



**Village of Lytton
Council Meeting
Adopted Minutes - Wednesday September 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Conducted via Zoom**

Council Present: Mayor Polderman, Councillor Hay, Councillor Leitch
Councillor Graie (joined at 7:04 pm)

Staff Present: CAO Curry, Community Recovery Manager Yanciw, CAO Advisor Wiedeman, Council
Liaison Matussi

Regrets:

1 Call to Order

Mayor Polderman called the September 22, 2021 Regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2 Adoption of Agenda

2.1 Agenda for the September 22, 2021 regular Council Meeting

2.2 Introduction of Late Items

**12.2 September 22, 2021 Request for Village of Lytton support of 2022
2 Rivers Remix Festival**

12.3 BC Hydro Underground Lines

21-152 *Moved by Councillor Hay, seconded by Councillor Leitch, **THAT** Council
adopt the agenda for the September 22, 2021 regular Council meeting as
amended.*

CARRIED

3 Delegations

3.1 Mike Simpson, Fraser Basin Council

Re: Fraser Basin Council Introduction

Mike Simpson, Director of Interior Region Programs with Fraser Basin
Council (FBC) gave a presentation to Council with the following highlights:

Introduction

- FBC is a Not-for-Profit organization with a mandate to advance sustainability in BC with a focus on the Fraser Basin.
- FBC has a broad and inclusive Board of 38 Directors with representatives from all four (4) levels of government.
- FBC's involvement has been funded by Emergency Management BC (EMBC).

Role

- To assist the Village staff and EMBC with developing a short-term recovery plan based on community needs, and
- To assist with the Treasury Board Submission and funding request.

Approach

- FBC will use a transparent and open collaborative community recovery planning process involving the Village, the 5 surrounding first nations, and the Province. Other stakeholders include the Federal government, Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) and Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD).
- FBC will act as impartial process people, and work to include all the interests by engaging the public, businesses and others on what they want for their community.
- FBC will facilitate access to experts and other resources throughout the public engagement process.

3.2 Yolanda Hall, Counsellor

Re: Mental Wellness in Times of Disaster

Yolanda Hall presented to Council regarding the importance of mental wellness in times of disaster and compared the July 2014 evacuation alert due to wildfire to the June 2021 event. Highlights included:

- In 2014, a smaller portion of the community was affected and traumatized, but in 2021 100% of people shared the experience and every resident was traumatized.
- In 2014, the community was together and could help each other, but in 2021 the community members are scattered among strangers.
- Traumatic events are unexpected, can take away your sense of security and well-being. You can experience physical changes and the cycle of grief: shock / denial, pain / anger, depression / loneliness.
- Everyone has to navigate this in their own individual way. As we rebuild we will bind together to support each other. We need to make space for anger, grief and loss.
- Recommended finding a time when people can get together face-to-face, ask questions, get information, and talk about this shared experience in a safe way. Find a way to let that happen.

Mayor Polderman thanked Ms. Hall and called a 5 minute recess

4 Public Comment

Public are invited to comment on matters pertaining to the agenda, for up to two (2) minutes.

Denise O'Connor

- Pleased to see Monday's update on the priority of sifting and was interested to hear from the Fraser Basin Council.

Sarah Brown

- Noted that the Leadership and Policy for Recovery Select Committee was scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, but the September 22, 2021 meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is now on October 13, 2021. Hopes that the Interim Housing Manager position will be filled soon and plans will be finalized.

5 Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

21-153 *Moved by Councillor Hay, seconded by Councillor Leitch, **THAT** the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Wednesday September 8, 2021, be adopted as presented.*

CARRIED

6 Business Arising from the Minutes/Unfinished Business

6.1 Business Arising from the Minutes – None

6.2 Unfinished Business – None

7 Staff Reports

7.1 Chief Administrative Officer

- a) Support Structure for Village Recovery Report
 - Recovery Structure

Report was reviewed and discussed.

21-154 *Moved by Mayor Polderman, seconded by Councillor Leitch, **THAT** Council request an analysis from MNP to determine if the Village of Lytton has funding available in the budget to temporarily fund the Interim Housing position up to \$30,000, until the Province makes a determination on funding.*

CARRIED

21-155 *Moved by Mayor Polderman, seconded by Councillor Hay **THAT** Council set up a meeting with ADM Maley and ADM Peterson as soon as possible to discuss funding for the Interim Housing Manager position.*

CARRIED

- b) Recovery Update Report

Report was reviewed and discussed. An update was provided on the funding for the public property legal survey. Emergency Management BC Recovery funding will cover 80% and Land Titles the other 20%

7.2 Chief Financial Officer

- a) Financial Data Recovery Report

Report was reviewed and discussed.

