

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, May 25, 2026
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

Council Members Present: Mayor Victor Smith
Councillor Bonny Graham
Councillor Scott Medlock
Councillor Pauline Newbigging
Councillor Dusty Smith
Councillor Heather Stewin

Council Members Absent: Councillor Angela Skoglund

Staff Present: Kevin Dicken, Director of Operations/Deputy CAO
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Branden Morgan, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Present: 1 member of the Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Stó:lō people, particularly the Chawathil, Union Bar and Yale First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved / Seconded

THAT the May 25, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as presented.
CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 11, 2026, be adopted, as presented.
CARRIED.

(b) Special Regular Council Meeting

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the Special Regular Council Meeting held May 19, 2026, be adopted, as presented.
CARRIED.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

5. STAFF REPORTS

**(a) Report dated May 19, 2026 from the Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Re: Hope Pride – June 2026 Flag Raising Request**

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council approve the Hope Pride request to fly the Pride Flag for the period of June 11, 2026, to June 30, 2026, in accordance with the *Flag Raisings and Flag Protocol Policy*.

CARRIED.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Smith Reported:

- He attended the groundbreaking event for Chawathil First Nation's affordable housing project, noting that Chief Aaron Pete and the Chawathil First Nation Council is proud to be building new homes for the first time in 20 years.
- He noted that Communities in Bloom is working on the berm as they prepare for the new season and the judge's arrival in July.
- He noted that four carvings were installed last week, with two new carvings at the Visitor Center, the repaired raven carving reinstalled outside of the Envision Financial, and the repaired animal totem pole at District Hall.
- He met with the Canyon Golden Agers Society and returned a repaired Pete Ryan carving to enjoy inside their hall. He added that the Society is working to create more space by cleaning the hall basement.
- He attended the renaming ceremony for the Spirit of Hope Secondary School.
- He noted that the Hope Farmer's Market started on Friday and will continue until the first week in September. He added that there is also a Sunday Farmers Market taking place in Memorial Park.
- He attended a Tourism Business Gathering Lunch alongside AdvantageHOPE, the Hope and Area Chamber of Commerce, Hope Recreation Centre, Summer Saturday Yoga, Freeform Physio, and other businesses to discuss what is happening in the community this summer. He added that the gathering was held at the Nomad Eatery.
- He noted that over 3000lbs of paper was dropped off at the community Shred-It event held on Saturday.

Councillor Graham Reported:

- She noted that the Friday and Sunday Farmer's Markets are now running through the summer.
- She continued to work on the artwork for the Hope Inclusion Project murals that will be placed on the Telus building at the corner of Wallace and 4th Avenue.

Councillor Medlock Reported:

- He attended an AdvantageHOPE meeting on May 14th, noting that they reviewed plans for the summer.

Councillor Stewin Reported:

- She attended a Hope Inclusion Project on May 12th, noting that Pride Events will take place on June 12th and 13th at the Hope Legion Hall and the Art Machine, with more information available on the Hope Inclusion Project website.
- She attended a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) meeting, noting that topics included ways BC can diversify trade, guidelines for export and import with the European Union, healthy ways to improve trade and business, and Canadian and Provincial barriers.
- She noted that the Tillicum Centre is holding an Open House on June 18th.

Councillor Newbigging and Councillor Smith had nothing to report.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

(a) Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw

Moved / Seconded

THAT *Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 1627, 2026*, be adopted this 25th day of May, 2026. **CARRIED.**

(b) Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw

Moved / Seconded

THAT *Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 1628, 2026*, be adopted this 25th day of May, 2026. **CARRIED.**

**(c) Report dated May 20, 2026, from the Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Re: Election Procedures Bylaw Consolidation and Updates**

Moved / Seconded

THAT *Election Procedures Bylaw No. 1631, 2026*, be read a first, second and third time this 25th day of May, 2026. **CARRIED.**

9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

(a) For Information Correspondence

Council noted that the Fraser-Cascade School District has confirmed that the Welding Program, previously unfunded for the 2027-2028 school year, will continue for the next two years.

Moved / Seconded

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated May 25, 2026, be received. **CARRIED.**

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

There was no other pertinent business.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions raised.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

CARRIED.

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 25, 2026, in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.

Original Signed by Victor Smith

Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham

Director of Corporate Services