

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 11, 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 Zachary Wells

**Council Members Absent:** Councillor Crystal Sedore

**Staff Present:** John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer  
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer/EA

**Others in attendance:** 1 member of the public

### 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 April 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as amended, to include item 10(c) regarding the reconsideration of the Pride Flag motion from the Regular Council Meeting held March 27, 2023. **CARRIED.**

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### (a) Regular Council Meeting

#### Moved / Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 27, 2023 be adopted, as amended, to include corrections to Councillor Stewin's report:

- Replaced MP Mark Strahl with John Duff
- Replaced MLA Jackie Tegar with MP Mark Strahl

**CARRIED.**

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

#### Moved / Seconded

THAT the Record of a Public Hearing held March 27, 2023 regarding the property at 22555 Trans-Canada Highway, be received. **CARRIED.**

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

#### Moved / Seconded

THAT the Record of a Public Hearing held March 27, 2023 regarding the Liquor Primary Licence amendment for the property at 390 Old Hope Princeton Way, be received.

**CARRIED.**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

There were no Delegations.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

- (a) Report dated March 28, 2023 from the Director of Corporate Services  
Re: Appointment of a New District Approving Officer**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council declassify the March 27, 2023 In Camera resolution:

THAT Council rescind the appointment of Jas Gill as Approving Officer;

AND THAT Council appoint Richard Zerr (consultant) as Approving Officer for the District of Hope pursuant to the terms of the *Land Title Act*. **CARRIED.**

- (b) Report dated March 28, 2023 from the Director of Corporate Services  
Re: District of Hope Strategic Plan 2022-2026**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council declassify the March 27, 2023 In Camera resolution that:

THAT Council endorse the District of Hope Strategic Plan 2022-2026. **CARRIED.**

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee reports.

**7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Mayor Smith Reported:**

- He attended a presentation at the Hope Legion Hall from the Honour House Society as part of their “Tour of Honour” to fundraise for the Honour House and Honour Ranch.
- He announced that Communities in Bloom picked up trash around town on April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- He announced that there will be a clean-up in Hope for Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Memorial Park and that residents can check the Hope Standard for a list of items that are being accepted.
- He announced that the chainsaw carvings that were stored and repaired for the winter will be put back out, including Rambo.
- He met with MLA Jackie Tegart to discuss the new Fraser-Nicola riding, which recently underwent a boundary change.
- On behalf of the District of Hope and Mayor and Council, he thanked the Hope Fire Department for their work over the last week with the numerous call-outs.

**Councillor Skoglund reported:**

- She thanked the Hope Fire Department for their work over the last week.
- She announced that the Park Street Manor is having their annual clean-up on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., noting that volunteers should bring gloves and gardening tools.

- She announced that the Auxiliary of Fraser Canyon Hospital and Fraser Hope Lodge will be holding their Spring Fashion Show on April 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**Councillor Medlock Reported:**

- He announced that he will be attending the upcoming AdvantageHOPE meeting, which he will report back on at the next Council meeting.

**Councillor Newbigging Reported:**

- She attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>, and reminded the public that the Pickleball Tournament will be taking place this weekend.
- She announced that the Farmer's Market will be taking place from May 26<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- She announced that the Show and Shine Car Show will take place on July 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in Memorial Park and Wallace Street, and the Sunshine Valley Car Show will take place on the August 1<sup>st</sup> long weekend.
- She announced that Kal Tire will be hosting a barbeque on Earth Day for the public.
- She announced that the Hope Holiday Fest will take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with more information to follow.

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

**8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS**

- (a) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1545, 2023**  
**Re: 22555 Trans-Canada Highway**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1545, 2023*, to redesignate the land use designation in the Official Community Plan for the property at 22555 Trans-Canada Highway from Limited Use to Country Residential, be adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023. **CARRIED.**

- (b) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 2023**  
**Re: 22555 Trans-Canada Highway**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 2023*, to rezone the property at 22555 Trans-Canada Highway from Rural (RU-1) to Country Residential (CR-1), be adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023. **CARRIED.**

**9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) For Information Correspondence**

Council inquired as to whether they can receive an update on the For Information Correspondence item regarding prior year retroactive costs for RCMP regular members and reservists. The CAO advised that Staff will look into the issue and provide an update to Council.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated March 27, 2023 be received.

**CARRIED.**

**(b) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – February 2023**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Listings for the period of February 1-28, 2023, be received. **CARRIED.**

**(c) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – March 2023**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Listings for the period of March 1-31, 2023, be received. **CARRIED.**

**10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS**

**(a) Letter of Support for the ETSI BC Forest Impact Recovery Program**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council issue a letter of support to Community Futures Sun Country for their application to the Economic Trust of the Southern Interior of BC Forest Impact Recovery Program to have a Recovery and Business Advisor assist local businesses and Not-For-Profits for the District of Hope and Fraser Valley Regional District Areas A and B to assist with building their organizations to be more sustainable and resilient in the challenging times. **CARRIED.**

**(b) Letter of Support for Hope and District Arts Council**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council issue a letter of support to Hope & District Arts Council for their application for a Community Gaming Grant to support their costs for operating the Art Machine and Concerts in the Park. **CARRIED.**

**(c) Reconsideration of the March 27,2023 Pride Flag Motion**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council reconsider the motion made at the March 27, 2023 Regular Council Meeting to raise the Pride Flag for the month of June. **DEFEATED.**

**11. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions raised.

**12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**13. RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING AT 7:18 p.m.**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to Sections 90(1)(e) [the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality] of the *Community Charter* re: acquisition of statutory right-of-way, and for the purpose of receiving and adopting closed meeting minutes. **CARRIED.**

**14. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING**

The Mayor reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:37 p.m.

**15. ADJOURN**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

*Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 11, 2023 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.*

Original Signed by Victor Smith  
**Mayor**

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham  
**Director of Corporate Services**