



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MCBRIDE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 2017

THOSE PRESENT: Mayor Lorraine Martin
Councillor Harold Edwards
Councillor Lucille Green
Councillor Rosemary Hruby
Councillor Rick Thompson

STAFF: Acting CAO Claudia Frost
OTHER: Municipal Advisor Isabell Hadford, Minute Taker

REGRETS: CAO Kelley Williams

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 20 members of the public
1 member of the Press

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Lorraine Martin.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1st INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS - None

2nd APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved that the Agenda be amended by removing the word “and” at the end of the second motion under section 8 (A) (a) and that the agenda be approved as amended.

Hruby/Edwards

Carried

Res: #012305.17

3rd READING AND APPROVING OF THE MINUTES:

Moved that the Minutes of the May 9, 2017 Public Hearing be adopted as presented

Hruby/Edwards

Carried

Res: #022305.17

Moved that the Minutes of the May 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be amended:

- 1) by changing the word “insure” to “insured” under section 8 (A)(b)(2), and
- 2) by removing the initials at the end of the second motion under section 8(A)(e) and that the minutes be approved as amended.

Thompson/Hruby

Carried

Res: #032305.17

Moved that the Minutes of the May 12, 2017 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

Edwards/Hruby

Carried

Res: #042305.17

4th PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS: None

5th QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRESS –

Betty Abbs read from a prepared statement (attached to these minutes) regarding forest licenses in the Province. She requested Council to schedule a public meeting with Susan Mulkey and an outside facilitator, to seek community input into the direction of future prosperity for community-wide business opportunities the McBride Community Forest Corporation (MCFC) license represents, under a new model of organization.

Diane Smith advised that the Village of McBride is the sole shareholder of the MCFC but we, as the people of the community are stewards of the forest, the province of BC owns every tree that is cut down. That means we all, collectively, have a say in our forests. We have an obligation to ensure good and sound management. Our forests in the McBride area have not been under good and sound management. A group of people in this community tried to bring what they considered, with their vast and combined knowledge of the forest industry, poor management to the Board's eyes. They blatantly disregarded this group, ran them down, and forged forward to the serious issue that it is today. Today Diane felt they failed this community badly. "*The worst forest practices audit in BC! The waste assessments were horrendous, etc.*" Today we don't trust or want the Council attached to this Board at all but we do have one voting member, so be it. Diane implored this Council to leave the Board of MCFC to run separately from Council with Harold Edwards being a sitting, non-voting member. I would like to request that MCFC hold a meeting for all to speak regarding the future of MCFC if things are going to be changed from what was proposed at the 2016 AGM.

Mike Monroe spoke about the history of the MCFC when he was a Regional District Director and sat on the MCFC Board. That seat was to be made available for future Regional District Directors. At the time the RD agreed that the license be issued to the Village--the Board was cautioned that it should only have one Council member on the Board. MCFC has divided the community and their volume of wood was taken from the Province's small business program that was run on a tendering process. MCFC does not have tendering process and has been fined many times for breach of regulations. The biggest concern is the money the MCFC doesn't have. If one looks at the weight of logs crossing Carrier's scales in the past four years, it would show a difference of over \$6 million if Mike had have sold the wood rather than MCFC.

Joe Rich, Chair McBride Community Forest Corporation expressed his concern that once again the Shareholder has dropped the ball by not letting MCFC know that MCFC was again on the Village agenda for discussion. He requested that the MCFC Chair be made aware of future Council agendas where MCFC is being discussed.

6th UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**A) McBride Community Forest Corporation (MCFC); follow up on MCFC Board - Agenda request by Councillor Hruby**

Councillor Hruby advised that she was not comfortable with the Council decision made at the May 12th Special Council meeting. She felt that the citizens of McBride and area had not been kept fully informed of decisions made by the MCFC and that this could be improved upon. The MCFC 2016 Financial Statements indicate that the MCFC is not economically viable. She felt that the shareholder owes the taxpayer a higher level of fiduciary responsibility.

Mayor Martin suggested that the agenda item about a discussion regarding MCFC should have been more specific. Council needs to review the shareholder template along with Articles of Incorporation. Mayor Martin intends to set up an email thread to start reviewing the Shareholder Agreement. There was no communication in the past with MCFC, and now Council receives minutes of meetings. She suggested if Council members had questions, to ask the Mayor as the Council representative on the MCFC Board, or Joe Rich as the Chair, or Susan Mulkey, or the General Manager.

Moved that the appointment of Mayor Lorraine Martin to the Board of Directors of the McBride Community Forest Corporation be rescinded effective May 23, 2017, pursuant to Article 14.10 of the McBride Community Forest Corporation, Incorporation No. 655951 Articles dated November 8, 2005.

Hruby/Green

Carried – OPPOSED Mayor Martin

Res: #052305.17

Council members made the following comments:

- Frustration with not knowing when MCFC meetings are held –no schedule posted
- In the past two years the MCFC has lost money and the cutting permit
- People have lost confidence in the shareholder’s representative.
- At the May 12th Special Meeting Council did not want to change the composition of the Board and requested the Board to fill vacant Board position as soon as possible.
- In order for the shareholder to get Councillor Edwards onto the MCFC Board Council had to change the shareholder representative on the Board by a 2/3 majority vote. The decision meets the mandate of the special resolution passed last October.

