

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor C. Leclerc presided. Councillors present were S. Bujtas, L. Christiansen (via videoconference), J. Cordeiro (via videoconference), B. Downie, D. Gordon, and E. Ramsay. Also in attendance were A. Thompson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk, T. Irwin, Director of Leisure Services (via videoconference), D. Block, Director of Development Services (via videoconference), J. Klie, Fire Chief (via videoconference), J. Lambert, Director of Engineering and Public Works (via videoconference at 7:45 p.m.), and A. Poole, Executive Assistant.

**MOVE TO IN-CAMERA
SPECIAL COUNCIL:**

***Meeting Called to Order at
7:15 p.m. – Move to In-
Camera Special Council***

(No. 319)

MOVED/SECONDED to move In-Camera and close the meeting to the public pursuant to Division 3, Section 90(1) (e) of the Community Charter (to discuss matters relating to land).

Carried Unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING:

Mayor Leclerc acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional unceded homelands and territories of the Tsimshian First Nations. She also advised that Council agendas and minutes were available for viewing at www.terrace.ca, that the Council meeting was being livestreamed on the City's Facebook page, and that the past minutes have been archived.

Mayor Leclerc acknowledged that the current public health orders prohibit the public from attending Council meetings in person. The media and members of the public still have an opportunity at the end of the meeting to comment or ask questions pertaining to items on the agenda.

It was further explained that participation could be had by joining the virtual Microsoft Teams meeting through a computer, mobile device, or regular telephone call. The information on how to take part

in the question portion of the meeting could be found at terrace.ca/participate.

ADDENDUM:

There was no Addendum.

DELEGATIONS & GUESTS:

Leah Sells, Coast Mountain Children Society – Request for Letter of Support

Mayor Leclerc welcomed Ms. Sells of Coast Mountain Children Society to the Council meeting.

Coast Mountain Children Society is a not-for-profit daycare in Terrace (formerly known as Willow Creek Childcare).

Ms. Sells provided a draft letter of support for Council to review and consider signing.

The federal and provincial governments have put additional funding into expanding the Universal Child Care Prototype Sites Program (\$10/day daycare initiative). Since Coast Mountain Children Society has been a not-for-profit for less than four years, they require a letter of support from the City to accompany their application.

Ms. Sells asked Council to support Coast Mountain Children Society's application to the Ministry of Children and Family Development to become a universal childcare prototype site. If their application is successful, their site will become a prototype site for two years. They will be able to offer \$10/day daycare. This will allow families to pay no more than \$200 per month for a full-time daycare space for children aged three months to 11 years old.

Coast Mountain Children Society currently provides 176 spaces. All spaces would be \$10/day. Pre-covid, they were at 100% capacity. They are currently running at 90% capacity, with 20 available spaces.

All daycares across the province are eligible to apply to be a universal childcare prototype site. If selected, that specific facility will become a prototype site.

The Affordable Child Care Benefit Program will remain in place even if Coast Mountain Children Society becomes a prototype site. Approximately 30% of currently enrolled families will still be eligible for affordable childcare. The affordable childcare spaces would then be completely funded through the Affordable Child Care Benefit Program and the Universal Child Care Prototype Sites Program.

Coast Mountain Children Society is always looking for additional staff. They access a program through WorkSafe BC which partially funds training for employees who are already working. They currently have five Early Childhood Assistants (ECAs) working towards their Early Childhood Educator (ECE) certificates through various funding programs. The Province has an Early Childhood Educator Wage Enhancement program. ECEs working in licensed childcare facilities are eligible to receive a \$2/hour wage enhancement. By September the wage enhancement will increase to \$4/hour.

Mayor Leclerc thanked Ms. Sells for her presentation and advised that the matter would be further dealt with under the "Correspondence" portion of this meeting's Agenda (See Resolution No. 325).

MINUTES:

***Regular Council Minutes,
July 12, 2021***

(No. 324)

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Minutes of July 12, 2021 be adopted as read on this day and that such Minutes as read set out all the business before Council that day and fully and properly record all of the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES (OLD
BUSINESS):**

There was no Old Business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Leah Sells, Coast Mountain Children Society – Request for Letter of Support

(No. 325)

MOVED/SECONDED that the City of Terrace provide a letter of support to Coast Mountain Children Society for their application to the Ministry of Children and Family Development to become a Universal Childcare Prototype Site.

