

VILLAGE OF FORT SIMPSON
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting #RM18-2019 of September 16, 2019

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING # RM18-2019
Visitors' Information Centre Theatre Room
Monday, September 16, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

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

Also present:	SAO	D. White
	Clerk	L. Beaulieu

Mayor Whelly presented Nathan McPherson with a plaque for his years of service with the Village of Fort Simpson. Mr. McPherson has resigned his position with the Village of Fort Simpson.

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

2) Agenda Additions

None.

3) Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution #2019-166

Moved by: Councillor Bellefontaine

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Antoine

THAT Council adopts the agenda of Regular Council Meeting RM18-2019 as presented.

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4) Declaration of Interest

None

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5) Councillor Absences

Resolution #2019-167

Moved by: Councillor Bellefontaine

Seconded by: Councillor Moreau

THAT Council excuse Councillor Michael Rowe, Kirby Groat and Marie Lafferty from Regular Meeting RM18-2019.

CARRIED

6) Delegations

a) Sargent Byron Donovan - RCMP

Mr. Donovan appeared before Council to present the RCMP report and to answer any questions they may have regarding the police report of July and August, 2019. Mr. Donovan gave a brief overview of the report starting with the average of 150 calls per month. He also explained that there was a break-in in August at the Post Office and Golf Course and that the ID team came in from Yellowknife to help with this file. Prisoner counts remain the same at 94 to date. The RCMP is fully staffed at this time. Mayor Whelley asked that when new members arrive, to feel free to come and introduce them. On September 26th, the director of Justice is doing a tour and they would like to meet with the elected officials. He also advised that the last visit was May-June of this year. Councillor Antoine would like a copy of the minutes for the last visit. Mr. Donovan will send over to SAO White to hand out. The 911 directive would be a good one to ask the director of Justice at the upcoming meeting. Mayor Whelley requested for a report of alcohol/drug related stats. Mr. Donovan will provide that to SAO White.

7) Adoption of Minutes

None.

8) Reports

a) Mayor's Report

Mayor Whelley did not have a report at this time.

b) SAO Report

SAO White advised that he and Kevin Corrigan will be attending the LGANT Conference in Yk on Sept. 23 to 27, 2019. Ben Coffie will be acting SAO during that time. He also advised that Kevin has been exploring some funding opportunities for Christmas decorations. The manager at Nogha, Steve Vandell, has met and the Village of Fort Simpson has an opportunity to have some work done at the landfill free of charge as this will provide the site for their training.

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9) Tabled Items and Old Business

a) Bridge Resolution

Resolution #2019-168

Moved by: Councillor Hassan

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Antoine

THAT the Village Council adopt the following resolution: (the attached resolution) regarding the bridge at the Liard River.

Resolution on a bridge at the Liard River Crossing near Fort Simpson / Liidlii Kue

Whereas the Government of the Northwest Territories (G.N.W.T.) has committed to complete the construction of the Mackenzie Valley Highway to link all communities along the Mackenzie River and to open the resources of the Mackenzie Valley to future development;

Whereas there are major river crossings at both the Liard and Mackenzie Rivers that would be required to make the Highway a year round highway rather than a seasonal road;

Whereas it would be most cost effective to build a bridge on the Liard River near Fort Simpson prior to building a bridge at the Mackenzie River (N'dulee Crossing), or undertaking other major construction of the Highway north of Fort Simpson/ Liidlii Kue;

Whereas the community of Fort Simpson/ Liidlii Kue is isolated for 2-3 months each year due to freeze up and break-up of the ice on the Liard River;

Whereas water levels on the Liard have created problems sustaining a reliable and continuous ferry service for the community of Fort Simpson/ Liidlii Kue in the summer; and

Whereas climate change is negatively affecting the operations of an ice bridge at the Liard River crossing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Village of Fort Simpson / Liidlii Kue:

1. urges the G.N.W.T. to immediately undertake to do the planning for a bridge at the Liard River Crossing, near Fort Simpson/ Liidlii Kue which would include the following steps:

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- I. Study on Need for Bridge
 - II. Traffic Assessment
 - III. Location study
 - IV. Reconnaissance Study
 - a) Study of alternatives
 - b) Feasible alternative study
 - V. Preliminary Engineering
 - a) Developing plans
 - b) Preliminary design and costing
 - c) Evaluation of alternatives, risk analysis, and final choice
 - VI. Detailed Project Report
2. Lobbies both the Federal Government and Territorial Government through their elected representatives to make the funding of a bridge study on the Liard River near Fort Simpson/ Liidlii Kue a priority.

CARRIED

10) Committee Recommendations

None.

11) New Business

a) Liidlii Kue – Forgiveness Request

Resolution #2019-169

Moved by: Councillor Bellefontaine

Seconded by: Councillor Hassan

THAT Council approve the request from Liidlii Kue First Nation for free use of the Curling Lounge from September 30th through October 25th for two SCOP training courses.

