

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 13, 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 Crystal Sedore  
Councillor Zachary Wells

**Staff Present:** John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer  
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services  
Jas Gill, Director of Community Development  
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer/EA

**Others in attendance:** 12 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 March 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as amended, to include item 10(a), a Letter of Support for the 1926 Alexandra Bridge Rehabilitation Project. **CARRIED.**

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### **(a) Regular Council Meeting**

#### **Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 27, 2023 be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED.**

#### **(b) Record of a Public Hearing**

#### **Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Record of a Public Hearing held February 27, 2023 be received. **CARRIED.**

#### **4. DELEGATIONS**

##### **(a) Hope Pride Committee**

Megan te Boekhorst and some members of the Hope Pride Committee were in attendance to present their Committee to Council, outlining who the Committee is, what they do, and upcoming events. In their presentation, the following points were discussed:

- The Hope Pride Committee started in October 2022 as a committee of local queer leaders, service providers, youth and straight allies
- Three areas of focus for their work
  - Creating safe spaces for LGBTQIS2 Spirit + Community
  - Supporting the queer of Hope, of which there are many
  - Education
- Held their first event, Dorothy's Cabinet, a queer clothing swap, as a space that created community connection and allowed for safe exploration of gender expression
- First Pride Month in Hope (June)
  - Free community barbeque
  - Free concert featuring the band Queer as Funk
  - Rainbow paint day
  - Drag queen story time
  - Re-opening of Dorothy's Cabinet
- Ways to support
  - Social media by sharing events and posts
  - Wear pins and plant seeds to show support
  - Raise the Pride Flag for June
- Raising the Pride Flag
  - Symbol of inclusion
  - Shows that we do not welcome homophobia or transphobia in our community
  - Created by the community for the community
  - Megan te Boekhorst asked Council if they would consider raising and flying the Pride Flag for the month of June?

#### **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 attended a Respectful Workplace workshop with District Staff.
- He toured a second Netflix team around for potential movie locations in downtown Hope.
- He attended the Fraser Valley International Women's Day event at the University of the Fraser Valley Abbotsford campus. He noted that it is an important global celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements for women. He added that this year they hosted an exclusive screening of the 2022 Canadian documentary film "Backlash: Misogyny in the Digital Age", followed by a facilitated discussion and reception.

- He announced that the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) has entered into a five year agreement with Lorenzetti Acres for 17 acres of land located at the Airpark in Hope for the purpose of the agricultural forage production.
- He met with MP Beech and MP Aldag to discuss diking and gravel removal along local rivers and to seek further support for the District's permanent outfall project at the sewage treatment plant. He added that the District submitted a letter to be forwarded to Minister of Finance Freeland on our behalf.
- He reminded the public that due to a scheduled power outage by BC Hydro, District Hall will be closed to the public on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Councillor Skoglund reported:**

- She noted that March 8<sup>th</sup> was International Women's Day, and that on a female-dominated Council for the next four years, that we should recognize all of the strong powerful women we have in this town.

**Councillor Medlock Reported:**

- He announced that an AdvantageHOPE meeting is coming up on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- He asked that raising the Pride Flag for June be added to the agenda for discussion at the March 27<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**Councillor Stewin Reported:**

- She attended a Respectful Workplace workshop with District Staff.
- She attended the Hope Inclusion Project meeting and noted that they were nominated for an award at the Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards ceremony. She also congratulated Peter Bailey, Director of Free Rein Associates, who won the Adult Champion of Diversity Award.

**Councillor Newbigging Reported:**

- She announced that she will be at the Hope Library with MLA Jackie Tegart on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**Councillors Wells and Sedore had nothing to report.**

**8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS**

**(a) Hope Village Road Tax Repeal Bylaw No. 1550, 2023**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *Hope Village Road Tax Repeal Bylaw No. 1550, 2023*, be read a first, second and third time this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023. **CARRIED.**

**(b) Report dated March 7, 2023 from the Director of Community Development  
Re: Rezone the Property at 65617 Kawkawa Lake Road**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1547, 2023* be given first and second readings in order to rezone a portion of the property legally described as Lot A District Lots 4 and 5 Yale Division Yale (Formerly Hope) District Plan 12284; PID 002-858-959; 65617 Kawkawa Lake Road; from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Single Family Residential with a Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S); and

FURTHER THAT the portion to be rezoned to Single Family Residential with a Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S) be limited to the anticipated lots 7 to 14 as per the attached proposed “Subdivision Plan” and that the remaining lands continue to be Single Family Residential (RS-1); 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*; and

FURTHER THAT the Record of Public Hearing be provided to the Approving Officer.