Mayor Martin made the following comments:

- It’s not just what we do, but the manner in which we do it
- The problems with MCFC fell onto my shoulders without expert opinion—it was not a mess that the Mayor created.
- Overcutting got MCFC into trouble—it was not the answer.
- Logging cedar means MCFC loses money so they try to cut white wood.
- The Shareholder needs to get input from Board.
- The work done today is done by many of us.

- Mayor Martin has continuity on the Board—sitting on the Board with professionals.
- It's a slap in the face to be removed from the MCFC Board given all the work and time she spent on the MCFC.
- Mayor Martin will not support the resolution.

Moved that Councillor Harold Edwards be appointed to the Board of Directors of the McBride Community Forest Corporation, pursuant to Article 14.10 of the McBride Community Forest Corporation, Incorporation No. 655951 Articles of November 8, 2005, effective May 23, 2017.

Hruby/Green

Carried – OPPOSED Mayor Martin

Res: #062305.17

Eight members of the public left the meeting.

- B) 2016 Annual Report – Submission date June 30, 2017
Update on Councils progress with the 2016 Annual Report – Mayor Martin

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride meet on June 6th at 7:00 pm to work towards completing the 2016 Annual Report and start the 2017 Strategic Plan.

Thompson/Hruby

Carried

Res: #072305.17

Council asked about the consequences of the 2016 Annual Report being submitted late—can the June 30th deadline be extended? Council needs to look at the outcomes from previous years and the measureable outcomes—need to tidy up what Council said they were going to do and look at what they did. A more encompassing plan was recommended. A facilitator will help to keep Council focused.

Mayor Martin advised she had asked Michelle Hadden, Community Transition Team Manager, Minister of Tourism, Jobs, and Skills Training to research the names of consultants available to facilitate the strategic planning process.

- C) Gas Tax Strategic Priority Fund application

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride receive Administration's Report on the Gas Tax Strategic Priority Fund application.

Green/Edwards

Carried

Res: #082305.17

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride approve Administration applying for Gas Tax Strategic Priority Fund for 100% cost of the next phase of the Sewer/Storm Water project.

Hruby/Thompson

Carried

Res: #092305.17

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride authorise retaining Radloff and Associates for the Sewer/Storm Water project.

Green/Thompson

Carried

Res: #102305.17

Mayor Martin questioned whether retaining Radloff and Associates falls within the Provincial community partnership agreement. It was noted that Radloff was retained earlier on this project.

7th REPORTS:

A) Councillors

Councillor Green provided a written report and outlined highlights of her participation in the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) conference.

Councillor Hruby provided a written report. Since her report was written, she attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and gave an update of Pioneer Days events. She also noted Canada Day activities and the need for Council to do an address at the event. Village Clean-Up Day is planned for May 28th. Administration was requested to supply rolls of bags for dog clean-up machines. On May 18th she attended the School Board meeting. Councillor Hruby attended the AGM of the Trans-Canada Yellowhead Highway Association and was elected to the Board of Directors.

Councillor Thompson provided a written report and advised he had attended the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board meeting held in McBride on May 18th. Board meeting highlights for this meeting are posted on the Village's website. The RCMP are holding an Open House on May 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

B) Mayor

Mayor Martin provided a written report, as well as McBride Community Forest Minutes for April 12, 2017 and May 10, 2017. MCFC Open House is scheduled at the MCFC office on May 25th 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to review logging operational plans. A second meeting to review MCFC financials will be held in June. She also attended the NCLGA Conference attendance.

- C) Administration**
- Administration Report
 - Human Resource Update
 - Office of the Ombudsperson Update

- D) Finance**
- Revenues and Expenditures April 2017

- E) Public Works**
- June 13, 2017

Moved that Council send a follow-up letter to CN asking about progress on the repairs to CN underpass located in McBride.

Thompson/Hruby

Carried

Res: #112305.17

Moved that Council receive the May 23, 2017 reports for information.

Green/Edwards

Carried

Res: #122305.17

8th

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) REQUIRING ACTION

- a) Ferndale/Tabor Volunteer Fire Department; Fire Chief Kemble – Request that qualified employees be allowed to be available for deployment in the event of a wild fire threatening homes and structures.

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride receive Administration’s report from the Ferndale/Tabor Volunteer Fire Department.

Hruby/Thompson

Carried

Res: #132305.17

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride allow trained Firefighters that are in their employ to be added to the deployment list if it does not negatively impact operations, said deployment to be no more than two weeks

Moved that the motion be amended by adding the word “Wildfire” in front of “Deployment List” and by striking the words following “Deployment List”.

Thompson/Green

Carried

Res: #142305.17

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride allow trained Firefighters that are in their employ to be added to the Wildfire Deployment List.