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b) Liidlii Kue – Letter of Support

Resolution #2019-170

Moved by: Councillor Bellefontaine

Seconded by: Councillor Hassan

THAT Council provide a Letter of Support to Liidlii Kue First Nation with respect to their recent project approval under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

CARRIED

c) Contract Award – Concrete Projects 2019 and 2020

Resolution #2019-171

Moved by: Councillor Bellefontaine

Seconded by: Councillor Hassan

THAT Council accept the recommendation from Stantec with respect to the recent RFQ related to various concrete projects. That the work be awarded to Rowe's Construction in the amount of \$470,500.00 plus GST.

CARRIED

d) Cooper Barging Service - Request

Resolution #2019-172

Moved by: Councillor Bellefontaine

Seconded by: Councillor Hassan

THAT Council agrees in principle to amend the Village Zoning Bylaw to make a change to a Village right of way on Lots (currently 35 and 30, 31, and 32) that would allow Cooper Barging to lease this area.

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12) Bylaws

None

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13) Correspondence and Information

a) NWT Community Government Accountability Framework 2017-2018 Report

SAO White read over some of the highlights of the report and advised that it is available in the office if anyone would like to see it.

Resolution# 2019-173

Moved by: Councillor Moreau

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Antoine

THAT Council participate in MACA's online asset management system at a cost of approximately \$5,000/year.

CARRIED

14) Council Matters and Concerns

a) Councillor Bellefontaine

Advised that there is another batch of puppies in town that came from Wrigley. But the good news is Wrigley is having a vet clinic there next week. Councillor Bellefontaine advised that he will also be offering shots for dogs in the future and will insist that all dogs be registered with the village first.

b) Councillor Moreau

No issues or concerns.

c) Deputy Mayor Antoine

Advised that this would be the 3rd time she brings this issue up, but would like some more information about providing piped water to the residents of Wildrose and would like to find out how much this would cost to do. SAO White will check into this for Council.

d) Councillor Hassan

Councillor Hassan has a few questions:

1-What is happening with the crosswalk lights in front of the schools? SAO White advised that in regards to the crosswalk, we have now started using a different product to paint with which lasts longer and easier to see. We have also bought a series of signs that replace the old signs.

2-What is happening with the vac truck issue? Is it back? The vac truck is back and is working. It has been serviced and is ready for the winter.

3-What is happening with the road sweeper? Is it operating or not? The brush sweeper had a few hiccups and these are being taken care of.

4-What is the progress on the hiring of a new recreation coordinator? This issue will be addressed in-camera.

5-What have we been doing to protect the public from the bear situation? Is there more brush cutting happening? As to the bear situation, brush is being cleared as much as possible without having to go onto public property.

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- e) Councillor McPherson
No issues or concerns.

15) In Camera

Resolution# 2019-174

Moved by: Councillor Hassan

Seconded by: Councillor McPherson

THAT Council MOVE into In-Camera at 8:08 pm.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBER	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Whelley				
Deputy Mayor Antoine	X			
Councillor Bellefontaine	X			
Councillor Groat				X
Councillor Hassan	X			
Councillor Lafferty				X
Councillor McPherson	X			
Councillor Moreau	X			
Councillor Rowe				X
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Resolution# 2019-175

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Antoine

Seconded by: Councillor Bellefontaine

THAT Council Move out of In-Camera at 9:05 pm.

CARRIED

a) HR Committee (Staff – Professional Development)

Resolution# 2019-176

Moved by: Councillor Moreau

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Antoine

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT SIMPSON commit to apply to the Advancing Local Government Administrators Program (ALGAP) and if successful, enter into a contribution agreement with MACA

And;

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THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT SIMPSON commit to support, train and/or hire a northern Local Government Administrator (LGA) trainee and to employ the trainee as the community's LGA for a minimum of 24 months upon successful completion of the agreed to Training Plan

And;

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT SIMPSON commit to provide support and training for a northern LGA Trainee and to match at minimum the requested training and development funds from the ALGAP up to \$20,000 per year for the length of the contribution agreement

And;

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT SIMPSON commit to participate in an ALGAP orientation and host and participate in two mandatory governance training workshops; Sao - A Team Resource, and Roles and Responsibilities

And;

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT SIMPSON commit to support the Trainee's ongoing and future pursuit of the SAO Occupational Certification Program both financially and operationally.

CARRIED

16)Adjournment

Resolution# 2019-177

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Antoine

Seconded by: Councillor Moreau

THAT Council adjourn Regular Meeting RM18-2019 at 8:33 pm.

CARRIED

Sean Whelly
Mayor

Darrell White
Senior Administrative Officer