

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 12, 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 Pauline Newbigging

Council Members Absent: Councillor Crystal Sedore
Councillor Zachary Wells
Councillor Angela Skoglund

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: 6 members of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:14 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 June 12, 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 23, 2023 be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED.**

(b) Record of a Public Hearing

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Record of the Public Hearing held May 23, 2023, 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:

- He addressed Hope Secondary School's 2023 grad class on behalf of Council, noting that the community had contributed over \$93,000 in scholarships to help students continue their education in the trades or academics.
- He attended the RCMP open house in Chilliwack, noting that he would like to have a similar event held in Hope for community engagement.
- He worked with Communities in Bloom volunteers to clean and paint the Expo 86 sign at the Highway 1 and 7 junctions.
- He attended the Call to Action at the Chawathil First Nation Hall for food insecurity.
- He attended the Lower Fraser Valley Floodplain Forum, adding that the District has secured funding for a study for preparing flood plans for the Lower Coquihalla Watershed, including three local First Nation groups.
- He announced that a partnership has been formed with Chawathil First Nation to repair a section of Ross Road. He thanked their Chief and Council, as well as Director of Operations, Kevin Dicken and CAO, John Fortoloczky, for their efforts. He asked Council to support a resolution for the District of Hope to contribute funds from the District's Infrastructure Reserve to pay for our portion of the road.

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council allocate \$17,500 from the Infrastructure Reserve to pay for a portion of the Ross Road repair project in partnership with Chawathil First Nation. **CARRIED.**

Councillor Medlock Reported:

- He attended the graduation ceremony at Hope Secondary School, noting that he was happy to see the \$93,500 contributed by the community towards bursaries and scholarships.
- He announced that AdvantageHOPE is still looking for an Executive Director.

Councillor Newbigging Reported:

- She announced that Service Canada will be at the Hope Library at 10:00 a.m. on June 13th to provide information and assist the public with Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and Guaranteed Income applications.

Councillor Stewin Reported:

- She met with the Purple Lights Committee on May 25th, noting that they are organizing a meet and greet event on June 16th for those interested in participating in the October Purple Lights Event. It will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Northwest Harvest Church.
- She attended the raising of the Pride Flag at the Hope RCMP on June 1st.
- She attended the AdvantageHOPE AGM on June 1st.

- She attended the Pride Barbeque on June 3rd.
- She attended the Wills and Estates information session at the Baptist Church on June 6th, noting that a lawyer from Chilliwack and two members of Envision Credit Union spoke.
- She attended the rainbow crosswalk painting event on June 7th, noting that there was a good turnout and lots of energy.
- She attended the Call to Action at the Chawathil First Nation Hall for food insecurity where she was able to discuss the successes regarding food security in the community with other members in attendance, noting that the wins should be discussed and celebrated as much as the struggles. She added that creative ways to ensure that food security is a long-term plan must be found.
- She congratulated the graduates from Hope Secondary and the Two Rivers Education Centre.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

- (a) **Report dated June 1, 2023 from the Acting Director of Community Development
Re: Liquor Licencing Application for Unit A – 821 6th Avenue (Kimchi Restaurant)**

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council authorize staff to gather views of residents/businesses within a 50 metre radius from the subject property legally described as Strata Lot 1 Plan KAS1195 (Kimchi Restaurant) PID 018-073-026; Unit A – 821 6th Avenue for the consideration of an application to licence the Food/Liquor Primary Licenced Area; and

FURTHER THAT a Public Hearing be held in order to provide the public with the opportunity to express their views and comments. **CARRIED.**

- (b) **Report dated June 7, 2023 from the Action Director of Community Development
Re: Liquor Licencing Application for 900 Golf Course Road (Hope Golf & Country Club)**

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council authorize staff to gather views of residents/businesses within a 50 metre radius from the subject property legally described as District Lot 1822 YDYD; PID 002-305-577; 900 Golf Course Road for the consideration of an application for the expansion to the Food/Liquor Primary Licenced area; and

FURTHER THAT a public hearing be held in order to provide the public with the opportunity to express their views and comments. **CARRIED.**

- (c) **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 adopted this 12th day of June, 2023.

CARRIED.

**(d) District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1542, 2023
Re: 21636 and 21696 Thacker Mountain Road**

Council discussed the following items during their deliberations:

- What is allowable in the current Single Family Residential (RS-1) and the proposed Two-Family Residential (RT-1) zoning with regards to setbacks, building envelopes, and parking.
- The potential change in amounts of traffic under each zoning.
- The current road conditions and suitability for more vehicle traffic.
- How the proposed rezoning fits under the District's Official Community Plan.
- Plans still need to come forward for the development even after the rezoning is approved and will involve utility capacities being looked at.
- Balancing the need for increased housing stock while maintaining the current zoning in neighborhoods.
- Renters in both single and multi-family housing.

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1542, 2023*, to rezone the properties at 21636 and 21696 Thacker Mountain Road from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Two Family Residential (RT-1), be read a third time this 12th day of June, 2023.

DEFEATED.

**(e) Report dated June 7, 2023 from the Acting Director of Community Development
Re: Zoning Amendment for 960 – 6th Avenue**

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1554, 2023* be given first and second readings in order to rezone the property legally described as Lot 1 Section 10 Township 5 Range 26 West of the 6th Meridian Yale Division Plan 22368; PID 006-928-463; 960 6th Avenue, from Light/Service Industrial (I-2) to Comprehensive Development (CD-11); 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.

9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

(a) For Information Correspondence

Moved / Seconded

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated June 12, 2023 be received.

CARRIED.

(b) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – May 2023

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Listing for the period of May 1-31, 2023, be received.

CARRIED.

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

11. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions raised.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURN

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

CARRIED.

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 12, 2023 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.

Original Signed by Victor Smith

Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham

Director of Corporate Services