

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, April 28, 2025
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

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

Council Members Absent: Mayor Victor Smith

Staff Present: Kevin Dicken, Deputy CAO/Director of Operations
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Mike Olson, Director of Finance

Others Present: 1 member of the Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Skoglund 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 April 28, 2025, 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 April 14, 2025, be adopted, as presented.
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

Acting Mayor Skoglund Reported:

- She congratulated Councillor-Elect Bonny Graham and thanked the other candidates who ran in the District's 2025 By-Election.
- She noted that 20 participants took part in the Kal Tire Women's Night, where they went over basic vehicle maintenance. She added that there was good feedback, and that they are looking at hosting another night in September.
- She noted that the Hope and District Arts Council posed questions regarding funding and will be looking to delegate to Council to make a request.
- She noted that Kal Tire collected 213 tires during Earth Day.

Councillor Smith Reported:

- He noted that his business collected 1.5 tons of scrap and 12 pails of batteries during Earth Day.
- He congratulated Councillor-Elect Bonny Graham and thanked the other candidates who ran in the District's 2025 By-Election.

Councillor Stewin Reported:

- She presented during a workshop regarding Bridging the Diversity Disconnect alongside Peter Bailey and Faith Dempster, noting that the presentation was made to over 200 people across Canada. The workshop focused on barriers of diversity, inclusion and equity in the workplace.
- She announced that she has been working with an Inclusive and Accessibility Working Group, and that they have finished their inclusive education document. She noted that the document includes many tools that could be put in place in the District.
- She congratulated Councillor-Elect Graham and thanked the other candidates who ran in the District's 2025 By-Election.
- She expressed her condolences to the individuals tragically affected on Saturday evening by the events that took place in Vancouver.

Councillor Newbigging Reported:

- She attended the Fraser Valley Regional Library meeting on April 23rd, noting that their new playground collection is out for the summer and portable Blu-Ray players are available for loan.
- She noted that the Fraser Valley Regional Library has a new website which is now online, noting that it is very user-friendly.
- She congratulated Councillor-Elect Graham.
- She announced that she will be taking part in the Little Shop of Hope event for the Fraser Canyon Hospital Auxiliary on May 1st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. alongside Councillor-Elect Graham. The event is being held at Mountainview Brewery

Councillor Medlock Reported:

- He noted that although he was unable to attend, the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival looked well attended.

- He congratulated Councillor-Elect Graham and thanked the other candidates who ran in the District's 2025 By-Election.
- He noted that he would like to have a discussion regarding Air BnB zoning and licensing in the community at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.
- He attended an AdvantageHOPE meeting, noting that Shawna Dwyer is now the Interim Manager acting as liaison between the Board and Visitor Centre staff while the Board determines their next steps.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

(a) Report dated April 24, 2025 from the Director of Finance

Re: 2025 Annual Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1601, 2025

The Director of Finance provided a brief overview of the proposed bylaw, the contents of the report, and any changes that have been made since the adoption of the 2025-2029 financial plan.

Moved / Seconded

THAT 2025 Annual Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1601, 2025, be read a first, second, and third time this 28th day of April, 2025.

9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

(a) For Information Correspondence

Moved / Seconded

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated April 28, 2025, 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, May 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:18 p.m. **CARRIED.**

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 28, 2025, in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.

Original Signed by Victor Smith

Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham

Director of Corporate Services