7.3 Corporate Officer – None

7.4 Economic Development Officer – None

7.5 Public Works

- a) Process for Re-Establishing Potable Water Report

21-156 *Moved by Councillor Hay, seconded by Mayor Polderman, **THAT** Council request that Urban Systems conduct a standard municipal water test, and if possible chemical testing, and get the results back to Council by the Tuesday before the next Council meeting (October 12, 2021) and come to present on the results.*

CARRIED

7.6 Fire/Rescue

- Village of Lytton Fire Truck Update

Report was reviewed and discussed.

8 Bylaws, Policies and Resolutions

8.1 Bylaws, Policies and Resolutions – None

9 Correspondence

9.1 Incoming Correspondence for Action – None

9.2 Correspondence List

- a) Incoming for Information
- 2021 09 16 Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) Accomplishments Update Summer 2021
 - 2021 09 16 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Canada Community-Building Fund/Gas Tax Fund: Community Works Fund Top-Up Payment and Updated Eligibility Guidelines
 - Various letters of condolence and support:
 - Town of Paradise California
 - Regional District of Mount Waddington
 - Crown Contracting Ltd.
 - Paul Stanley, Maple Ridge
 - New Pathways to Gold
 - Vaughan Evans, Vancouver
 - District of Logan Lake
 - Lyon's Club of Wolfville, Nova Scotia Cakes for Lytton Fundraiser
- b) Outgoing Relevant to Council – None

10 Reports from Mayor and Councillors

10.1 Mayor Polderman

Reported that on behalf of Council he:

- Contacted the Ministry of Environment regarding the toxicity report.
- Contacted the Lytton Chamber of Commerce.
- Attended a meeting with the Lytton First Nation (LFN), First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), Interior Health Authority (IHA) and local bands regarding setting up temporary health services at the two-mile dental clinic.
- Met with lawyers to discuss the building bylaw.
- Heard from residents regarding concerns about increased cost of building to net zero.
- Reviewed Nexii and Steel River quotes for temporary housing/ structures.
- Made requests to get potable water testing underway.
- Worked with local internet group on getting access to fibre.
- Asked staff to draft a joint letter with the LFN to BC Hydro regarding the plans for and costs of underground power lines.
- Promoted COVID-19 vaccinations as there are several cases in the area.

10.2 Councillor Leitch

Reported that on behalf of Council he:

- Thanked Canada Post for their donation to Lytton and the Emergency Support Services Director in Merritt and all the volunteers helping Lytton's residents.

10.3 Councillor Hay

Reported that on behalf of Council he:

- Observed that some unsafe chimneys and danger trees had been removed.
- Spoke with residents asking when the post office will open again
- Responded to resident confusion regarding the sifting process and available resources.
- Noticed flooding on main street due to a plugged drain on September 17, 2021.
- During the last week in July there was a sewer back-up at the end of Ponderosa Heights, called a contractor in Lillooet that the Village had utilized in the past and they fixed the issue the next morning.
- Spoke with Public Works personnel in Lytton regarding staffing levels.
- Researched Emergency Support Services (ESS) that are available for Lytton residents.
- Followed up on the cancellation of the September 22, 2021, meeting of the Leadership and Policy for Recovery Select Committee meeting with the Chair and requested the convening of an emergency meeting.

Councillor Hay asked a number of questions of staff which were responded to.

Councillor Hay requested unanimous support from Council to put forward a Motion regarding the return of Village staff to the Lytton Area to provide supervision of contractors and Public Works and Fire Department staff. Mayor Polderman polled Council regarding making a motion not on the agenda, and Council provided unanimous concurrence to allow the following motion:

*Moved by Councillor Hay, seconded by Mayor Polderman **THAT** the Village staff return to the Village area and be set up for operation no later than October 1, 2021 and that their new location be put on the Village Website in order for residents to contact them, and that the phone located in the temporary Village Office be manned from 7 am until 11 pm daily seven days per week and that a cell phone be with a staff member from 11 pm until 7 am the following morning.*

After discussion, motion was amended as follows:

