

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Date: April 19, 2022
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers & Zoom

Present: Mayor Courtoreille
Coun. Bassendowski
Coun. Deck
Coun. Wark
C. Newsom, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Franson, Director of Financial Administration
D. Way, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
E. McAvany, Economic Development Officer
L. Wilfur, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Coun. Disher
Coun. Galbraith
Coun. Weisgerber

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

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for April 19, 2022 be amended to include the addition of NB-1 Council Chambers Microphone System, and that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED
- 3. Minutes**

M-1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting MOVED by Coun. Bassendowski, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 4, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED
- 4. Delegations & Presentations**

Nil

5. Bylaws

B-1
Bylaw No.
1148, 2022

MOVED by Coun. Wark, SECONDED by Coun. Bassendowski

THAT Bylaw No. 1148, 2022 cited as the “District of Chetwynd Financial Plan 2022 – 2026 Bylaw No. 1148, 2022” be given first, second and third readings.

NEGATED ON A TIE VOTE

MOVED by Coun. Wark, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT the Financial Plan 2022 – 2026 be adjusted to reflect a tax increase of 3%; and

THAT the Financial Plan be amended by transferring from the COVID-19 Restart reserve an amount equal to a 4.57% tax increase, including the above referenced 3%.

CARRIED

MOVED by Coun. Wark, SECONDED by Coun. Bassendowski

THAT Bylaw No. 1148, 2022 cited as the “District of Chetwynd Financial Plan 2022 – 2026 Bylaw No. 1148, 2022” be given first and second readings as amended.

OPPOSED: Councillor Deck

CARRIED

MOVED by Coun. Wark, SECONDED by Coun. Bassendowski

THAT Bylaw No. 1148, 2022 cited as the “District of Chetwynd Financial Plan 2022 – 2026 Bylaw No. 1148, 2022” be given third reading.

OPPOSED: Councillor Deck

CARRIED

B-2
Bylaw No.
1149, 2022

MOVED by Coun. Wark, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT Bylaw No. 1149, 2022 cited as the “District of Chetwynd 2022 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1149, 2022” be given first and second readings as amended.

OPPOSED: Councillor Deck

CARRIED

MOVED by Coun. Wark, SECONDED by Coun. Bassendowski

THAT Bylaw No. 1149, 2022 cited as the “District of Chetwynd 2022 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1149, 2022” be given third reading.

OPPOSED: Councillor Deck

CARRIED

6. Council Committee and Liaison Reports

CR-1 Regional District Report

Mayor Courtoreille provided the following Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Update:

The PRRD had a Broadband Internet & Mobility meeting about the \$830 million that the Government of Canada is providing to upgrade connectivity in rural areas and underserved communities; the PRRD is looking for partners to work with on this very important subject.

A Community-to-Community meeting was held between the PRRD Board and Saulteau First Nations Council. A discussion was held on why there are not any First Nations Council members on Regional Boards.

CR-2 Councillor Reports

Councillor Wark advised that she attended the Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA) 2022 Leadership Forum in Richmond, BC from April 6 – 8, 2022.

She noted that some presentations that were very interesting included:

- Municipal Insurance Association - Talked about cyber security risks / cyber insurance, catastrophic risks like fire and injury and how to prepare.
- Responsible Elected Officials Conduct and
- FireSmart

Councillor Wark commented that it was a wonderful week of in person networking.

CR-3 Mayor's Report

Mayor Courtoreille provided the following Mayor's report:

Steve Dowling is the new Northern Lights College Campus Administrator in Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge. Steve reached out to me and CAO Carol Newsom and we met on the morning of April 4, 2022.

Steve is new to this sector of business/education but does come from the office of Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure.

I also dropped in at the Job Fair on April 14; it was very pleasing to see people in the hallways at the College once again. The District of Chetwynd had a table at the job fair and looks forward to doing business once again with Northern Lights College.

On April 6, I attended the Local Government Leadership Academy in Richmond BC. The keynote speaker was our own Medical Health Officer Doctor Bonnie Henry.

I found it was quite a nice experience to hear her in person; she received one of two standing ovations when she was introduced to the delegates. Dr Bonnie Henry is the same in person as you see during the Covid updates; softly spoken and a delightful speaker. She also had genuine stories of good people; including a story about her neighbour who was an anti-vaxer. She goes on to say about her neighbour “When a protester came to my residence to voice their opinion on my front lawn my anti-vax neighbour was one of the first to defend my private space.” She went on to say neighbours may have different opinions but we can all be neighbours!

She did give us some insight on the catch phrase “Be Kind, Be Calm, Be Safe.” In the beginning she had no closing phrase or words for the people who were anxious and worried. During her second update she coined the phrase “Be Kind, Be Calm, Be Safe.” One delegate that went up to the mike during Q&A said “you’re a rock star Doctor” and I believe this when the second Standing Ovation occurred. There are some awesome people in our world and I witnessed one of those genuinely good people in Doctor Bonnie Henry.

I attended a session on Indigenous Realities in BC a stronger foundation for positive local government and indigenous relationships. What the effects of today’s reality brings, working on being neighbours with our First Nations on economics and cultural values to move together in a meaningful way. A story was told by Councillor John Jack about the church still standing in the community of Huu-ay-aht First Nation near Port Alberni. Members were still traumatized and not returning to their community because of the trauma incurred by the Residential School; the church was a symbol of these atrocities.

District of Chetwynd Council was mentioned during a presentation by Christina Benty on Asset Management. Christina pointed out that our Council worked very well together. Christina was pleased to know that there is good governance in local government and Chetwynd has set a very good example of that.

CR-4
Administrator's
Report

Nil

MOVED by Coun. Wark, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT the:

- Regional District Report,
- Councillor Reports and
- Mayor's Report

be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Discussion Items

Nil

8. Correspondence

Nil

9. Information Items

Nil

10. Reports for Action

RA-1
Tansi
Community
Emergency
Shelter –
Funding
Application

MOVED by Coun. Wark, SECONDED by Coun. Bassendowski

THAT the report dated April 8, 2022 re: Tansi Community Emergency Shelter – Funding Application prepared by the Economic Development Department, be received; and

THAT Council approve a partnership with Tansi Friendship Centre for the proposed Tansi Community Emergency Shelter Grant funding application; and

THAT Council approve submission of the application to UBCM Strengthening Community Services program grant.

CARRIED

11. Reports for Information

RI-1 MOVED by Coun. Deck, SECONDED by Coun. Wark
March
Accounts THAT the report dated April 7, 2022 re: March Accounts Payable Cheque List
Payable prepared by the Finance Department, be received for information.
Cheque List

CARRIED

12. New Business

NB-1 Mayor Courtoreille inquired as to when the upgrades will be made to the
Council Council Chamber microphone system.
Chambers
Microphone Director of Financial Administration Kevin Franson advised that funds have
System been allocated to replace the sound system and will be moving forward in 2022.

13. Public Question Period

Nil

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
Carol Newsom – Corporate Officer

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
Allen Courtoreille - Mayor

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held on April 19, 2022 via Electronic Zoom
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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
Carol Newsom – Corporate Officer