

## DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

### *Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting*

**Date:** June 19, 2023  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers

**Present:** Mayor Courtoreille  
Coun. Bassendowski  
Coun. Deck  
Coun. MacDonald  
Coun. Nelson  
Coun. Smith  
Coun. Wark  
S. McLain, Chief Administrative officer  
D. Ennis, Corporate Officer/HR Manager  
K. Franson, Director of Financial Administration  
D. LeBlanc, Director of Engineering & Public Works  
E. McAvany, Economic Development Officer  
L. Wilfur, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

**Absent:** Nil

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. Nelson, SECONDED by Coun. Deck  
  
THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for June 19, 2023 be adopted as circulated.  
  
CARRIED
3. **Minutes**  
M-1  
Minutes of the  
Regular  
Council  
Meeting  
MOVED by Coun. Deck, SECONDED by Coun. MacDonald  
  
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 5, 2023 be adopted as circulated.  
  
CARRIED
4. **Delegations & Presentations**  
  
Nil
5. **Bylaws**  
  
Nil

## 6. Council Committee and Liaison Reports

### CR-1 Regional District Report

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

- Attended the Committee of the Whole meeting held on June 8, 2023 in Fort St. John, BC.
- Based on extensive concerns raised by residents in the region at the Committee of the Whole meeting when the Treaty Land Sharing Network proposal was being discussed the PRRD has notified Scion Strategies Ltd. that it has withdrawn its support for the Treaty Land Sharing Network proposal. More information can be found on the PRRD website.

### CR-2 Councillor Reports

Councillor Nelson provided the following update:

BC Hydro Go-Fund:

- Attended a meeting in Fort St. John, BC and we approved grants for non-profits in the area. Organizations receiving funding will be notified within the week.

Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Northeast Regional Advisory Committee:

- Attended a meeting in Fort St. John, BC on June 16, 2023.
- We discussed:
  - NDIT's strategy for an Indigenous Engagement Plan,
  - The Northern Development Proposed Legislative Changes and
  - The 2023 third intake for funding applications
- The 2023 Terms of Reference were updated.
- The NDIT 2022 Annual Report was presented.
- A discussion occurred regarding Northern BC Inter-Community Transportation and the shared needs of our regional citizens.
- A survey is being done to seek input from communities, organizations, and residents from Northern BC to better understand passenger transportation needs. Below is the link to the survey <https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/partner-programs/northern-inter-community-transportation-study/>

Chetwynd Public Library:

- Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall.
- Furniture is being ordered.
- The Library Board is currently working on a plan to move the books from the old building to the new location.

Councillor Nelson thanked Staff and the Emergency Support Services (ESS) team for all their hard work during the Tumbler Ridge Evacuation.

CR-3  
Mayor's Report  
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Mayor Courtoreille provided the following Mayor's report:

First things first, the evacuation of our neighbours in Tumbler Ridge who had to leave at a moment's notice without an alert, every other community had an alert given but not Tumbler Ridge residents, hoping they are well and not to stressed out about being away from their properties and homes during this terrible time. The evacuation Order has since been lifted. Chetwynd's arms are open to any community that needs assistance. Our thoughts are with the residents of Tumbler Ridge and surrounding area and also with the other communities that had to leave their homes in 2023 during this unprecedented time.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference:

- Attended the FCM Conference May 24 – 28, 2023 in Toronto, ON.
- The Prime Minister (PM) of Canada who has been attending FCM for the last 10 years addressed the delegates.
  - The PM recognized the wildfire emergency in the Western Provinces and how extreme weather is very real.
  - The PM spoke of the housing crisis that is happening in our country. Housing through all sectors of our population is needed everywhere. The Urban Housing & Rural Indigenous Housing Initiative with the Rapid Housing Initiative; hopefully this will assist with the housing crisis. Another fund the PM spoke of was the Housing Accelerating Fund, which the Federal Government will put \$4 billion dollars into. The District of Chetwynd will have to investigate the Rapid Housing Initiative and the Housing Accelerating Fund for housing opportunities.
  - NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh was on a question-and-answer panel addressing some of the political issues that are challenging every Canadian like extreme weather, housing, economy, and the opioid crisis and advising how he would fix or attempt to fix.
- FCM's Priority Resolutions:
  - Mental Health National Emergency (97.5% in favour)
  - Housing Crisis and
  - Opioid Crisis
- FCM in partnership with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation will be administering the Green Municipal Fund and the new Market Fund for the developing Affordable Housing.