**CARRIED.**

**(c) Report dated March 7, 2023 from the Director of Community Development  
Re: Development Permit for Form and Character – 677 Old Hope Princeton Way**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT a Rail and Highway Service Corridor Form and Character Development Permit for a fast-food restaurant and additional commercial unit be approved for the property legally described as Lot 1 Blk 2 Section 10 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M YDYP Plan EPP124979; PID 031-844-391; 677 Old Hope Princeton Way and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Community Development be authorized to approve minor changes to the Rail and Highway Service Corridor Form & Character Development Permit for the fast-food restaurant and commercial unit; and

FURTHER THAT for purposes of the Development Permit validity period, the conditions of the Development Permit shall expire on March 13, 2025; and

FURTHER THAT for the purposes of Section 504 of the *Local Government Act*, “*substantially start any construction*” shall mean the placement of the building foundation.

**CARRIED.**

**(d) Report dated March 8, 2023 from the Director of Community Development  
Re: Liquor Primary Licensed Area at 390 Old Hope Princeton Way**

Council inquired as to whether this location is already in possession of a liquor licence, the Director of Community Development advised that they do. He added that during COVID, many food-primary and liquor establishments were given temporary expanded service areas, typically open-air locations on-site, and that has now been repealed by the Province. The applicant would now like to make this a permanent fixture as a part of their operation.

Council inquired as to what alternative parking arrangements have been made as the three on-site parking stalls being taken up by the outdoor area. The Director of Community Development advised that there is currently an arrangement with the District to use the neighboring site for parking, and that there have been no concerns regarding

parking on the property.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council authorize staff to gather views of residents/businesses within a 50 metre radius from the subject property legally described as Lot A District Lot 7 YDYP Plan EPP87940; PID 030-711-304; 390 Old Hope Princeton Way 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.**

**(e) Report dated March 7, 2023 from the Director of Community Development  
Re: Retail Sale of Cannabis Licence – 740A Fraser Avenue**

Council stated that the feedback from the public hearings was positive for the most part. They added that they should not try to limit the number of Cannabis Retail Stores outside of the guidelines set in the District's Cannabis & Liquor Licensing Policy.

**Moved / Seconded**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the District of Hope recommends a licence to be issued to the applicant for a cannabis store at 740A Fraser Avenue;

FURTHER THAT Council comments on the prescribed considerations of the potential impact on the community if the application is approved;

FURTHER THAT Council, at the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2023, authorized staff to gather views of residents/businesses in a 50 metre radius from the subject property which was fulfilled by mail and hand delivery of public notice, advertisement in one issue of the local newspaper, and by signage posted on the subject property; and

FURTHER THAT Council held a Public Hearing on March 13, 2023 to gather the views of the residents/businesses of which are contained in the Record of Public Hearing.

**CARRIED.**

**Opposed: Councillor Wells**

**(f) District of Hope Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1539, 2023  
Re: Redesignate the Property at 61954 Estell Road**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1539, 2023*, to redesignate the land use designation in the Official Community Plan for the property at 61954 Estell Road from Highway Commercial to Light/Service Industry, be adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023. **CARRIED.**

**(g) District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1540, 2023  
Re: Rezone the Property at 61954 Estell Road**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1540, 2023*, to rezone the property at 61954 Estell Road from Rural (RU-1) to Light/Service Industrial (I-2), be adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023. **CARRIED.**

**(h) District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1543, 2023  
Re: Rezone the Property at 910 Old Hope Princeton Way**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1543, 2023*, to rezone the property at 910 Old Hope Princeton Way from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Light/Service Industrial (I-2), be adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023. **CARRIED.**

**9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) For Information Correspondence**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated March 13, 2023 be received.

**CARRIED.**

**10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS**

**(a) Letter of Support for the 1926 Alexandra Bridge Rehabilitation Project**

Council received a request from the New Pathways to Gold Society regarding Spuzzum First Nation's funding application to the Jobs & Growth Fund in BC for the 1926 Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council issues a letter of support to Spuzzum First Nation for their funding application to the Job & Growth Fund in BC for the 1926 Alexandra Bridge Rehabilitation Project. **CARRIED.**

**11. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions raised.

**12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURN**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

*Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 13, 2023 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.*

Original Signed by Victor Smith  
Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham  
Director of Corporate Services