

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 23, 2023
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 Angela Skoglund
Councillor Pauline Newbigging
Councillor Zachary Wells

Council Members Absent: Councillor Crystal Sedore

Staff Present: John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Richard Zerr, Acting Director of Community Development
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer/EA

Others in attendance: 3 members of the public and 1 media

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened by acknowledging 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 23, 2023 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 8, 2023 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED.

(b) Record of a Public Hearing

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Record of the Public Hearing held May 8, 2023 be received.

CARRIED.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- (a) **Report dated May 12, 2023 from the Chief Administrative Officer**
Re: Council Code of Responsible Conduct Policy

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council adopts the Code of Responsible Conduct Policy and that it be reviewed by each new Council soon after election. **CARRIED.**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee reports.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

- (a) **Council Clarification**

Re: Hope Price Committee Flag Raising Request

Council discussed the intent of the May 8, 2023 resolution regarding the raising of the Pride Flag at District Hall for the month of June. The following points were discussed:

- Whether the original motion was for flying the Pride Flag at the District Hall property or all District owned properties.
- There is no negative support for flying the Pride Flag at other District owned facilities.
- Value and mission statements made by Council and the need to be courageous, bold, and respectful of others.
- Avoiding the removal of Municipal, Provincial and Federal flags from their existing poles.
- Alternative options such as banners, posters, and flags in other locations on the District Hall property.
- Vacant flagpole at the Visitor Centre that previously had the Tourism Info Centre flag, but is no longer produced.
- Determining if there is a requirement for tenants to ask the District's permission to hang flags.
- No immediate solution to the District Hall flagpoles due to the resolution that was passed and reconsidered previously.
- Drafting of a Flag Policy to address this topic in the future.

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council clarify the intent of the May 8, 2023 resolution is to permit a pride banner at District Hall, and at all other District Owned Properties, a pride banner or flag may be flown. **CARRIED.**

- (b) **Transit Services**

Re: Mediation for First Transit Canada and CUPE Local 561

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council endorse Mayor Victor's Smith letter dated May 23, 2023 to the Minister of Labour supporting the appointment of a mediator with First Transit Canada and CUPE Local 561, in order to resolve the transit strike. **CARRIED.**

Mayor Smith Reported:

- He attended the RCMP “E” Division Lower Mainland District Mayor’s Forum, where he received updates on Body Worn Cameras, New Generation 911, and the Service Delivery Realignment of the BC Highway Patrol.
- He attended the symposium in honor of victims and survivors of crime at the UFV gathering place in Chilliwack. He added that Patti MacAhonic, Chairperson of the Ann Davis Transition Society, spoke at the event.
- He announced that Communities in Bloom has begun cleaning the expo sign at the junction of Highway 1 and 7. He added that last year, Communities in Bloom planted daffodils around the perimeter of the sign.
- He announced that Trash to Treasure will take place on Saturday, June 10th. He advised that all unclaimed items should be brought back inside after 4:00 p.m.
- He noted that the Fraser Valley Regional District is working to establish BC as a global agritech leader by supporting the development, demonstration, and deployment of novel technologies. He added that we need to support emerging agritech industries by examining land use policies.

Councillor Skoglund reported:

- She attended the AdvantageHOPE meeting on May 18th, noting that progress is being made in the hiring of the new Executive Director. She added that handouts are being created for local accommodation establishments regarding the MRDT.
- She announced that the AdvantageHOPE AGM will take place on June 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Medlock Reported:

- He attended the AdvantageHOPE meeting on May 18th.
- He noted that he has received emails regarding gravel pit on Kettle Valley Road. He asked that Staff provide Council with an update and options for addressing the issues that residents are facing in the area.
- He announced that the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides will take place on May 28th.

Councillor Stewin Reported:

- She attended the Golden Agers meeting on May 16th, announcing that their Pancake Breakfast will take place on June 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and that their Summer Barbeque is set to take place on July 19th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- She announced that Purple Lights has started meeting again and that they are looking for volunteers to bring their creativity so they can put together a good month in October. Prospective volunteers can reach out to Councillor Stewin for more information.
- She announced that a wills, estates, and RDSP information session will be held on June 6th at the Grace Baptist Church for those who are parents or caregivers of children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Councillors Wells and Newbigging had nothing to report.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

- (a) District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1547, 2023**
Re: 65617 Kawkawa Lake Road

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1547, 2023*, to rezone eight lots of the proposed fourteen lot subdivision of the property at 65617 Kawkawa Lake Road from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Single Family Residential with a Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S), be adopted this 23rd day of May, 2023. **CARRIED.**

- (b) District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1548, 2023**
Re: 65741 Gardner Drive

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1548, 2023*, to rezone the property at 65741 Gardner Drive from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Single Family Residential with a Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S), be read a third time this 23rd day of May, 2023. **CARRIED.**

- (c) Report dated May 18, 2023 from the Acting Director of Community Development**
Re: Development Variance Permit – 488 Hemlock Avenue

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council approve the issuance of a Development Variance Permit in order to relax the principal building or structure front lot line setback requirement of 7.5 metres (~25 feet) to 1.5 metres (~5 feet) on the property legally described as Lot 10 Section 15 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M Kamloops Division Yale District Plan KAP3436, PID 001-983-245; 488 Hemlock Avenue in order to build an addition to the front of the garage; and

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

FURTHER THAT for the purposes of Section 504 of the *Local Government Act*, “substantially start” shall mean the completion of the footings or foundation for the garage addition. **CARRIED.**

9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) For Information Correspondence**

Moved / Seconded

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated May 23, 2023 be received.

CARRIED.

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

11. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions raised.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

13. RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING AT 7:33 P.M.

Moved / Seconded

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to Sections 90(1)(k) [negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public] and 90(1)(g) [litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality] of the *Community Charter* re: agreement negotiations, litigation update, and for the purpose of receiving and adopting closed meeting minutes. **CARRIED.**

14. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

The Mayor reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

15. ADJOURN

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:21 p.m. **CARRIED.**

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 23, 2023 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.

Original Signed by Victor Smith

Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham

Director of Corporate Services