

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Monday, February 10, 2025
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

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

Council Members Absent: 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
Thomas Cameron, Fire Chief
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer
Danielle Laporte, Communications System Analysis Advisor

Others Present: 11 members of the public and 1 media

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved / Seconded

THAT the February 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED.**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Committee of the Whole

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held February 3, 2025, be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED.**

4. STAFF REPORTS

(a) Report dated February 4, 2025 from the Chief Administrative Officer **Re: Museum Artefact Deaccessioning and Disposal Policy**

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) provided a summary of the draft policy. Council inquired as to how fair market value of an item is determined, and the format of the auction process. The CAO advised that staff could conduct research on individual items, and that auctions can take place at the storage facility or at an external location for larger quantities. He added that the policy allows for some flexibility in determining the format and location of the auction.

Council inquired as to how the auctions will be advertised to the public. The CAO advised that the District and AdvantageHOPE will be able to advertise through their websites, social media, and the newspaper. Council inquired as to the status of item “005.15.1 a-b” that was removed from the January 8th Museum Artifact Deaccession list. The CAO advised that the item remains in the museum collection and noted that if the Museum Artefact Deaccessioning and Disposal Policy is approved, the item would follow the disposal process if deaccessioned in the future.

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Committee receives the draft Museum Artefact Deaccessioning and Disposal Policy for consideration;

AND THAT the Committee endorses the draft Policy; and

FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to bring this Policy forward to a Regular Meeting of Council for endorsement. **CARRIED.**

5. QUESTION PERIOD

6. CLOSE

Moved / Seconded

THAT the February 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourn at 7:15 p.m. **CARRIED.**

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 10, 2025 in Council Chambers of the District of Hope, British Columbia.

Original Signed by Victor Smith
Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham
Director of Corporate Services