

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 10, 2024  
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office  
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Victor Smith  
Councillor Heather Stewin  
Councillor Scott Medlock  
Councillor Dusty Smith  
Councillor Angela Skoglund  
Councillor Pauline Newbigging

**Council Members Absent:** Councillor Zachary Wells

**Staff Present:** John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer  
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services  
Robin Beukens, Director of Community Development  
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer

**Others Present:** 8 members of the Public and 1 Media

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

The Mayor 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 June 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as amended, to add item 10(a), letter of support.

**CARRIED.**

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### **(a) Regular Council Meeting**

#### **Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 27, 2024, be adopted, as presented.

**CARRIED.**

### 4. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

**(a) Report dated June 4, 2024 from the Director of Community Development  
Re: Fifth Avenue Improvement Proposal – Road Closure**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *Highway Closure and Removal of Highway along a portion of Fifth Avenue Bylaw No. 1578, 2024* be given first and second readings in order to close the road and remove the road dedication for a portion of 5th Avenue legally shown on the reference plan to accompany *Highway Closure and Removal of Highway along a portion of Fifth Avenue Bylaw No. 1578, 2024*, Closing Part of Road Dedicated on the Townsite of Hope Plan Sections 9 and 10 Township 5 Range 26 West of the 6th Meridian Yale Division Yale District; and

FURTHER THAT the public be notified in accordance with the *District of Hope Application Procedures and Public Hearing/Information Meeting Procedural Bylaw No. 13/93*, the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter*. **CARRIED.**

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports.

**7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Mayor Smith Reported:**

- He noted that the Farmers Market has started up for the year, with the first market on June 7<sup>th</sup> and will run every Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wallace Street. He added that the Hope Fire Department will have a FireSmart table there for residents to ask questions and get more information.
- He thanked everyone who supported Trash to Treasure over the weekend, noting that it makes a difference to our landfill with items being recycled for people to use.
- He announced that Infoshred Day will take place on July 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wallace Street in front of Memorial Park. He added that the event is being held in partnership with Enbridge, Hope and District Chamber of Commerce, Hope Crime Prevention, Hope RCMP and the District of Hope.
- He met with Alexis and Tristan from UFV regarding research addressing racism in Hope, noting that they are working with the Hope Inclusion Project to gather insights into how we can best support Hope's community members.
- He attended the Hope Graduation Ceremony, noting that it is a proud day for families and teachers. He added that over \$98,000 in scholarships and bursaries, from people and businesses in the community, were dispersed. He added that he spoke with retiring principal Rosalee Floyd and thanked her for her help sheltering people during the 2021 atmospheric river event.
- He attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference along with CAO John Fortoloczky, noting that it was the largest ever held in Canada with over 3,100 attendees. He added that he spoke with CN Rail regarding assistance with the Station House project and their cooperation with the Tashme Historical Society and Communities in Bloom.
- He announced the appointment of Staff Sergeant Mike Sargent to the District of Hope RCMP posting.

**Councillor Medlock Reported:**

- He noted that he will be attending the AdvantageHOPE AGM on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- He announced that two new staff members have been hired for the Visitor Centre, with one starting on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Councillor Skoglund Reported:**

- She attended the Career Fair at Hope Secondary School on May 30<sup>th</sup> on behalf of her employer, Kal Tire, and noted that there were a lot of business and universities in attendance.

**Councillor Smith Reported:**

- He noted that he will be attending the AdvantageHOPE AGM on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Councillor Stewin Reported:**

- She met with Alexis and Tristan from UFV regarding anti-oppression work in the community to provide helpful insights.
- She met with a research group on diversity and accessibility in our community.
- She attended a Hope Inclusion Project meeting where they worked on finalizing plans for the Pride Events taking place on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- She attended a Purple Lights committee meeting, noting that they are gearing up for the October 1<sup>st</sup> kickoff in Memorial Park. She added that her fellow Council members have been given a list of tasks to accomplish.
- She noted that a public concern regarding vehicle traffic and the safety of children playing on Acacia Drive was brought to her attention. She asked that Staff look into traffic calming options and social media information posts.

