

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Gold River

April 7, 2025, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers of the Village Office
499 Muchalat Drive

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Lott
Councillor Henry Fossen
Councillor Nikki Pichert
Councillor Alison Pringle
Councillor Peter Wehmeier

STAFF: Michael Roy, CAO
Joe Doxey, Director of Operations

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED/SECONDED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED/SECONDED THAT the regular meeting minutes from March 17, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. DELEGATIONS

7.a Chan Nowosad Boates - 2024 Draft Financial Statements

8. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

8.a 2024 Financial Statements

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Council approve and accept the 2024 Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

8.b Community Garden

MOVED/SECONDED THAT the report from the Director of Operations be received.

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED THAT the Gold River Community Gardens group remain in their current approved location at the Jack Christensen Centre site, and

THAT the Gold River Community Gardens be awarded a long-term lease for the current site, subject to lease cancellation if the property were to be sold by the Village of Gold River and the Gold River Community Gardens was displaced from the current Jack Christensen Centre site, and

THAT if the Jack Christensen Centre property was to be sold by the Village of Gold River, the Gold River Community Gardens is approved to relocate to Nimpkish Park, with a long-term lease, with the location of the site on Nimpkish Park to be determined by the Village of Gold River, in consultation with the Gold River Community Gardens group, and

THAT all the terms and conditions for the lease are to be negotiated with the Village of Gold River.

Opposed (5): Mayor Michael Lott, Councillor Henry Fossen, Councillor Nikki Pichert, Councillor Alison Pringle, and Councillor Peter Wehmeier

DEFEATED

MOVED/SECONDED THAT the Gold River Community Garden group be given permission to relocate to Nimpkish Park, and

THAT the Gold River Community Garden group be awarded a long-term lease,

And the location of the site at Nimpkish Park is to be determined by the Village of Gold River in consultation with the Gold River Community Garden group, and

THAT all the terms and conditions for the lease are to be negotiated with the Village of Gold River.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

9.a Councillor H. Fossen

9.b Councillor N. Pichert

9.c Councillor A. Pringle

9.d Councillor P. Wehmeier

9.e Mayor M. Lott

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.a Work in Progress

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Council receive the Work in Progress for information.

CARRIED

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

12. BYLAWS

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.a Block Correspondence

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Council receive the block correspondence for information.

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Administration prepare a report regarding the Legion's request for a commemorative crosswalk.

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Administration prepare a report regarding the Ministry of Health's initiative to make naloxone available and to equip staff with the necessary training to recognize and respond to suspected drug poisoning.

CARRIED

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. QUESTION PERIOD

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

17. MOTION TO ADJOURN IN CAMERA

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Council proceed In Camera pursuant to section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations.

CARRIED

18. RISE AND REPORT

19. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED/SECONDED THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 8:44 pm.

CARRIED

M. Lott, Mayor

M. Roy, Corporate Officer