

VILLAGE OF FORT SIMPSON
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting #RM14-2019 of July 15th, 2019

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING # RM14-2019
Visitors' Information Centre Theatre Room
Monday, July 15th, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Present:	Mayor	S. Whelly
	Deputy Mayor	C. Antoine
	Councillor	K. Groat
	Councillor	M. Lafferty
	Councillor	C. Moreau
	Councillor	M. Rowe
	Councillor	M. Hassan
	Councillor	T. Bellefontaine
	Councillor	L. McPherson

Also present:	SAO	D. White
	Assistant SAO	K. Corrigan
		R. Bellefontaine
	MACA	M. Drake

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2) Agenda Additions

- a) 6) a. Mike Drake, MACA
- b) 6) b. Reg Bellefontaine
- c) 11) e. Public dock / boat launch
- d) 15) a. In-camera matter

3) Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution #2019-131

Moved by: Councillor Antoine

Seconded by: Councillor Moreau

THAT Council adopts the agenda of Regular Council Meeting RM14-2019 as amended.

CARRIED

4) Declaration of Interest

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Councillor Groat declared interest on Item 9a)
Councillor Rowe declared interest on items 11c) and 11d)
Mayor Whelly declared a “bias” on item 6b)
Councillor Bellefontaine declared interest on item 6b)

5) Councillor Absences

None

6) Delegations

a) Mike Drake, MACA

Mr. Drake distributed an implementation plan and gave a verbal presentation on the 9-1-1 Emergency Services. He pointed out that the new service will be able to recognise the language that the individual is speaking and transfer them to the appropriate emergency service in under 80 seconds. The new line is due to go live in October 2019.

Mayor Whelly and Councillor Bellefontaine left the room at 7:45pm

b) Reg Bellefontaine

Mr. Bellefontaine addressed Council regarding the issue of his unpaid work a number of years ago. SAO White advised Council that the information has been sent to the lawyer and we are awaiting an opinion.

Mayor Whelly and Councillor Bellefontaine returned at 7:53pm

7) Adoption of Minutes

None

8) Reports

a) Mayor’s Report

Mayor Whelly reported that the streetlights are all out on the drive to 4-Mile.

b) SAO Report

SAO White reported the following:

- A structural engineer from Stantec is in town and will be assessing the curling slab tomorrow
- There may be a need for a Special Meeting regarding the Abatement RFP
- A spending report was distributed which highlights local spending versus out-of-town spending.

Councillor Rowe enquired about the Ball Field work and SAO White reported that the work is ongoing.

Councillor Groat questioned Council regarding the Village’s policy on black dirt. Council discussed former policies and various opinions.

9) Tabled Items and Old Business

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Councillor Groat declared interest and left the room at 8:05 pm.

a) Liquor Ration

Council discussed communicating with LKFN. Councillor McPherson advised Council that LKFN leadership is very busy and suggested that a meeting be set up. Councillor Rowe suggested communicating via correspondence to “keep things moving”. Mayor Whelly spoke about a report on CBC news which may be relevant.

Councillor Groat returned at 8:14 pm.

10) Committee Recommendations

None.

11) New Business

a) Health and Safety Policy

Resolution #2019-132

Moved by: Councillor Groat

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Antoine

THAT The Village of Fort Simpson adopt the Health and Safety Policy as presented

CARRIED

b) Water Discount

SAO White presented three options to Council: 1. To reduce residential water rates by 50%, 2. To reduce residential and commercial rates by \$2 each and 3. To reduce residential and commercial rates by 50% each.

Council discussed each option.

Resolution #2019-133

Moved by: Councillor Hassan

Seconded by: Councillor Lafferty

THAT The Village of Fort Simpson implement a water discount for the period July 16th to August 31st, 2019. The water rates would be reduced by 50% for both residential and commercial users with Village accounts. The motion does not apply to bulk water delivery or government accounts.

MOTION LOST

Council took a break at 8:37pm and resumed at 8:42pm

Councillor Rowe declared interest and left the room at 8:42pm

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c) Contract Award – Garbage Collection

Resolution #2019-134

Moved by: Councillor Groat

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Antoine

THAT the Village of Fort Simpson enter into a Five (5) Year Contract Agreement with P.R. Contracting, for the provision of Solid Waste Collection and Disposal services, beginning November 1, 2019.

FUTHER that the Contract shall be \$852,390 for the five-year period, or \$170,478 per annum.

CARRIED

d) Contract Award – Water Delivery

Resolution #2019-135

Moved by: Councillor Hassan

Seconded by: Councillor Groat

THAT the Village of Fort Simpson enter into a Five (5) Year Contract Agreement with P.R. Contracting, for the provision of Trucked Water Services, beginning November 1, 2019.

FUTHER that the Contract shall be based on per litre of water delivered at \$0.0215 cents per litre for the five-year period, with a \$95.00 callout charge.

CARRIED

Councillor Rowe returned at 8:44pm

e) Public Dock / Boat Launch

Mayor Whelley discussed the public dock and some concerns that were brought to him about the long-term parking of a float plane. He suggested that there should be a policy regarding usage of the dock.

Councillor Rowe suggested that the dock be expanded to provide an area for overnight usage.

Council discussed whether to allow overnight parking. Council agreed by consensus that, for now, we have our By-law Officer ask for the plane to be removed.

12) Bylaws

None

13) Correspondence and Information

14) Council Matters and Concerns

a) Councillor Lafferty

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- None
- b) Councillor Rowe
 - i) Grass cutting / make the community look nicer
- c) Councillor Moreau
 - None
- d) Councillor Groat
 - None
- e) Deputy Mayor Antoine
 - None
- f) Councillor Hassan
 - i) Road Projects
 - ii) Nogha Complex
 - iii) Councillors should keep previous meetings in mind so as not to prolong meetings
- g) Councillor Bellefontaine
 - i) Attendance in school – Village could promote attendance. Possibly buy alarm clocks for children.
- h) Councillor McPherson
 - i) Youths on ATVs
 - ii) Commend staff on the work cleaning up the graveyard
 - iii) Concerned about social media, transparency. Suggests another public meeting in September.
- i) Mayor Whelley
 - i) Other gravesite and RC Gravesite – questioned if the Village is responsible for maintenance.

15)In Camera

Resolution# 2019-136

Moved by: Councillor Rowe

Seconded by: Councillor Lafferty

THAT Council MOVE INTO In-Camera at 9:11pm.

CARRIED

Resolution# 2019-137

Moved by: Councillor Groat

Seconded by: Councillor Rowe

THAT Council Move out of In-Camera AT 9:36pm.

CARRIED

16)Adjournment

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Resolution# 2019-138

Moved by: Councillor Groat

Seconded by: Councillor Rowe

THAT Council adjourn Regular Meeting RM14-2019 at 9:37pm.

CARRIED

Sean Whelly

Mayor

Darrell White

Senior Administrative Officer