



THE VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2020

The regular meeting of The Burk's Falls Council was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at the Municipal Office at 6:00 pm hosted electronically on Zoom. The regular Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Present: Mayor Cathy Still, Councillors, Lewis Hodgson, Lisa Morrison, Jarvis Osborne, Rex Smith; Staff: Nicky Kunkel, Clerk; Allan Holder, Treasurer; Graham Smith, Arena Manager.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Pecuniary Interest declared by: None declared

MINUTES

Resolution 2020-59 Moved by Rex Smith - Seconded by Lewis Hodgson

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby approves the minutes of the special council meeting of March 13, 2020 and the regular Council meeting held March 24, 2020 as amended. Carried.

DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL: None

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

1. Department Report: Arena Manager Graham Smith was in attendance and presented his report to Council. He explained the Assistant Manager and he remain onsite working and preparing the facility in hopes of summer ice. He has spent time reviewing the operations and the facility and will work toward find efficiencies and ensuring mandated regulations are adhered to. He thanked Council and is happy to be working with Burk's Falls.
2. Department Report for Fire Department was reviewed and received.
3. Department Report for Waste Management was reviewed and received.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Council received the letter from MTO regarding Highway 520 sidewalks. A meeting will be set up when the Provincial Emergency is concluded to continue to the discussion on the access, maintenance, and repair of the sidewalk.
2. Council received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. MacDougall requesting a review of the noise bylaw (5-2018). Council reviewed the request and confirmed that there was public process in 2018 and the bylaw was determined based on a complete review of the entire bylaw at the time. Council determined that the current bylaw would remain in affect with no change.
3. Council received a report from the Finance Clerk regarding the Royal Canadian Legion water account. A resolution was passed.
4. Council reviewed a report from the Downtown Development Committee regarding a proposal for a business recovery strategy post COVID 19. A resolution was passed.
5. Treasurer Allan Holder presented the draft 2020 budget. He explained that the budget was based on a 2% levy increase for inflation. In order to meet the 2% with the draft budget approximately \$99,500 has to be trimmed from the budget. There was a high-level review of each department's budget as determined from Council's strategic direction, asset management plan and operating costs. Council will review the budget and provide revisions for the April 29th special Council meeting to review and adopt the 2020 budget.

RESOLUTIONS:

2020- 60 Moved by Jarvis Osborne - Seconded by Lisa Morrison

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby approves the recommendation of the Finance Clerk to combine the water meter consumption amounts of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No., 405 onto one bill and archive the second minimum billing account. Carried.

2020-61 Moved by Lewis Hodgson - Seconded by Lisa Morrison

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby supports the Downtown Development Team's business festival to assist with the recovery efforts of COVID 19; and Further that Council agrees to contribute \$2,000.00 towards the event. Carried

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Smith; Nays: Councillor Smith; Yays; Councillors Osborne, Hodgson, Morrison, Mayor Still

2020-62 Moved by Jarvis Osborne – Seconded by Rex Smith

That the 2020 Burk's Falls and District Public Union Library budget in the amount of \$133,494.00 with the Village's share being \$55,787.00 be approved as presented. Carried.



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2020-63 Moved by Rex Smith - Seconded by Lewis Hodgson
That By-law 8-2020 being a bylaw to amend the Procurement Bylaw (33-2014) be read a first, second and third time and passed this 21st day of April 2020. Carried.

2020-64 Moved by Rex Smith – Seconded by Lisa Morrison
That the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 191,953.90 as presented up to and including April. 21, 2020 hereby be approved for payment. Carried

Councillors Report

NOTE: Several regular meetings have been cancelled due to the Province Emergency related to COVID 19 and orders of no gatherings.

Mayor Still attended a teleconference call with Muskoka Algonquin Health Care regarding COVID 19. She updated Council on that there few cases in the area at this time.

Councillor Hodgson attended the Downtown Development Team Committee meeting via Zoom and presented ideas that resulted such as the post COVID business festival.

Councillor Osborne attended two electronic meetings for the Library this month.

2020-65 Moved by Lisa Morrison – Seconded by Lewis Hodgson
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby adjourns at 20:25 to meet again on April 29, 2020 at 12:30 pm. Carried

Cathy Still, Mayor

Nicky Kunkel, Clerk