21-158 *Moved by Councillor Hay, seconded by Mayor Polderman **THAT** the Village staff return to the Village area and be set up for operation no later than October 7, 2021 and that the new location be put on the Village website in order for residents to contact them, and that the cell phone be manned 8:30 am to 4:30 pm daily 5 days per week, and that the remainder of the time a cell phone be with a staff member.*

**CARRIED - 3
OPPOSED
C. Graie**

21-159 *Moved by Councillor Hay seconded by Councillor Leitch **THAT** Council suspend the normal rules of order under Section 30 of the Council Procedures Bylaw 692, 2017 to extend meeting beyond 10:00 pm.*

CARRIED

10.4 Councillor Graie

Reported that on behalf of Council she:

- Received a request from a resident for information on library services, then reached out to the Thompson Nicola Regional District who provided a phone number: 1 855 552 2665 or email mobilelibrary@tnrd.ca for mail outs. Requested that staff post the link on the Village website with the mobile library schedule.

Councillor Graie asked a number of questions of staff which were responded to.

11 Reports from Committees of Council and Commissions

11.1 Leadership and Policy for Recovery Select Committee

Chair Leitch reported the following from the September 15, 2021 meeting of the Leadership and Policy for Recovery Select Committee:

- The committee has set their regular meeting schedule for the

- second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 2:00 pm.
- The Committee recommends to Council the following goals for Interim Housing:
 - Stable housing as soon as possible for the displaced residents, in or near the community, offering a variety of housing options for at a minimum the next year, including:
 - Already established or new accommodations in Market Rental Housing;
 - Already established or new accommodations in Hotels/Motels with kitchen units;
 - Nearby mobile home parks with availability; and
 - Already established or new RVs or modular trailers/homes on private property once site(s) are remediated and services are available.
 - With the following priorities:
 - Timeliness;
 - Cost effectiveness; and
 - Availability of mobile homes/modular units to meet timeframe and cost priorities.

21-160 *Moved by Councillor Graie, seconded by Councillor Leitch, **THAT** Council adopt the following goals for Interim Housing:*

- Stable housing as soon as possible for the displaced residents, in or near the community, offering a variety of housing options for at a minimum the next year, including:
 - Already established or new accommodations in Market Rental Housing;
 - Already established or new accommodations in Hotels/Motels with kitchen units;
 - Nearby mobile home parks with availability; and
 - Already established or new RVs or modular trailers/homes on private property once site(s) are remediated and services are available.
- With the following priorities:
 - Timeliness;
 - Cost effectiveness; and
 - Availability of mobile homes/modular units to meet timeframe and cost priorities.

CARRIED

12 New Business

12.1 2022 UBCM Community Resiliency Initiative (CRI) Fire Smart Community and Funding Supports (FCFS)

21-161 *Moved by Mayor Polderman, seconded by Councillor Leitch, **THAT** Council supports the continuation of the CRI-FCFS program, which is a partnership between the Village of Lytton and Lytton First Nation (LFN), to integrate and promote Fire Smart activities in the community through the TLKemchEEn Fire Smart Committee, AND that the Village of Lytton continue as the contract holder and administrator.*

CARRIED

12.2 September 22, 2021 Request for Village of Lytton support of 2022 2 Rivers Remix Festival

- 21-162** *Moved by Councillor Hay, seconded by Councillor Leitch **THAT** Council provide a letter of support for the 2 Rivers Remix application to Heritage Canada’s “Local Festivals – Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Program”.* **CARRIED**

12.3 BC Hydro Underground Lines

- 21-163** *Moved by Mayor Polderman, seconded by Councillor Hay, **THAT** the Village of Lytton work with the Lytton First Nation (LFN) to jointly request that BC Hydro draft a plan with costing to put the hydro lines underground in the lower portion of the Village of Lytton and IR #18.* **CARRIED**

13 Calendar of Events/Outstanding Items List

- a) October 13, 2021 Leadership and Policy for Recovery Select Committee Meeting

14 Closed Meeting

14.1 Rise and Report

*Resolution 21-043C – Moved by Councillor Graie and seconded by Councillor Leitch, **THAT** the following item be released from in camera:*

*Resolution 21-042C – Moved by Councillor Graie, seconded by Councillor Leitch, **THAT** Council offer Team Rubicon up to \$20,000 for sifting of single family dwellings to be completed before October 8, 2021.*

CARRIED

15 Adjournment

15.1 Adjournment of the September 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

- 21-164** *Moved by Councillor Leitch, **THAT** the September 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 10:21 pm.* **CARRIED**

Certified Correct

Mayor Polderman

Corporate Officer Curry