Carried Unanimously.

Lana Greene, Moms Stop the Harm – Request to Support Proposed Resolution to the Federal Government

(No. 326)

MOVED/SECONDED that Council endorse the following resolution:

WHEREAS the opioid crisis is one of the largest public health emergencies of our lifetime, with a death on average every two hours and a death toll of 21,174 in the past five years alone (January 2016 to December 2020);

AND WHEREAS other countries have significantly reduced drug-related fatalities with reforms such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply and decriminalization for personal use;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has indicated it is premature to discuss these measures until there is comprehensive support for people to get well;

AND WHEREAS supports are needed, but measures that save lives are essential if people are to survive and access support;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has stated that they agree the evidence suggests “decriminalization for simple possession as an effective way to reduce the public health and public safety harms associated with substance use”, causing the government to indicate that it is now “deliberating” over decriminalization.

AND WHEREAS the overdose crisis rages, showing few signs of abating:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency so that it is taken seriously and funded appropriately;

AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada immediately seek input from the people most affected by this crisis and meet with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, pan-Canadian overdose action plan, which includes comprehensive supports and full consideration of reforms that other countries have used to significantly reduce drug-related fatalities and stigma, such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply of pharmaceutical alternatives to toxic street drugs, and decriminalization for personal use.

And that the resolution be sent to the federal government, provincial government, and Northern Health.

Carried Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):

There were no Committee Reports (For Information Only).

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Memo – Director of Development Services, Downtown Security Report

MOVED/SECONDED that the Downtown Security Report be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

(No. 327)

Memo – Director of Leisure Services, Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) 2021 Intake

MOVED/SECONDED that Council support the City’s application to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF), 2021 intake, for the amount of \$296,250.00 for the "New Community Washroom and Change Facility Project" at George Little Park; and

(No. 328)

That \$98,750.00 be allocated from the Northern

Capital and Planning Grant Reserve Funds to the project; and

That the 2021 Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

Carried Unanimously.

***Memo – Executive Assistant,
Revised Appointment by
Council Resolution***

(No. 329)

MOVED/SECONDED that Councillor Dave Gordon be appointed as Council liaison to the Terrace Downtown Improvement Area Society to replace Councillor Brian Downie for the remainder of 2021.

Carried Unanimously.

***Memo – Fire Chief, 2021 Fire
Department Second Quarter
Report***

(No. 330)

MOVED/SECONDED that the 2021 Fire Department Second Quarter Report be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

***July 12, 2021 Public Hearing
Report (For Information Only)***

(No. 331)

MOVED/SECONDED that the report from the July 12, 2021 Public Hearing be received for information only.

Carried Unanimously.

BYLAWS:

There were no Bylaws.

**NEW BUSINESS FROM
COUNCIL:**

***Regional District of Kitimat-
Stikine Report***

There was no report on the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine.

**REPORTS ON COUNCIL
ACTIVITIES:**

Councillor Gordon

Councillor Gordon reported on the Terrace Downtown Improvement Area Society and the current and proposed murals downtown.

Mayor Leclerc

Mayor Leclerc reported on a follow-up meeting with Minister Eby, Minister Malcolmson, and Minister Osborne regarding the July 14, 2021 Community Dialogue on the Downtown Town Hall.

Councillor Downie

Councillor Downie reported on the scaled down version of Riverboat Days.

REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA:

In-Camera Special Meeting of Council, July 12, 2021

Resolution No. 302

Terrace Art Gallery – Request for Letter of Assurance Regarding the Lease

MOVED/SECONDED that the City provide a letter of assurance to the Terrace Art Gallery indicating the City’s intention to renew their lease for ten years.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE MEDIA & AUDIENCE:

Mayor Leclerc asked if there was anyone from the media or audience dialed in to ask a question.

There was nobody present from the media and there were no questions from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED/SECONDED that the July 26, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be now adjourned.

(No 332)

Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor

Clerk