

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2009 AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT

Mayor B. Magee
Councillor E. Benedict
Councillor J. Illes
Councillor Q. Beach
Councillor L. Olson
CAO T. Palmer
Director of Finance S. Worthing
Director of Corporate Services N. Letchford
Director of Recreation S. Schienbein
Director of Protective Services J. McBride

PUBLIC

4 members of the public

DELEGATIONS

Laura MacGregor, Artisan Co-op
Sandra and John Barth, LD Arts Council

MEDIA

Rebecca Billard, LD News

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor B. Magee called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor J. Illes
And seconded by Councillor Q. Beach

THAT the agenda for this meeting be approved. The following changes were made:

- **addition to Business Arising – minutes of the Dec. 8 LEDA Governing Board meeting**
- **addition to original communications – Letter from Chris and Connie Bjarnason and Case Study – Barking Dogs**
- **addition to new business – retirement gift for Diane Popovich, janitor; council appointments to committees and commissions; community to community forum; Omineca Ski Club biathlon range grand opening**

CARRIED

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS; AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor L. Olson
And seconded by Councillor E. Benedict

**THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council
November 24, 2009 be adopted as presented
CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

Laura MacGregor – Artisan Co-op

- Has secured funding with the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund to conduct a feasibility study for an artisan co-op
- 9 local artisans have committed to paying a yearly fee of \$200/person; 8 volunteer hours bi-weekly; and 20% commission for the gallery
- Request to use Innovation Place as an art gallery – will be able to cover \$500 operational costs per month
- Artists from all over the Lakes District have reached a consensus to secure a space in downtown Burns Lake
- Modelled after the Artist Co-op in Whitehorse and the Ice House Gallery in Prince Rupert
- Mayor B. Magee indicated that Innovation Place is not currently available, but might be in the future
- Mayor B. Magee commends Laura MacGregor on her tenacity and initiative

Sandra and John Barth – Lakes District Arts Council

- have experienced cut backs in funding from both provincial government grants and large corporate donations
- local businesses and private donors have stepped forward, but costs continue to rise
- increased costs include liability insurance which can no longer be covered under the municipal insurance umbrella
- 50% of people who attend are Village of Burns Lake residents
- any funds the municipality contributes will be matched by the province
- strong attendance at shows indicate LD Arts Council is fulfilling a community need
- 2009/2010 was the most successful season ticket drive to date – first 3 concerts were sold out with an average of 290 people
- Burns Lake raised \$2,300 to support the PG Symphony

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Attended Community Foundation night in Prince

- George – Burns Lake has \$4,200 available
- Christmas light-up was held on Friday, Santa Claus and Lakey made an appearance
 - Met with Dave Garcia of Decker Lake Forest Products, Decker Lake mill is back to work
 - Made a presentation to the Burns Lake Sports Centre Association at the recent Brave's game (the Brave's won!)
 - Conversation with Doug MacFarland regarding the Lakes District Community Services Network – evolved out of a pilot project to identify service gaps

REPORTS

Games Town 2010 – Director of Recreation S. Schienbein
For Information Only

Standards of Conduct

It was moved by Councillor J. Illes
And seconded by Councillor Q. Beach

THAT Policy PER8 “Standards of Conduct” be adopted

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Policy PR2 Burns Lake Curling Arena Risk Management Plan

It was moved by Councillor L. Olson
And seconded by Councillor E. Benedict

THAT Policy PR2 “Curling Rink Arena Risk Management Plan” be adopted

CARRIED

LEDA

It was moved by Councillor J. Illes
And seconded by Councillor Q. Beach

THAT the Village of Burns Lake cover the electricity and natural gas expenses for 586 Hwy 16 (LEDA Building) for 2009

CARRIED

LEDA – governing board meeting December 8th

It was moved by Councillor J. Illes
And seconded by Councillor Q. Beach

**THAT the minutes of the December 8, 2009 LEDA
Governing Board be received**

CARRIED

Tahtsa Timber – response from adjacent property owners
for removal of restrictive covenant

It was moved by Councillor L. Olson
And seconded by Councillor J. Illes

**THAT the request from Tahtsa Timber Ltd. for the
removal of the restrictive covenant on Lot B., District
Lot 1888, Range 5, Coast District, Plan PRP 44845 be
granted**

