



MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, October 17, 2024

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

MAYOR	Cathy Gonet
DEPUTY MAYOR	Eva Hope
COUNCILORS	Greg Wilson
	Hillary Deneron

STAFF - Senior Administrative Officer John W. McKee

The Chairperson (Mayor) took the chair and called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council approved the meeting agenda without changes.

MOTION 2024- 70

That the agenda for the meeting of, October 17, 2024, be approved as presented.

Moved: Hillary Deneron

Seconded: Greg Wilson

Carried.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting, and no changes were made.

MOTION 2024- 71

That the minutes for the meeting of, September 19, 2024, be approved as presented.

Moved: Greg Wilson

Seconded: Hilary Deneron

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FOR THE MINUTES

TIMBER HARVEST APPLICATION

Council reviewed a Timber Harvest Application [22d43f] from Norman Sassies. Councillors agreed to support this application.

VEGETATION/FUEL MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

The Senior Administrative Officer and representatives completed a site inspection of the area to be cleared and noted that some areas designated to be cleared have already been cleared. They also pointed out that an area along Bypass Road was not cleared but should be cleared for an effective fire break. The Federal Government must approve any changes in the area designated. The SAO will meet with NWTAC to have the changes made.

FINANCIAL

AUDIT REPORT

Council reviewed the financial statements audited for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, prepared by Crowe MacKay. The Senior Administrative Officer reviewed statements and significant accounting policies for council.

Auditor Observations –

CPI Fund cash underfunded – transfer made but after March 31, 2024

Procurement Procedures – Procurement Bylaw Procedures need to be implemented.

Entries and transaction Review – staff shortages make this impossible.

Amortization Rate Review - noted

CPI Reporting – reports not completed by year-end – the Hamlet has been late in reports, but they are now complete.

Council approved the audit report as presented.

MOTION 2024- 72

That the audited financial statements for the period ending March 3, 2024, be approved as presented.

Moved: Greg Wilson

Seconded: Eva Hope

Carried.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE RATES

Rates were reviewed, and no changes were necessary.

BYLAWS

FACILITY RENTAL RATES 2025

Bylaw 341, a bylaw to increase facility rental rates, was presented in writing and given a third and final reading.

MOTION 2024- 73

That Bylaw 341, "Facility Rental Rates 2025" is given the third and final reading.

Moved: Hillary Deneron

Seconded: Greg Wilson

Carried.

TEMPORARY BORROWING

Bylaw 342, a bylaw to authorize short-term borrowing from CIBC, was presented in writing and given a third and final reading.

MOTION 2024- 74

That Bylaw 342, "Temporary Borrowing" is given the third and final reading.

Moved: Hillary Deneron

Seconded: Eva Hope

Carried.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER APPOINTMENT

Bylaw 343, a bylaw to appoint James Duntra and Nezioa as Community Safety Officers, was presented in writing and given a third and final reading.

MOTION 2024- 75

That Bylaw 343, "Safety Officer" is given the third and final reading.

Moved: Greg Wilson

Seconded: Eva Hope

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

MVLWB – Hamlet of Fort Liard Water Licence Review
ECC – Species at Risk
MLA – Medical Services Fort Nelson, BC.

REPORTS

Reviewed and noted -

Fire Department – September 2024
Community Safety – September 2024
RCMP – December 2024

NEXT MEETING

The next regular council meeting – November 15, 2024
Review of SAO Applications October 22, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2024- 76

That the meeting of October 17, 2024, be adjourned.

Moved: Greg Wilson
Seconded: Hillary Deneron
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Cathy Gonet
Mayor



John W. McKee
Senior Administrative Officer