPA officer for the Village”. Carried Unanimously

9) COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor McKay: absent

Councillor Polderman: no report

Councillor Robertson: no report

Councillor Steer: passed out minutes from museum meeting. No further report

Mayor Lightfoot: Chamber of Commerce meeting report. Indicated that she was warmly received by the Chamber, and that she had updated the Chamber on the Village’s progress on finding an Economic Development Officer.

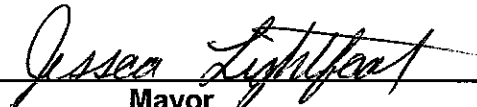
Some discussion on commercial space and its use as office for the Economic Development Officer.

10) CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Attached


11) ADJOURNMENT

Cnclr Polderman moved, and
Cnclr Robertson seconded;

09/96 "That the meeting be adjourned". 9:45pm



Mayor



Corporate Officer