

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 25, 2024  
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office  
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Victor Smith  
Councillor Pauline Newbigging  
Councillor Heather Stewin  
Councillor Zachary Wells

**Council Members Absent:** Councillor Scott Medlock  
Councillor Angela Skoglund  
Councillor Dusty Smith

**Staff Present:** John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer  
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services  
Robin Beukens, Director of Community Development  
Gurvinder Sodhi, Communications and Network Analysis Advisor

**Others Present:** 1 members of the Public

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the March 25, 2024 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 March 11, 2024, be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED.**

**(b) Public Hearing**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Record of a Public Hearing held March 11, 2024, be received. **CARRIED.**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

There were no Delegations.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

There were no Staff Reports.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports.

**7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Mayor Smith Reported:**

- Mayor Smith noted that he met with the Japanese delegation that come from Vancouver annually to maintain our Japanese garden. They work with some of our local residents to trim the trees and plants in the garden. He thanked them for their years of commitment to our community.
- He is working with AdvantageHOPE on a promotion for remote workers, to entice people to move and live in Hope. We have people currently living here conducting their remote work and we hope to connect with more to work from this beautiful place we call home.
- He attended a breakfast with the business community along with AdvantageHOPE and the Hope & District Chamber of Commerce, they had good dialogue regarding topics they have on the horizon to improve the downtown core, plus concerns businesses are facing with the exiting of the pipeline, plus planning for the future.
- He attended the RCMP Upper Fraser Valley Detachment Awards Night which recognizes RCMP members for exceptional acts of bravery, outstanding performance and leadership. He congratulated our local members Corporal Martin Godar, Constable Evan Inkman, Constable Brad McCay, Constable Stephen Den Boer, Constable Andrew Mclsaac and Constable Jaymi Kuniss for their recognition in the arrest of two armed individuals from a crime spree that started in Kamloops and ended safely in Hope.
- He toured our area with MLA Jackie Tegart, along with four other MLA's; they started the tour with the Othello Tunnels and discussed plans to get the tunnels open again. They also attended a presentation for a plant to handle liquid waste in the Valley as a long term solution is very much needed to this problem. They had a tour of the Mardina Construction precast plant, noting that they not lonely ship to various places in BC, but also in Alberta. The day wrapped up with a round table discussion at the Recreation Centre with people from Hope and area
- Twelve Starbuck managers partnered with Communities in Bloom, to do trash pickup in the areas of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Old Hope Princeton way, Raab Street, Corbett Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue; they wanted a project to give back to the community and make a difference.
- He noted that this year the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual General Meeting will be taking place in Calgary Alberta from June 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. Staff will obtain costs to see if it is viable for the Mayor and the CAO to attend as it is a great opportunity to make connections at the Federal level to discuss funding opportunities that could benefit our community.

**Councillor Wells Reported:**

- Khronos Security did the clean-up at the old Station House property, along Old Hope Princeton Way. They removed hazardous material and dismantled the homeless encampments.

**Councillor Newbigging Reported:**

- She noted that the Accessibility Committee had their second meeting and they identified the top three priorities, with the first one establishing suggestion boxes at the District of Hope Office and the Recreation Centre for people to submit their suggestions to the Accessibility Committee.
- She attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hope Secondary School and commended the organizing committee on all their hard work. She added that the Leadership Class also participated and offer tours around the school for those that attended.

**Councillor Stewin had nothing to report:**

**8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS**

- (a) ***Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1571, 2024***  
**Re: 63010 Flood Hope Road**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1571, 2024* be adopted, in order to redesignate the land use designation in the Official Community Plan for the property legally described as Lot B District Lot 53 Group 1 Yale Division Yale District Plan 29463, PID 004-307-542; 63010 Flood Hope Road, from Highway Commercial to Light Service Industry. **CARRIED.**

- (b) ***Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1572, 2024***  
**Re: 63010 Flood Hope Road**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.1572, 2024* be adopted, in order to rezone the property legally described as Lot B District Lot 53 Group 1 Yale Division Yale District Plan 29463; PID 004-307-542; 63010 Flood Hope Road from Highway Commercial (C-2) to Light/Service Industrial (I-2) to allow for a future Multi-Tenant Industrial Development. **CARRIED.**

- (c) ***District of Hope 2023-2027 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1577, 2024***

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope 2023–2027 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1577, 2024* be adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024. **CARRIED.**

- (d) **Report dated March 20, 2024 from the Director of Community Development**  
**Re: Development Variance Permit - 320 Fort Street**

Council inquired if the parking stalls would be in the rear area of the property or on the road and where the caretaker's suite is located. The Director of Community Development confirmed that the parking stalls will be located in the rear and the caretaker's suite will be in an office that is equipped with a bed and kitchen.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council approve the issuance of a Development Variance Permit in order to:

- vary the required off street parking stalls for the mixed-use building from thirteen (13) parking stalls to eight (8) motorcycle parking stalls;
- vary the size of the parking stalls from 2.7 metres wide and 5.5 metres long to 1.5 metres wide by 2.4 meters long;
- vary the maneuvering aisle width for 90 degree turns from 7 metres to 4.5 metres;
- vary the siting for parking from the rear lot line from 1 metre to 0.4 metres;
- vary the driveway access width from 6 metres to 3 metres;

in order to facilitate the development a café and motor inn for motorcycle enthusiasts for the property legally described as Lot 2 Section 9 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M YDYD Plan 753; PID 012-083-399; 320 Fort Street; and

FURTHER THAT Director of Community Development be authorized to endorse the Development Variance Permit; and

FURTHER THAT for purposes of Section 504 of the *Local Government Act*, “substantially start” shall mean the completion of the footings or foundations for the mixed-use building development. **CARRIED.**

**(e) Report dated March 15, 2024 from the Director of Community Development  
Re: Downtown Hope Revitalization Form and Character Development Permit  
444 Trans Canada Highway**

Council inquired if this Development Permit is a renewal of the one from past years and the Director of Community Development confirmed that the prior Development Permit had expired, so this new.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT a Downtown Hope Revitalization Form and Character Development Permit for the construction of an apartment building be approved for the property legally described as Lot 1 Section 16 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M YDYD Plan 9850, PID 009-640-118, 444 Trans Canada Highway; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Community Development be authorized to approve minor changes to the Downtown Hope Revitalization Form and Character Development Permit; and

FURTHER THAT for purposes of the Development Permit validity period, the conditions of the Development Permit shall expire on March 25, 2026; and

FURTHER THAT for purposes of Section 504 of the *Local Government Act*, “substantially start of construction” shall mean the completion of an approved foundation for the proposed structure as certified safe by a qualified professional. **CARRIED.**

**9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) For Information Correspondence**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated March 25, 2024, be received.  
**CARRIED.**

**10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS**

There no other Pertinent Business.

**11. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

**12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:14 p.m. **CARRIED.**

*Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 25, 2024 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.*

*Original Signed by Victor Smith*  
**Mayor**

*Original Signed by Donna Bellingham*  
**Director of Corporate Services**