**Councillor Newbigging Reported:**

- She noted that she received a public concern regarding the condition of wood carvings in town, particularly the one located at the beginning of the Fraser Bridge. She added that anyone interested in joining the small group that maintains the carvings can approach the Mayor.
- She noted that she was contacted by a member of the public who would like to place painted rocks at the entrance of the Rotary Trail. The CAO asked that this information is passed on to Staff so they can follow up with the request.

**8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS**

**(a) *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1580, 2024***

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1580, 2024*, to update District of Hope Zoning Bylaw No. 1324 to comply with Bill 44, 2023 Housing Statutes (Residential Development), be adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024. **CARRIED.**

**(b) Report dated June 4, 2024 from the Director of Community Development  
Re: Re-Designate and Rezone the Properties at 19652 and 19683 Silver Skagit  
Road**

The Director of Community Development provided a brief overview of the proposal and the submissions received. Council engaged in discussion, which included the following topics:

- Existing uses in the area include logging, junkyards, and mixed use by residential properties.
- Increased truck traffic on the road due to repairs that took place following the 2021 atmospheric river event that has now subsided.
- The issue of bringing the properties into compliance after they have operated for years under improper zoning.
- The low-impact uses that are permitted under the Light Service/Industry (I-2) zoning, which excludes blasting and rock quarrying.
- The extensive process that must be undertaken for the sale of an I-2 zoned property to take place.
- The need to increase the amount of industrial land available in the District.
- Whether the approval of this application will open the door to more rezoning in the area.
- Balancing the need to look at this application on an individual basis and considering the long-term effect of increasing the concentration of industrial land in the area.
- The increase in value of a property that is rezoned to I-2.
- Other neighboring properties that have been rezoned.
- The increase in taxes paid by properties that are rezoned to I-2, and the idea that property owners will be paying their fair share based on actual uses.
- Enforcement of non-compliant properties and fines that could be issued.
- The District's Strategic Plan, specifically the section that speaks to Council making bold decisions.
- Other areas of the District that have industrial properties near concentrations of residential, and the impacts that operations have on the neighbors quality of life.
- The need to work with your neighbors to co-exist in a respectful manner.
- The District's Integrated Official Community Plan, which calls for Hope's industrial areas to be clean, attractive, well maintained, contribute to the local economy, be buffered from adjacent land uses, and be compatible with the tourism experience.
- Existing tree line and large rural properties that create a buffer.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT District of *Hope Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1581, 2024* be given third reading in order to redesignate the land use designation in the Official Community Plan for the portion of the properties on the west side of Silver Skagit Road legally described as Lot 2 & 3 District Lot 1601 Yale Division Yale District Plan 5302; PID 008-814-015 and PID 008-780-684; 19652 and 19683 Silver Skagit Road from Country Residential to Light/Service Industry. **CARRIED.**

**OPPOSED: Councillor Skoglund.**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1582, 2024* be given third reading in order to rezone a portion of the properties on the west side of Silver Skagit Road legally described as Lot 2 & 3 District Lot 1601 Yale Division Yale District Plan 5302; PID 008-814-015 and PID 008-780-684; 19652 and 19683 Silver Skagit Road from Country Residential (CR-1) to Light/Service Industrial (I-2); in order to continue the active business from this location. **CARRIED.**

**OPPOSED: Councillor Skoglund.**

- (c) **Report dated June 3, 2024 from the Director of Community Development  
Re: Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing Extension Request for Silver Creek and East Kawkawa Lake Area**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Subdivision and Development Servicing Amendment Bylaw 1583, 2024* be given first, second and third readings this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024. **CARRIED.**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Building Amendment Bylaw 1584, 2024* be given first, second and third readings this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024. **CARRIED.**

**9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) **For Information Correspondence**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated June 10, 2024, be received. **CARRIED.**

- (b) **Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – May 2024**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Listing for the period of May 1-31, 2024, be received. **CARRIED.**

**10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS**

- (a) **Letter of Support**

**Re: Kelly Pearce’s Nomination to the Canada Volunteer Awards**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council of the District of Hope issue a letter of support for Kelly Pearce’s nomination to the Canada’s Volunteer Community Leader Awards. **CARRIED.**

**11. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

**12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, June 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

*Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 10, 2024 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.*

*Original Signed by Victor Smith*

**Mayor**

*Original Signed by Donna Bellingham*

**Director of Corporate Services**