

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 7, 2022
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

Council Members Present: Mayor Victor Smith
Councillor Crystal Sedore
Councillor Heather Stewin
Councillor Pauline Newbigging
Councillor Scott Medlock
Councillor Angela Skoglund
Councillor Zachary Wells

Staff Present: John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Mike Olson, Director of Finance
Jas Gill, Director of Community Development
Kevin Dicken, Director of Operations
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer/EA

Others in attendance: 19 members of the public

1. WELCOMING REMARKS

Chief Administrative Officer John Fortoloczky gave opening remarks, and welcomed the new Council and those in attendance for the Inaugural Meeting.

Sue Martin sang O Canada.

2. OATHS OF OFFICE

(a) Director of Corporate Services performed the Mayor's Oath of Office

➤ Mayor Victor Smith

(b) Director of Corporate Services performed the Councillor's Oaths of Office

- Councillor Pauline Newbigging
- Councillor Scott Medlock
- Councillor Heather Stewin
- Councillor Angela Skoglund
- Councillor Crystal Sedore
- Councillor Zachary Wells

3. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm 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.

Mayor Smith welcomed the re-elected and newly elected Council members to the table, and stated that he looks forward to working together with them all. He also thanked everyone for coming and made a presentation to Aaron Pete, Councillor for Chawathil First Nation. Mayor Smith presented Mr. Pete with a leather-bound District of Hope journal and stated that he is looking forward to a continued relationship and working together in the future.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved / Seconded

THAT the November 7, 2022 Inaugural Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented. **CARRIED.**

5. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

(a) Council and Committee Meeting and Acting Mayor's Schedule for 2022-2023

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Council Appointments, Committees, and Acting Mayor's Schedule for November 2022 to December 2023, attached to and forming part of the minutes, be adopted. **CARRIED.**

(b) Financial Signing Authority

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council delegate signing authority to the following seven individuals:

- Mayor Victor Smith
- Councilor Scott Medlock
- Councilor Pauline Newbigging
- John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer
- Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
- Michael Olson, Director of Finance
- Jas Gill, Director of Community Development

AND FURTHER, that signing authority consist of one Council member and one management staff member;

AND FURTHER, that necessary financial institutions be advised accordingly.

CARRIED.

6. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Sue Martin sang God Save the King.

7. ADJOURN

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:21pm.

CARRIED.

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Council held November 7, 2022 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.

Original Signed by Victor Smith
Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham
Director of Corporate Services