

Village of Fort Simpson
Budget Meeting #BM01-2019 of October 15, 2019
Minutes

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

Absent Deputy Mayor C. Antoine

Also Present: SAO D. White
Clerk L. Beaulieu

1. Call to Order

Mayor Whelly called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. Agenda Additions

None

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Council adopted the agenda of Budget Meeting BM01-2019 as presented.

4. Declaration of Interest

None.

5. Councillor Absences

Council excused Deputy Mayor Antoine from BM01-2019.

6. 2020 Draft Annual Budget – Operating and Capital

Mayor Whelly asked Council for input as to what they would like added to the budget / capital plan and Council suggested the following;

- Cemetary – align headstones/crosses,
- Back road dirt pile – clean up,
- Recreation tennis court or sitting park,
- Playground,
- Incentive to go to school program,
- Shelter – old village office,
- Dog park,
- Increase donations,

- Zoning, roads, residential, community planning,
- Curbs, drains, repairs,
- Keeping safe – fund reflective arm bands and hats,
- Cold weather patrol with LKFN,
- Partner up with PR Contracting re: garbage pickup at papal grounds,
- Insulation of pool roof – less condensation,
- Pool – possibility of year round,
- Vet clinic – SAO to provide data.

SAO White provided a overview of the O&M Budget estimates. Generally throughout the operating budget; millrates, water rates remain at 2019 levels. Wages and benefits have been increase 2% in the budget as collective agreement negotiations take place for the new year. Utlity costs have been increased by 3%. We are very hopeful that we will see some saving from the energy benefits but in terms of budgeting its best we be a little conservative. There has also been some shifting of costs as pointed out with the insurance. These have been divided up by department. With the Capital Plan, the majority of projects happen in yeas 1 and 2. SAO White went through all the departments with Council. Council felt that the Donation portion should be increased. SAO White advised that a new draft will be presented for Council to approve.

8. In Camera

None

9. Adjournment

Council adjourned Budget Meeting BM01-2019 at 8:44 pm.

Sean Whelley
Mayor

Darrell White
Senior Administrative Officer