Hruby/Green

Carried

Res: #152305.17

Moved that the CAO be instructed to develop a policy to allow Village of McBride employees that are trained Firefighters to be added to the Wildfire Deployment List for wildfires that may threaten homes or structures, per the following guidelines:

1. Only one employee may be deployed at any one time or to any one event dependent upon Village operational needs,
2. Deployment to be limited to two weeks,
3. Employee must take unpaid leave during deployment.
4. Other recommendations from Administration.

Thompson/Green

Carried

Res: #162305.17

- b) Robson Valley Arts and Culture Council; Sheilagh Foster – Request to proceed with painting the fire hydrants

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride receive Administration's Report on painting fire hydrants.

Edwards/Green

Carried

Res: #172305.17

Moved that Council grant permission to the Robson Valley Arts & Culture Council to proceed with the project to re-paint the Village's fire hydrants, provided they meet with Administration and liaise with Fire Chief Hruby regarding materials to be used.

Green/Edwards

Carried

Res: #182305.17

Administration was requested to ensure that the hydrants were power washed before painting begins.

Mayor Martin advised that the McBride Community Foundation will consider a late application for funding for this project.

B) INFORMATION ONLY – *In binder on back side table for meeting, at reception thereafter.*

- a) Village of Valemout; Adam Davey CAO – Letter resending the joint (McBride/Valemout) request for Automated Weather Observation System(s) and/or Weather Camera(s) to NAV Canada
- b) BC Healthy Communities – Provincial newsletter
- c) Regional District Fraser Fort George – Media release concerning cardboard diversion at Foothills landfill

C) OUTGOING

- a) Child Find British Columbia; Crystal Dunahee – Response to proclamation request
- b) Regional District Fraser Fort George; Art Kaehn – Letter of support to purchase new tables and chairs for the Robson Valley Community Centre
- c) McBride Elks and Royal Purple; Kathy Molendyk – Permission to use Village property for pony rides on Sunday June 4.
- d) Robson Valley Mountain Bike Association; Ingrid Stengler – Letter of support for grant application to Northern Development Trust
- e) Scotiabank McBride; Christine Monroe – Letter giving permission for street closure May 19, 2017.
- f) Ozalenka Alpine Club – Letter of support for grant application to Northern Development Trust -

9th BYLAWS/PERMITS/POLICIES:

a) Development Variance Permit No. 2017-01

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride receive Administration's report on DVP2017-01.

Thompson/Green RT/LG

Carried

Res: #192305.17

Councillor Green spoke with the Highways Provincial Approving Officer and thanked the CAO for responding to her questions. She apologized for postponing the vote and now has confidence that what Council is doing is correct. Councillor Hruby asked about the policy for the size of the notice area as four property owners on the other side of Main Street did not get a notice.

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride approve Development Variance 2017-01 to be issued to the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George for Parcel A (being a consolidation of Lots 3, 4, and 5, See BB88410) Plan 24003, DL 5316 CD.

Green/Hruby

Carried

Res: #202305.17

Councillor Thompson asked if the property owner needs to get permission to place a C-can on the site—referred to Administration for response.

10th NEW BUSINESS:

A) 2016 Provincial Administrative and Financial Reports

a) Schedule of Employee and Council Remuneration

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride receive the 2016 Schedule of Employee and Council Remuneration report.

Green/Edwards

Carried

Res: #212305.17

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride approve the 2016 Schedule of Employee and Council Remuneration report.

Green/Thompson

Carried

Res: #222305.17

b) Schedule of Payments to Suppliers

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride receive the 2016 Schedule of Payments to Suppliers report.

Thompson/Green

Carried

Res: #232305.17

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride approve the 2016 Schedule of Payments to Suppliers report.

Thompson/Green

Carried

Res: #242305.17

- B) McBride Evangelical Free Church submitted request for a Temporary Street Closure Application

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride approve the Temporary Street Closure Application on Main Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues for Josh's Place Youth Fun Day on July 26, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM contingent upon the Village receiving a copy of the insurance coverage prior to this event.

Moved that the motion be amended to add "and Lonsdale Street" after "1st and 2nd Avenues".

Thompson/Edwards

Carried

Res: #252305.17

Moved that the Council of the Village of McBride approve the Temporary Street Closure Application on Main Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues and Lonsdale Street for Josh's Place Youth Fun Day on July 26, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM contingent upon the Village receiving a copy of the insurance coverage prior to this event.

Hruby/Green

Carried

Res: #262305.17

11th IN CAMERA

- A) **Moved** that in accordance with the *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations, Council move to an In-Camera meeting.

Thompson/Green

Carried

Res: #272305.17

- B) **Moved** that the Open Meeting be recessed at 8:53 p.m. in order to conduct a Closed, In Camera Meeting.

Thompson/Green

Carried

Res: #282305.17

ITEM BROUGHT OUT OF THE MAY 23, 2017 IN-CAMERA MEETING

The following item was brought forward from the May 23, 2017 Closed In-Camera Meeting:

Moved that, following the successful completion of a six-month probation period, that Claudia Frost is hereby appointed to the full time position of Finance Officer for the Village of McBride.

Edwards/Green

Carried

Res: #IC042305.17

12th ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn the May 23, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
Green at 9:50 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

Minute Taker