

**Regular Meeting of Council**  
**Monday, November 27, 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  
Councillor McArthur  
Councillor Lightfoot  
Councillor MacIntyre  
Councillor McKay  
Administrator Dall  
Finance/Corporate Officer Wood

**ABSENT:**

**PUBLIC:**

Merritt Mundall  
Dan Mundall  
Paul Eves  
Derrick Ostiguy  
Josephine Johnson  
Tom Peglow

**GUESTS/DELEGATION:**

**1. ORDER:**

Mayor O'Connor called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:07 p.m.

**2. AGENDA**

**221-06 "Moved that the agenda for the November 27, 2006 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as amended."**

CARRIED Unanimously

Lightfoot/MacIntyre

The amendments to the agenda are as follows:

- Mayor O'Connor – Hospital Announcement
- Councillor MacIntyre – Chamber of Commerce AGM

**3. MINUTES:**

**222-06 "Moved that the minutes of the November 13, 2006 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, as presented."**

CARRIED Unanimously

Lightfoot/MacIntyre

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: none**

**5. DELEGATIONS: TV Society**

Merritt Mundall began the TV Society's presentation stating that Council should not take away the privilege of TV from those who want or need it. The TV Society has recently improved broadcast reliability of the 5 available channels and they expect to add 3 more channels in the future. He feels that it should be reasonable to fund the Society, especially now with the high speed internet function.

Josephine Johnson read a letter submitted by Dorothy Dodge stating that the TV Society currently has 7 users that she is aware of and they have a right to the service. There are many volunteers who donate their time and she expects respect from Mayor and Council not constant irritation.

Paul Eves stated that we all want Lytton to grow and expand and we are trying to increase the perception of Lytton as being a great place to live, you should not take away services in the process.

Mayor O'Connor pointed out that it is Council's job to regularly ask if tax dollars are well spent. The TV Society is being asked to prove that the service is being used by the community and that the tax dollars are well spent.

Dan Mundall questioned the funding formula and the requirements of the Village and TNRD in respect to the formula.

Administrator Dall responded that through referendum of TNRD Resident I citizens and a motion by the Village Council, the Village and TNRD share the cost of funding. The Village could request the TNRD Board of Directors to reduce their amounts. There is still some confusion with all parties, the Village, TNRD and the Province as to the legal requirements of this 1976 decision.

Dan Mundall requested that if the Village is considering withdrawing funding, then to phase it out, versus withdrawing all funds immediately.

Councillor MacKay suggested that the surrounding bands may be a further source of funding if their members are using the service.

Mayor O'Connor said our intention is not to discontinue funding, but to ensure the TV Society has a clear understanding of what the Village requires from the TV Society for reporting. The Village requires an understanding of the TV Society's level of service inside and outside of the community, who and where are the customers along with a business plan stating where the TV Society is going in the future.

**8:00 p.m. all guests left the Council Chambers.**

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

**a) Correspondence**

- i. Nov 08, 2006 – Gold Country Minutes Nov 15 / Oct 3 / Sep 14

For Council's information.

- ii. Nov 10, 2006 – VSA Minutes of Stakeholders meeting Oct 25/06

Administrator Dall reported that during a recent meeting with the new VSA supervisor, they discussed sharing of services including the possibility of the Village utilizing their mechanic for vehicle maintenance and inspections. Council requested administration determine whether or not the barriers along Highway 12 from under the CP overpass up to Kumsheen High School be removed so plowing of snow could go right over the bank.

- iii. Nov 13, 2006 – Water shut off letter from citizen

A Village resident sent a letter regarding their water disconnection and the fees to turn off the service. They feel that since the line was installed by the Village, the Village should be required to turn off and on the water without a fee. Administration will research this specific case and provide recommendations for the future.

**223-06 “Moved that the current fees associated with turning off water on November 24, 2006 at 422 Ponderosa Heights be waived and a long term solution for this property be determined.”**

CARRIED Unanimously

Lightfoot/MacIntyre

- iv. Nov 20, 2006 – Feasibility Study for DL225 Grant – request resolution to authorize Administrator to sign terms and conditions

**224-06 “Moved that the Administrator be authorized to sign the terms and conditions of grant number P073156 for a Feasibility Study for Vacant Land DL225.”**

CARRIED Unanimously

McArthur/Lightfoot

**b) Correspondence for Information – as per attached listing.**

The Correspondence List November 9, 2006 to November 22, 2006 was received for information.

