

**Regular Meeting of Council
Monday, July 10, 2006 at 7:00p.m.**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held at the Village Council Chambers,
380 Main Street, Lytton, BC**

PRESENT:

Mayor O'Connor
Deputy Mayor McArthur
Councillor Lightfoot
Councillor MacIntyre
Councillor McKay
Administrator Dall
Financial Officer Wood

ABSENT:

PUBLIC:

GUESTS/DELEGATION:

BC Hydro, Charmane Edwards, Community Relations Manager
BC Hydro, Helen Iosfin, Manager Distribution
BC Hydro, Russell Dobie, Project Manager

1. ORDER:

Mayor O'Connor called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. AGENDA

164-06 "that the agenda for the July 10, 2006 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as amended"

CARRIED Unanimously

McArthur/MacIntyre

Amendments include:

8. Councillor MacIntyre – TV Society

10. In camera – Personnel issue under 90.1.c of the Community Charter

3. MINUTES:

165-06 "Moved that the minutes of the June 26, 2006 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, as presented."

CARRIED Unanimously

Lightfoot/MacIntyre

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

5. DELEGATIONS: BC Hydro, Charmane Edwards, Helen Iosfin and Russell Dobie

Mayor O'Connor welcomed Charmane, Helen and Russell to Council.

Charmane Edwards began the presentation stating that she is aware that it has been a rough 6 months for Lytton with power outages and communication problems. She is the "one-stop-shopping" contact between Lytton and BC Hydro and she is available anytime.

Ms. Edwards also explained the grant program BC Hydro offers. There is \$50,000 (individual maximum grants of \$5,000) available for non-profit organizations in our area for environment, education and community involvement projects. There is also a sponsorship grant, for a big event in the area, and the organization does not have to be non-profit. Check out their website at www.bchydro.com.

Helen Iosfin presented to Council the long awaited Lytton/Spences Bridge upgrade project. This 4.2 million dollar project consists of 3 components:

1. upgrading the Spences Bridge substation
2. upgrading the power distribution line and constructing a three phase tie line between Lytton and Spences Bridge
3. decommissioning the diesel generating station in Lytton once the project is complete

Ms. Iosfin explained that this upgrade will allow BC Hydro, via a supervisory control switch, to change Lytton's power source from Boston Bar to Spences Bridge when a power outage occurs. There will still be the same number of outages, but the duration will be reduced to minutes when the switch over occurs. This upgrade helps Lytton with backup power, but it also increases capacity for industry current and future.

Council asked Ms. Iosfin if this upgrade will help rectify the brown outages and the power bumps. Ms. Iosfin replied that it will not help those problems, but BC Hydro has done some vegetation management and they will try to continue to do more.

Russell Dobie presented to Council the project details including a timeline. Most of the work occurs from Jade Springs to Spences Bridge. BC Hydro will install a voltage regulator mid-way between Spences Bridge and Lytton, which may help with power surges. There may be some traffic delays on highway 1 during this project and the project is expected to be complete by November 2006.

Ms. Iosfin asked if the Village to provide a letter stating that they support the decommissioning of the diesel generating station.

7:47 p.m. Charmane Edwards, Helen Iosfin and Russell Dobie left the Council Chambers.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

a) Correspondence

a) June 23, 2006 – Gold Country

The Village of Lytton has been a member of Gold Country for many years and issued a letter to them on March 31, 2006 with concerns about their membership. Gold Country addressed the issues of this letter at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on June 19, 2006.

Gold Country will be providing the Village with marketing statistics which Council will review before making a decision to continue their membership with Gold Country in the future.

b) July 3, 2006 TNRD Thank you for recent visit

For Council's information.

b) Correspondence for Information – as per attached listing.

The Correspondence List June 22, 2006 to July 5, 2006 was received for information.

c) Administrator Reports

a) CN Lift Station Operating Agreement & Training

Administration considered signing an agreement with CN to maintain and operating their lift station. Originally, it was understood that operating this facility would allow staff to upgrade their collection system education. It has since been determined that operating this facility is not necessary for upgrading collection system education, only hours on our current system are necessary.