CARRIED

2010 Tourism Services

- this item will be brought forward at the January 12,
2010 meeting

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS - ACTION

It was moved by Councillor L. Olson
And seconded by Councillor J. Illes

**THAT the following original communications be
received for action:**

- **Lakes District Arts Council – Request for
Support**

CARRIED

Lakes District Arts Council

It was moved by Councillor L. Olson
And seconded by Councillor J. Illes

**THAT the Lakes District Arts Council 2010 request for
support be forwarded to staff for budget
consideration**

CARRIED

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – RECEIVED AND FILED

It was moved by Councillor J. Illes
And seconded by Councillor L. Olson

THAT the following original communications be received and filed:

- **Mining Association of BC; NDI; Association for Mineral Exploration BC – Mining in British Columbia**
 - **NDI – Invest Northwest BC Campaign for 2010**
 - **Kin Canada – ‘Message of Support’ campaign**
 - **Visitor Information Centre – email from Kelly Friesen and Natasha Letchford**
 - **Laura McGregor – Building for Artisan Centre**
 - **LEDA – Grant Reports**
 - **Burns Lake Minor Hockey – Request for Support**
 - **Wren Gilgan – Aboriginal Youth Skiing**
 - **Opposition Critic for Transportation and Highways – letter of introduction**
 - **Burns Lake Band – Burns Lake Community Forest**
 - **Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee – Appointment to PGTAC**
 - **Letter from Chris And Connie Bjarnason**
- CARRIED**

Wren Gilgan – Aboriginal Youth Skiing

It was moved by Councillor L. Olson
And seconded by Councillor J. Illes

THAT the aboriginal youth skiing program be supported in 2010 with a grant of \$2,000, conditional upon support from the Burns Lake Band, Lake Babine Nation, and BLNDC

CARRIED

Burns Lake Band – Burns Lake Community Forest

It was moved by Councillor J. Illes
And seconded by Councillor L. Olson

THAT the Burns Lake Band be invited to a special meeting of council to discuss the Burns Lake Community Forest in early 2010

CARRIED

Letter from Chris And Connie Bjarnason

General discussion

NEW BUSINESS

Burns Lake Band Servicing Agreement

It was moved by Councillor J. Illes
And seconded by Councillor L. Olson

**THAT council ratify the extension of the service agreement with the Burns Lake Band
CARRIED**

Arena User Group Meeting

It was moved by Councillor Q. Beach
And seconded by Councillor L. Olson

**THAT a public meeting be held with Tom Forsyth Arena User groups on Tuesday, February 16, 2009
CARRIED**

Lake Babine Nation

It was moved by Councillor J. Illes
And seconded by Councillor L. Olson

**THAT a joint council meeting be held with the Lake Babine Nation on January 13, 2010
CARRIED**

Budget Meeting

It was moved by Councillor L. Olson
And seconded by Councillor E. Benedict

**THAT a budget meeting be held on December 16, 2009 at 5:00pm
CARRIED**

Retirement Gift for Diane Popovich

It was moved by Councillor L. Olson
And seconded by Councillor E. Benedict

**THAT a letter and a gift valued at no more than \$100 be provided to Diane Popovich on the occasion of her retirement
CARRIED**

Council Appointments and Commissions

It was moved by Councillor L. Olson
And seconded by Councillor E. Benedict

THAT the December 2009 to December 2010 council appointments be approved

CARRIED

Community to Community Forum with Lake Babine Nation

It was moved by Councillor J. Illes
And seconded by Councillor L. Olson

THAT a letter of support be written for the Community to Community Forum with Lake Babine Nation on January 13, 2010

CARRIED

Omineca Ski Club Biathlon Grand Opening – *for information only*

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Q. Beach

- Lumber prices are up which is good for the community

Councillor L. Olson

- BC Faces foundation AGM was held
- Excellent Climate Action Bootcamp

Councillor E. Benedict

- Pleased with Climate Action Bootcamp
- Met with Joseph Khan of Lakes District Community Services regarding BC Faces
- CAB meeting?
- Thursday will be the Regional District Bulkley Nechako election for chair

Councillor J. Illes

- Attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting
- LEDA trail on south side of Burns Lake is progressing quickly

READING FILES

It was moved by Councillor J. Illes
And seconded by Councillor Q. Beach

**THAT the following reading files be received:
November 27, 2009
December 2, 2009**

CARRIED

IN CAMERA RESOLUTION

It was moved by Councillor J. Illes
And seconded by Councillor L. Olson

THAT this meeting be closed to the public for the purpose of discussing items outlined in Section 90.1 (c)

CARRIED

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake held on Tuesday, December 08, 2009