Minerals North Conference:

- Attended the Minerals North Conference May 31 – June 2, 2023 in Quesnel, BC.
- Less than 1% of mining exploration is happening in Northeast BC.
- Northeast BC does produce 5 (five) billion tons of coal. This is approximately 2/3 of BC's Coal.
- Presenting updates on the mining sector were 8 (eight) mining companies.
- I would like to thank Mayor Ron Paull and give a shoutout to Quesnel for their hospitality.

CR-4  
Administrator's  
Report

Nil

MOVED by Coun. Nelson, SECONDED by Coun. MacDonald

THAT the:

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

be received for information.

CARRIED

**7. Discussion Items**

DI-1  
FortisBC re:  
Letter of  
Support

MOVED by Coun. Deck, SECONDED by Coun. MacDonald

THAT the email from FortisBC dated June 7, 2023 re: Letter of Support, be received; and

THAT Council provide a letter of support to FortisBC for its Renewable Natural Gas Application to the BC Utilities Commission.

CARRIED

Council requested staff to invite FortisBC to come and address Council as a delegate.

**8. Correspondence**

C-1                      MOVED by Coun. Wark, SECONDED by Coun. Deck  
SRBG re:  
Independent            THAT the letter from Sander Rose Bone Grindle LLP dated June 5, 2023 re:  
Auditor's              Independent Auditor's Report, be received for information.  
Report  
  
CARRIED

**9. Information Items**

II-1                      MOVED by Coun. MacDonald, SECONDED by Coun. Bassendowski  
Information  
Items                    THAT Information Items I-1 – I-4 be received for information.  
I-1 – I-4  
  
CARRIED

**10. Reports for Action**

RA-1                      Opportunity for Public Input:  
Presentation  
and Adoption            Mayor Courtoreille invited those who wished to express his/her views  
of 2023                    regarding the 2023 Annual Report, to address Council.  
Annual Report  
  
There being no submissions, and no correspondence received, the opportunity  
for public input was closed.

MOVED by Coun. Nelson, SECONDED by Coun. Smith

THAT the report dated June 8, 2023 re: Presentation and Adoption of 2023  
Annual Report prepared by Administration, be received; and

THAT Council adopt the 2023 Annual Report for the District of Chetwynd as  
presented.

CARRIED

RA-2                      MOVED by Coun. MacDonald, SECONDED by Coun. Deck  
Union of BC  
Municipalities            THAT the report dated May 30, 2023 re: Union of BC Municipalities  
Convention                Convention Registration prepared by Administration, be received; and  
Registration  
  
THAT all members of Council be authorized to be registered for the Union of  
BC Municipalities Convention to be held in Vancouver, BC September 18-22,  
2023.

CARRIED

RA-3  
Boulevard  
Walkway  
Trails

MOVED by Coun. Nelson, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT the report dated June 13, 2023 re: Boulevard Walkway Trail prepared by the Parks Department, be received; and

THAT Council approves that Community Growth Reserve funding be allocated for the walkway trail project located along Veterans Way and South Access Boulevard.

CARRIED

RA-4  
Extreme Heat  
Risk Mapping  
and  
Assessment

MOVED by Coun. Wark, SECONDED by Coun. Nelson

THAT the report dated June 15, 2023 re: Extreme Heat Risk Mapping and Assessment prepared by the Economic Development Department, be received; and

THAT Council approve the submitted Tender for the Extreme Heat Risk Mapping and Assessment partnership project to Frontera Forest Solutions Inc., in the amount of \$59,015.00.

CARRIED

## **11. Reports for Information**

RI-1  
May Accounts  
Payable  
Cheque List

MOVED by Coun. Nelson, SECONDED by Coun. Smith

THAT the report dated June 12, 2023 re: May Accounts Payable Cheque List prepared by the Finance Department, be received for information.

CARRIED

## **12. New Business**

Nil

## **13. Public Question Period**

Nil

## **14. Adjournment**

MOVED by Coun. Deck, SECONDED by Mayor Courtoreille

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
Deanne Ennis – Corporate Officer

Certified a true and correct copy of the  
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting  
held on June 19, 2023 in the Council  
Chambers.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
Deanne Ennis – Corporate Officer

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Allen Courtoreille - Mayor