

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 10, 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
Councillor Angela Skoglund

Council Members Absent: Councillor Crystal Sedore
Councillor Zachary Wells

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: 2 members 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 July 10, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as amended, to include item 10(a), a Letter of Support to FortisBC for their application regarding a proposed Renewable Natural Gas Program. **CARRIED.**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 26, 2023 be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED.**

(b) Record of a Public Hearing

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Record of the Public Hearing held June 26, 2023, be received. **CARRIED.**

(c) Record of a Public Hearing (Liquor Licencing)

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Record of the Public Hearing (Liquor Licencing) held June 26, 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

(a) Mountain View Cemetery and Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery

Council inquired as to why the garbage cans and hedges were removed. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the hedgerow became a maintenance issue as it was infested with knotweed. He added that the garbage cans were found to be either underutilized or utilized by people that were not visiting the cemetery, but that one garbage can remains at the cemetery exit for those visiting.

Council inquired as to whether signage could be installed indicating the location of the garbage can on the property, the CAO advised that the Operations Department would continue to monitor the situation and take the appropriate action.

The Mayor noted that he had a discussion with the Director of Operations and that one option would be to have privacy slates woven into the chain link; a cost was estimated at about \$6,000.00.

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council direct Staff to install privacy slates in the new chain-link fence along Kettle Valley Road at the Mountain View Cemetery and Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery.

CARRIED.

Mayor Smith Reported:

- He attended the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Integrated Planning Session in Chilliwack, noting that there was discussion around building with a better vision of the future regarding roadways, bridges, and other transportation needs.
- He attended the Hope & Area Healthy Communities Committee meeting, noting that there was discussion regarding food security, housing, and ways to improve general quality of life.
- He took part in a BC Hydro Power Information Session, noting that there was discussion regarding increased energy demand, wind and water energy, and upcoming inventive programs to reduce power usage in the District.
- He took part in a Sto:lo Cultural Bus Tour with Sonny McHalsie which took place in Seabird, Hope, and Yale. He added that he learned much about our local area.
- He announced that Communities in Bloom judges will be arriving on Thursday, July 13th. He thanked the Operations Department for their work preparing for the visit and the Blooming Volunteer Ladies for the donated heritage clothing from Clinton.
- He thanked Councillor Medlock and the Hope Motorsports Group, as well as Ron and Arnice from the Hope & Valley Cruisers for the Canada Day Car Show. As well, he thanked MP Mark Strahl and City of Chilliwack Mayor Ken Popove for coming to Hope to celebrate the day.

Councillor Medlock Reported:

- He announced that 189 cars signed up for the Canada Day Car Show that was hosted in joint partnership between the Hope and Valley Cruisers and the Hope Motorsports Group, noting that the park was filled and it was a good day.
- He announced that the Summer 4x4 Event at the Hope Sports Bowl, hosted by the Hope Motorsports Group, will be taking place on July 15th and 16th.

Councillor Newbigging Reported:

- She attended the Tillicum Open House, noting that it was well attended.

Councillor Stewin Reported:

- She attended the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 27th with RCMP Superintendent Davy Lee for the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan consultation.
- She attended the Tillicum Open House on June 29th, noting that there was a good turnout.
- She noted that she has been receiving concerns regarding the pedestrian crossing at 6th Avenue and Kawkawa Lake Road, and asked that Staff look at possible solutions.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

(a) District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1554, 2023

Re: Rezoning of 960 – 6th Avenue

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1554, 2023*, to rezone the property at 960-6th Avenue from Light/Service Industrial (I-2) to Comprehensive Development (CD-11), be adopted this 10th day of July, 2023. **CARRIED.**

(b) Report dated July 5, 2023 from the Action Director of Community Development

Re: Development Variance Permit for 63790 Yvonne Avenue

The Mayor called for any questions or comments from Council and those in attendance; none were raised.

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council approve the issuance of a Development Variance Permit in order to increase the Secondary Dwelling unit floor area from 753 square feet to 1003 square feet on the property legally described as Lot 29 Section 5 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M Yale Division Yale District Plan KAP8356, PID 009-856-692; 63790 Yvonne Avenue in order to construct a new principal dwelling on the property;

FURTHER THAT the Acting Director of Community Development be authorized to endorse the Development Variance Permit document; and

FURTHER THAT for the purposes of Section 504 of the *Local Government Act*, “substantially start” shall mean the completion of the foundation for the new single family dwelling. **CARRIED.**

**(c) Report dated June 29, 2023 from the Acting Director of Community Development
Re: Re-Designate and Rezone the Property at 61934 Estell Road**

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1555, 2023* be given first and second readings in order to redesignate the land use designation in the Official Community Plan the property legally described as Lot 5 Except Part on Plan 73383 Section 1 Township 5 Range 27 West of the 6th Meridian New Westminster District Plan 17065; PID 010-311-599; 61934 Estell Road from Highway Commercial to Light/Service Industry; 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 Council of the District of Hope has considered the duty to consult regarding *Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1555, 2023* and concurs with the Acting Director of Community Development that consultation be undertaken with the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure, the District of Hope Director of Finance, and the District of Hope Director of Operations. **CARRIED.**

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1556, 2023* be given first and second readings in order to rezone the property legally described as Lot 5 Except Part on Plan 73383 Section 1 Township 5 Range 27 West of the 6th Meridian New Westminster District Plan 17065; PID 010-311-599; 61934 Estell Road from Rural (RU-1) to Light/Service Industrial (I-2); 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.**

**(d) Report dated June 29, 2023 from the Acting Director of Community Development
Re: Rezone the Property at 342 Hudson Bay Street**

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1557, 2023* be given first and second readings in order to rezone the property legally described as Lot A Section 9 Township 5 Range 26 West of the 6th Meridian Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 5900; PID 010-183-973; 342 Hudson Bay Street from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Multiple Family Residential (RM-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*. **CARRIED.**

9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

(a) For Information Correspondence

Moved / Seconded

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated July 10, 2023 be received.

CARRIED.

(b) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – June 2023

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Listing for the period of June 1-30, 2023, be received. **CARRIED.**

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

(a) FortisBC Letter of Support for Proposed Renewable Natural Gas Project Application

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council issue a Letter of Support to FortisBC for their Proposed Renewable Natural Gas Project. **CARRIED.**

11. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions raised.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURN

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:22 p.m. **CARRIED.**

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 10, 2023 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.

Original Signed by Victor Smith

Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham

Director of Corporate Services