**c) Administrator Reports**

- i. **Lytton & District TV Association – History**

Administrator Dall provided the history of the TV Society and its relationship to the Village and the TNRD. Administration will research further what the Village's legal obligations to the TV Society are and provide a letter to the TV Society summarizing Council's expectations for reporting.

**ii. Viticulture – weather station**

The Viticulture project, through the LRMP, requires weather stations to provide accurate data collection which can then be used for attracting growers to this area. The Fraser Basin Council has two weather stations which can be loaned for the project. Lillooet will pay for the cost of one of the weather stations and the Village could do the same for the second weather station.

**225-06 “Moved that the cost to operate a weather station for the Viticulture project in the amount of \$500.00 be included in the 2007 budget.”**

CARRIED Unanimously

McKay/McArthur

**iii. Christmas Schedule**

**226-06 “Moved that the Village purchase a tree from the Chamber of Commerce for \$20.00, that the office be closed from 12:00 pm – 1:00 p.m. on December 13, 2006 for staff to have a Christmas luncheon, that a maximum of \$300.00 is authorized for cost per plate for the staff/council family Christmas dinner on December 15, 2006 and that the Village Office and Public Works be closed on December 27, 28 & 29, 2006 with salary continuance for all staff, while providing weekend coverage for water and sewer functions.”**

CARRIED Unanimously

McKay/McArthur

**iv. St Bartholomew's Health Care Auxiliary**

Administrator Dall provided a report stating the benefits to the community for the purchase of a Coagulation System Analyzer and Holter Monitor with 2 cards.

**227-06 “Moved that the St. Bartholomew's Health Care Auxiliary be provided with \$4,500 from the Lytton Community Health Foundation fund for the purchase of a Coagulation System Analyzer and a Holter Monitor with 2 cards.”**

CARRIED Unanimously

McKay/McArthur

**d) Financial/Corporate Officer Report:**

**i. Records Management & Photocopier Budget Requests**

**228-06 “Moved that the purchase of a Sharp MX27 photocopier, with sort/staple and faxing capabilities, for \$11,704.00 plus pst /gst be authorized from the 2006 budget.”**

CARRIED Unanimously

McKay/McArthur

**ii. Tax write offs 2006**

Finance/Corporate Officer Wood provided a report for 2006 tax write-offs which included one property. The property in question is a trailer which no longer exists leaving no recourse for collection of taxes. Administration will continue to seek payment following a write off of the taxes.

**229-06 “Moved that the trailer property taxes owing on folio 70920.020 in the amount of \$305.49 be written off.”**

CARRIED Unanimously

McArthur/MacIntyre

**e) Public Works Report: none**

**f) Fire Department Report: none**

**7. BYLAWS & POLICIES**

**i. Bylaw #589 “Records Management”**

**230-06 “Moved that Bylaw #589 Records Management be reconsidered and adopted.”**

CARRIED Unanimously

MacIntyre/Lightfoot

**8. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Councillor McArthur:**

**Councillor Lightfoot:**

- reported that the hospital is still having staffing difficulties including coverage for x-rays and maintenance.

**Councillor McKay: nothing to report**

**Councillor MacIntyre:**

- reported that during the Chamber of Commerce AGM, Paul Eves was elected president with Joan Craig as vice president. Councillor MacIntyre will request Chamber meeting minutes be forwarded to the Village.

**Mayor O’Connor:**

- reported that today the Premier and the First Nations Leadership Council released a plan that contains concrete actions to improve the health status of First Nations in BC. Within this plan one of the highlights includes “a new health centre in Lytton to improve acute care and community health services and better meet the needs of First Nation and other area residents.” Also, culturally relevant health care is a priority, which may encourage an expansion of the hospital to include services from maternity care and deliveries to palliative and geriatric care.

**9. CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**10. IN CAMERA - none**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**231-06 “Moved that the regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:32 p.m.”**

CARRIED Unanimously

McArthur/MacIntyre

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MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER