

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Date: July 19, 2021
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers & Electronic Zoom Meeting

Present: Deputy Mayor Bassendowski
Coun. Deck
Coun. Disher
Coun. Galbraith
Coun. Wark
Coun. Weisgerber
C. Newsom, Chief Administrative Officer
E. McAvany, Economic Development Officer
D. LeBlanc, Director of Engineering & Public Works
L. Labarrere, Engineering Intern
L. Wilfur, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Mayor Courtoreille

1. **Call to Order** Deputy Mayor Bassendowski called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and an opening statement was read.
2. **Adoption of Agenda** MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for July 19, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Please note: The Zoom meeting log in/call in details were provided on the District of Chetwynd Facebook page prior to the meeting to permit public attendance, and a message advised the public that in-person attendance was possible for this meeting as well.
3. **Minutes**

M-1
Minutes of the
Regular
Council
Meeting

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 5, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Delegations & Presentations

Ray Raatz, FES of BC, Chris Hayward, Duz Cho Logging & Don Rosen, Canfor Energy North re: Projects

Ray Raatz, Forest Enhancement Society of BC, Chris Hayward, Duz Cho Logging & Don Rosen, Canfor Energy North provided Council with a project update on how First Nations and Industry are collaborating to take action on climate change.

The Forest Enhancement Society of BC provided a grant worth almost \$300,000 in funding to a partnership project called “Chetwynd Biology Recovery” led by Duz Cho Logging of the McLeod Lake Indian Band and Canfor Energy North.

The “Chetwynd Biology Recovery” is the utilization of residual waste fibre which is sold to the Canfor Energy North Pellet plant. This project helped avoid pile burning emissions and improved fibre utilization from existing cutting permits; this resulted in fewer greenhouse gas emissions. Council was provided with information on the economic benefits, environmental benefits and social benefits of the project.

Council thanked Mr. Raatz, Mr. Hayward and Mr. Rosen for the presentation.

5. Bylaws

Nil

6. Council Committee and Liaison Reports

CR-2 Councillor Reports

Coun. Weisgerber provided the following Surerus Place Board Update:

- Chetwynd Senior Citizens Housing Society – Surerus Place was successful in their application to the BC Hydro Go Fund for a grant to purchase a Senior Gaming System.

Coun. Weisgerber provided the following Pine Valley Seniors Association Update:

- In-person meetings have resumed.

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT Coun. Weisgerber’s verbal report be received for information.

CARRIED

Coun. Bassendowski provided the following Chetwynd Community Meeting Update:

- Going very well
- RCMP, Tansi Friendship Society, the District of Chetwynd and Northern Health meet to discuss and come up with ways to assist vulnerable persons in the community
- Tansi Friendship Society offers harm reductions supplies, addictions counselling, food, clothing and other support in a mobile outreach initiative to vulnerable persons on Friday afternoons, in addition to programs provided in their facility throughout the week
- Plans are in process to build an emergency shelter
- Intent is to remove barriers that cause vulnerable persons to be homeless or underserved to be able to transition into mainstream society

MOVED by Coun. Bassendowski, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT the Coun. Bassendowski's verbal report be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Discussion Items

DI-1 MOVED by Coun. Deck, SECONDED by Coun. Wark

Peter Julian,
MP New
Westminster-
Burnaby re:
Seeking Your
Endorsement

THAT the letter from Peter Julian, MP New Westminster-Burnaby dated June 17, 2021 re: Seeking Your Endorsement for Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents & Private Member's Bill C-313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act, be received; and

"On behalf of 3,200 residents of the District of Chetwynd, that District of Chetwynd Mayor and Council endorse MP Peter Julian's private member's motion, Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and his private member's bill Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate."

CARRIED

DI-2 MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

Telus re:
Request for
Land Use
Concurrence

THAT the letter from Telus dated July 13, 2021 re: Telus Request for Land Use Concurrence, be received; and

THAT Council direct Administration to advise Telus it has no objection to the cell tower subject to Telus providing some landscaping around the tower for aesthetic purposes.

CARRIED

DI-3
AccessBC
Campaign re: Free
Prescription
Contraception

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT the email from AccessBC Campaign dated June 17, 2021 re: Free Prescription Contraception, be received; and

WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities;

WHEREAS providing no-cost prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system;

WHEREAS contraceptive methods targeted at men (such as condoms or vasectomies) are available at low cost or are covered by BC's Medical Services Plan, whereas contraceptive methods for people with uteruses (such as birth control pills, intra-uterine devices, or hormone injections) have high up-front costs, making access to contraception unequal and gendered;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Provincial Government be urged to make all prescription contraception in BC available at no cost under the Medical Services Plan."

CARRIED

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Wark

THAT Council direct Administration to forward a resolution to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) for next years conference supporting AccessBC's request for free prescription contraception.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence

C-1
Auditor's
Report

MOVED by Coun. Wark, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT the letter from Sander Rose Bone Grindle LLP dated June 18, 2021 re: Auditor's Report, be received for information; and

C-2
Northeast
Roundtable
Meeting Notes

THAT the Northeast Roundtable Meeting Notes dated June 23, 2021, be received for information; and

C-3
B.C.'s Restart
Plan

THAT the email from Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs dated July 2, 2021 re: B.C.'s Restart Plan, be received for information; and

C-4
COVID-19
Pandemic
Response Task
Number
Eligibility

THAT the email from Emergency Management BC dated June 29, 2021 re: Policy 5.13: COVID-19 Pandemic Response Task Number Eligibility, be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Information Items

II-1
Information
Items
I-1 – I-17

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT Information Items I-1 – I-17 be received for information.

CARRIED

10. Reports for Action

RA-1
Tansi
Friendship
Society –
Seniors’
Transportation
Option

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Wark

THAT the report dated July 14, 2021 re: Tansi Friendship Society – Seniors’ Transportation Option prepared by the Economic Development Department, be received for information.

OPPOSED: Councillors Bassendowski, Deck and Weisgerber

DEFEATED

MAIN MOTION

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT Council authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1,000 be allocated to Tansi Friendship Society for the purposes of transporting Chetwynd Seniors to Dawson Creek during a three-month pilot program in 2021.

AMENDMENT:

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT a survey be circulated to seniors to determine if they would use a local transportation service.

OPPOSED: Councillor Galbraith

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

CARRIED

11. Reports for Information

RI-1 MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Deck
June Accounts
Payable THAT the report dated July 6, 2021 re: June Accounts Payable Cheque List
Cheque List prepared by the Finance Department, be received for information.

CARRIED

RI-2 MOVED by Coun. Deck, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith
June 2021
Financial THAT the report dated July 13, 2021 re: June 2021 Financial Report prepared
Report by the Finance Department, be received for information.

CARRIED

12. New Business

Nil

13. Public Question Period

Nil

14. Adjournment MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
Carol Newsom – Corporate Officer

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
Allen Courtoreille - Mayor

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held on July 19, 2021 via Electronic Zoom
Conference and in Council Chambers.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
Carol Newsom – Corporate Officer