

Village of Fort Simpson
Budget Meeting #BM02-2019 of November 12, 2019
Minutes

Present: Mayor S. Whelley
Deputy Mayor C. Antoine (Call-in)
Councillor M. Lafferty Councillor M. Rowe
Councillor C. Moreau Councillor K. Groat
Councillor T. Bellafontaine Councillor L. McPherson

Absent Councillor M. Hassan

Also Present: SAO D. White
 Clerk K. Kodakin-Yakeleya

1. Call to Order

Mayor Whelley called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. Agenda Additions

Santa Claus Parade
Village Open-House

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Council adopted the agenda of Budget Meeting BM02-2019 as presented.

4. Declaration of Interest

None.

5. Councillor Absences

Council excused Councillor M. Hassan from BM02-2019.

6. 2020 Draft Annual Budget – Operating and Capital

The council discussed the O&M Budget Estimates and also the Capital Plan with the following points :

- Donations
- Vet Clinic
- Student Incentive Program
- Community Plan/Zone Bylaw
- Gas Tax Funding – Community Plan
- Equipment – Repairs & Maintenance

- Vehicle – Repairs & Maintenance
- Equipment – Fuel
- Equipment – Parts
- Solid Waste Expenses – Wages & Salaries
- Sand Shed & Concrete Plan – Public Works
- Chip sealing – Public Works
- Cemetery Shelter – Public Works
- Hazardous Waste Clean Up – Landfill
- Rec Centre HVAC
- Fitness Centre
- Welcome Sign / Concrete Pad
- Banners And Xmas Decorations
- Trail System – Recreation
- Compost Pad – Upgrade
- Fire Truck
- Playgrounds
- Artificial Ice – Recreation
- Water Delivery System – On Hill residents

SAO White provided an overview of the O&M Budget estimates. The council and Mayor reviewed the community plan and would like to see more projects completed on the estimated timeline that was put together in 2018. The council suggested to use up small community funds to finish the small projects in order to focus on the next item before moving into the year 2020. The council agreed project “Sand shed” and “concrete pad” would need a bigger budget, suggested ideas was to recycle an shed or defer to 2021. The council began a round-table discussion to what should be a priority for the community plan and to place their support?

Councillor Mcpherson: Supports the Recreation and would like to see more partnerships develop between Fort Simpson and surrounding communities.

Councillor Rowe: Supports Recreation and would like council to review the capital plan.

Councillor Groat: Supports enhanced Recreation programs in the community.

Councillor Bellafontaine: Wants to wait for Community Plan Meeting.

Councillor Moreau: Wants to review the last 10 years of the capital plan to possibly “take out” the “less important items”.

Councillor Lafferty: Supports Recreation, would like to go forward with the sprinkler system.

Deputy Antoine: Agrees with Councillor Bellafontaine, Antoine made suggestions that having a water system and fire station on the hill should be considered,

8. In Camera

None

9. Adjournment

Council adjourned Budget Meeting BM02-2019 at 8:44 pm.

Sean Whelly
Mayor

Darrell White
Senior Administrative Officer