

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 24, 2024
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 Dusty Smith
Councillor Angela Skoglund
Councillor Pauline Newbigging
Councillor Zachary Wells

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

Others Present: 3 members of the Public and 1 Media

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor acknowledged 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 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as amended, to include items 8(f), *District of Hope Cross Connection Control Bylaw No. 1574, 2024*, 8(g), *Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1575, 2024*, 8(h), *Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1576, 2024*, and 10(a), a letter of support for the Hope Golf & Country Club. **CARRIED.**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 10, 2024, be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED.**

(b) Public Hearing

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Record of the Public Hearing held June 10, 2024, be received. **CARRIED.**

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- (a) **Report dated June 20, 2024 from the Director of Finance**
Re: 2023 Statement of Financial Information

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council approves the 2023 Statement of Financial Information. **CARRIED.**

- (b) **Report dated June 19, 2024 from the Director of Finance**
Re: 2023 Annual Report

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council approves the 2023 Annual Report. **CARRIED.**

- (c) **Report dated June 18, 2024 from the Director of Community Development**
Re: 828 6th Avenue – Covenant for Parking Lot

Councillor Newbigging declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 5(c), by virtue of the applicant being her partner, and departed the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Cal Barnett, the applicant, noted that Section 6.4 of the Zoning Bylaw states that off-street parking is not required for businesses in the downtown area, which includes his business the Kingpin Lounge, and that the District's Official Community Plan encourages densification and flexibility. He added that his business primarily operates outside of the hours of neighbouring businesses, which results in many of the parking stalls in the area being available during the day.

Council noted that the existing parking lot is typically used by patrons of other businesses in the area during the day, and that there is other parking available in the area including the District lot on Fort Street beside the Art Gallery. Council also noted that this business allows for walkability for Hope residence. Council inquired as to the amount of property taxes paid on the existing parking lot, Mr. Barnett advised that the property taxes are approximately \$3,500 a year. Council noted that as the lot at 828 6th Avenue is outside of the downtown area, any future development would require on-site parking to be made available.

Moved / Seconded

THAT the covenant that only permits a parking lot at 828 6th Avenue legally known as Lot 15 Section 10 Township 5 Range 26 West of the 6th Meridian Yale Division Yale District Plan 740 remain on title and not be removed. **DEFEATED.**

Moved / Seconded

THAT the covenant on title that only permits a parking lot at for 828 6th Avenue legally known as Lot 15 Section 10 Township 5 Range 26 West of the 6th Meridian Yale Division Yale District Plan 740 be removed; and

FURTHER THAT all legal expenses incurred to facilitate the removal of the covenant will be covered by the property owner of 828 6th Avenue legally known as Lot 15 Section 10 Township 5 Range 26 West of the 6th Meridian Yale Division Yale District Plan 740.

CARRIED.

Councillor Newbigging returned to the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

**(d) Report dated June 17, 2024 from the Director of Operations
Re: Reclamation of 111 Old Hope Princeton Way**

Council inquired as to the amount of funds remaining in the Station House Reserve. The Director of Finance advised that there will be approximately \$418,000 remaining in the reserve following moving and remediation costs. Council inquired as to the amount of funds that were allocated to the Tashme Historical Society. The Director of Finance advised that Council allocated \$450,000, out of which the moving costs would be deducted, leaving approximately \$300,000 of the allocated amount to be transferred.

Council inquired as to the breakdown of the \$130,000 requested for the remediation of the property. The Director of Operations advised that the contractor cost has been budgeted at \$100,000 and hazardous material removal at \$15,000, with the remaining amount acting as a contingency. He added that cultural monitoring costs during the project will be covered by the Province.

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council approve funding for the reclamation works at 111 Old Hope Princeton Way, in the amount of \$130,000, and that the funds be allocated from the Station House Reserve. **CARRIED.**

**(e) Report dated June 19, 2024 from the Director of Corporate Services
Re: Filming – Noise Exemption**

Council inquired as to the noise that nearby residents may experience during the exemption period. The applicant advised that it will primarily be light noise from the people filming and generators required to power equipment. He added that the neighbourhood has been supportive and all concerns have been addressed.

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council exempt the Ginkym Production Services Inc. from the noise regulation timelines in *District of Hope Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 1240, 2008* for the filming production of the movie “Untamed”, within the various areas of the District of Hope, as outlined in the report dated June 19, 2024;

AND FURTHER the noise exemption period be granted for July 4th and 5th, 2024, between the hours of 9pm and 7am;

AND FURTHER Ginkym Production Services, and their contractors, undertake a comprehensive notification process to inform the public in the affected areas of the timelines for filming;

AND FURTHER THAT this noise exemption applies only for the filming within the specific areas outlined in this report, all other activities and works for the film production follow the noise regulations as set out in the Good Neighbour Bylaw: filming not to commence, on any day, before 7a.m. or after 9p.m. **CARRIED.**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Smith Reported:

- He attended a meeting with senior RCMP staff and Fraser Valley Mayors to discuss new policing updates. He noted that the first body camera tests will take place in the City of Mission, noting that there are concerns regarding the estimates that municipalities have received for the cost of the program.
- He announced that the Communities in Bloom judges will be visiting the District on July 9th to 10th. He asked that people help out by cleaning up their area, and added that they completed the 6th Avenue cleanup last week and will be adding bark mulch to the berm at the bottom of Mount Hope this week.
- He thanked Panago Pizza for their donation to the pickleball court project being led by the Hope Lions. He noted that the project will see the installation of four pickleball courts as part of the downtown revitalization project.
- He attended the Fraser-Coquihalla Rivers Area Flood Management Meeting, noting that they are working towards a long-term solution to address flooding.
- He attended the Tillicum Open House, noting that there was a great turnout. He added that they are working hard to make the FISH project possible.
- He noted that the Hope Art Crawl was a success, expressing his appreciation for the talented artists in the community.
- He attended a Highway 3 Mayor's meeting where they had a presentation from Rogers regarding an emergency satellite communications system for areas with limited cell phone service. He added that they also discussed highway repaving and shoulder additions.
- He announced that the Fraser Canyon Hospital will be undergoing an elevator upgrade for the next 8-9 weeks. He noted that visitors with mobility issues should use the ambulance entrance to access the hospital.
- He announced that Communities in Bloom received a \$3,000.00 donation from Blue Triton for improvements to the Community Garden.

Councillor Medlock Reported:

- He attended the AdvantageHOPE AGM on June 11th, noting that they have hired three new staff for the Visitor Center.
- He announced that the Canada Day Car Show will take place on July 1st, featuring vendors, cars, a live band, and a market. He noted that the Hope Motorsports Club is hosting the event with the help of the Hope and Valley Cruisers.
- He attended the Hope and Area Transition Society (HATS) AGM, noting that HATS has served Hope for 30 years. Executive Director, Gerry Dyble, will be in attendance at the July 8th Regular Council meeting to present an update to Council.

Councillor Skoglund Reported:

- She attended the Accessibility Committee meeting on June 24th.
- She thanked BC Hydro for their work during the recent power outage, noting that she missed the Hope and District Arts Council meeting that evening due to the

outage.

Councillor Smith Reported:

- He noted his support for the pickleball court project, adding that compliance with noise bylaws is something that should be considered.
- He attended the Hope Arts Crawl, noting that the District has talented artists.

Councillor Newbigging Reported:

- She attended the Tillicum Open House, noting the support they get from the community and that it was well attended.
- She attended the Accessibility Committee meeting on June 24th, and reminded the public that there are two suggestion boxes, located at District Hall and the Recreation Centre for people to drop off their ideas. She added that emails with ideas can also be sent to both herself and Councillor Skoglund.
- She noted that there are not enough benches in town for people who are travelling to the downtown area from the far side of the District and advised that the Accessibility Committee will be looking into the issue. She added that they will also be reviewing the downtown parking area for the availability of handicap parking stalls.

Councillor Stewin and Councillor Wells had nothing to report.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

(a) *District of Hope Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1581, 2024*

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1581, 2024*, in order to redesignate the land use designation in the Official Community Plan for the portion of the properties on the west side of Silver Skagit Road legally described as Lot 2 & 3 District Lot 1601 Yale Division Yale District Plan 5302; PID 008-814-015 and PID 008-780-684; 19652 and 19683 Silver Skagit Road from Country Residential to Light/Service Industry be adopted this 24th day of June, 2024. **CARRIED.**

(b) *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1582, 2024*

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1582, 2024*, in order to rezone a portion of the properties on the west side of Silver Skagit Road legally described as Lot 2 & 3 District Lot 1601 Yale Division Yale District Plan 5302; PID 008-814-015 and PID 008-780-684; 19652 and 19683 Silver Skagit Road from Country Residential (CR-1) to Light/Service Industrial (I-2), in order to continue the active business from this location be adopted this 24th day of June, 2024. **CARRIED.**

(c) *District of Hope Subdivision and Development Servicing Amendment Bylaw No. 1583, 2024*

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Subdivision and Development Servicing Amendment Bylaw No. 1583, 2024* be adopted this 24th day of June, 2024. **CARRIED.**

(d) District of Hope Building Amendment Bylaw No. 1584, 2024

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Building Amendment Bylaw No. 1584, 2024* be adopted this 24th day of June, 2024. **CARRIED.**

**(e) Report dated June 18, 2024 from the Director of Community Development
Re: Fifth Avenue Improvement Proposal - Road Closure**

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Highway Closure and Removal of Highway along a portion of Fifth Avenue Bylaw No. 1578, 2024* be given third reading in order to close the road and remove the road dedication for a portion of 5th Avenue legally shown on the reference plan to accompany *District of Hope Highway Closure and Removal of Highway along a portion of Fifth Avenue Bylaw No. 1578, 2024* Closing Part of Road Dedicated on the Townsite of Hope Plan Sections 9 and 10 Township 5 Range 26 West of the 6th Meridian Yale Division Yale District. **CARRIED.**

(f) District of Hope Cross Connection Control Bylaw No. 1574, 2024

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Cross Connection Control Bylaw No. 1574, 2024* be read a first, second and third time this 24th day of June, 2024. **CARRIED.**

(g) Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1575, 2024

Moved / Seconded

THAT *Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1575, 2024* be read a first, second and third time this 24th day of June, 2024. **CARRIED.**

(h) Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1576, 2024

Moved / Seconded

THAT *Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1576, 2024* be read a first, second and third time this 24th day of June, 2024. **CARRIED.**

9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

(a) For Information Correspondence

Moved / Seconded

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated June 24, 2024, be received. **CARRIED.**

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

(a) Letter of Support

Re: Hope Golf & Country Club – Accessible Canada

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council of the District of Hope issue a letter of support to the Hope Golf & Country Club Society for their application to the Accessible Canada – National Accessibility Week Funding Program in order to install an accessibility lift. **CARRIED.**

11. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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 June 24, 2024 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.

Original Signed by Victor Smith
Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham
Director of Corporate Services