Council advised administration not to sign the agreement with CN to maintain and operate their lift station.

Administration determined that the Environmental Operator Certificate Program (EOCP) still has our facility classified with the old spirogester. A new application form has been provided to classify our wastewater treatment facility with the new upgrades.

Council advised administration to complete and submit the “Application for Classification of Wastewater Treatment Facilities”.

b) Fraser Canyon Strategy Group

The Fraser Canyon Strategy Council is requesting a letter of support to obtain funding for a tourism study for the Fraser Canyon. Council is waiting for the completed application before deciding whether to support the project.

c) Sub-regional Governance

Dave Morris, the Sub-regional Governance consultant is working on Phase 2 of the project, with July 31 targeted for completion. Phase 2 is the research and consultation phase, where gathering of information from the respective communities continues to take place.

Council is concerned about the process and would like to see a meeting of all the stakeholders to help build the partnership and show commitment to the project.

d) Financial Officer Report

a) Payment of Accounts June 2006

166-06 “Moved that the payment of accounts for the month of June, 2006 in the amount of \$86,779.15 be approved.”

CARRIED Unanimously

McArthur/Lightfoot

b) Revenue & Expenses – January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006

167-06 “Moved that the Revenue and Expenditure Report as at June 30, 2006 be received and filed”

CARRIED Unanimously

Lightfoot/McArthur

e) **Public Works Report: none**

f) **Fire Department Report:**

a) Monthly Report June 2006

168-06 “Moved that the Lytton Fire Rescue report be received and payment of \$230.00 be approved.”

CARRIED Unanimously

McArthur/Lightfoot

7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor McArthur –nothing to report

Councillor Lightfoot: - nothing to report

Councillor McKay:

- reported that Lytton First Nation is having a Capital Projects meeting on July 19, 2006 @ 9:00 am in Kamloops. Administrator Dall is invited to attend as they will be addressing the Stein Valley water project and WWTP upgrades. INAC was impressed with the initial rough quote of 1.2 million to upgrade 2 new cells and increase the digester capacity at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This upgrade, if approved, would allow LFN to use the Village of Lytton's WWTP for their residents on Highway 12 and the Village to use the Stein Valley water for their residents.

- reported that the IR18 road, sewer and water upgrade is slated to begin spring 2007.

Councillor MacIntyre:

- reported that she attended the TV & District Society meeting. The cheque for the equipment has been issued. Telus has established the wiring to the Village office and where the equipment will be mounted in the computer room for the ISP. Administrator Dall will work with Telus to form a rental agreement for use of the Village office for the ISP. Merritt will talk to Jim Brown to determine who is responsible for maintaining the Quinn Road.

Mayor O'Connor:

- reported that Linda Basran with IHA has received the Provincial approval for the hospital and they are ready to move ahead and meet with the community.
- reported that BC Housing would like to re-subdivide the IHA hospital lands, which were just amalgamated, into two separate pieces each to be owned by the respective parties.
- reported that the first reading of the water meters is complete for the period of March 06 – June 06 and residents and business owners received:
 - o a utility advise showing their consumption and amount owing for water and sewer due December 31, 2006
 - o a letter from the Mayor about the process and average consumptions
 - o a conservation education pamphlet

Also, any residents with consumption over 300 m³ for this period received an additional notice indicating their consumption was well above average and to please investigate. The meter reading process is ongoing and

administration will read meters again at the end of July with another advice going out shortly thereafter. Any issues arising from this initial reading will be investigated by administration. The Mayor provided a calculation spreadsheet showing water estimates flowing through the now monitored system and water that may be missing. The missing water is substantial and will be explored during this ongoing process.

9. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Received for information.

10. MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

169-06 “Moved to go in camera as per Open Meetings Section 90(1) (c) Personnel Issue at 9:47 p.m.”

CARRIED Unanimously

McArthur/McKay

11. ADJOURNMENT

170-06 “Moved that the regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 10.16 p.m.”

CARRIED Unanimously

McArthur/Lightfoot

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER