

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 12, 2024  
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office  
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Victor Smith  
Councillor Heather Stewin  
Councillor Angela Skoglund  
Councillor Pauline Newbigging  
Councillor Dusty Smith  
Councillor Zachary Wells

**Council Members Absent:** Councillor Scott Medlock

**Staff Present:** John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer  
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services

**Others Present:** 10 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 August 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as presented.  
**CARRIED.**

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### (a) Regular Council Meeting

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 8, 2024, be adopted, as presented.  
**CARRIED.**

### 4. DELEGATIONS

#### (a) Presentation

Mayor Smith presented Mr. Ian Williams with two copies of the Communities in Bloom Hope Profile Book. Mr. Williams thanked the Mayor and noted that one copy will be presented at the Royal Canadian Legion's National Convention during Mr. Williams attendance this year, and the other will be given to the new Legion president. The Mayor also presented Mr. Williams with a carving to recognize his dedication, leadership, and continued success as president of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 228 in Hope and the many organizations he volunteers with.

Council inquired as to what the requirements are for new members to join the Legion. Mr. Williams stated that prospective members must be 19 years old, a citizen of Canada, and be a person of good repute. He encouraged new and existing members to come down and support the Legion in their various events.

## 5. STAFF REPORTS

### (a) Report dated August 12, 2024 from the Planner III

**Re: ALC Non-Farm Use Application**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council authorize the Non-Farm Use application for a boat launch on Crown Land (PIN 4642150), adjacent to 20711 Bristol Slough Road, to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission. **CARRIED.**

### (b) Report dated August 6, 2024 from the Director of Corporate Services

**Re: Deaccession of Museum Artifacts**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council authorize Hope Business and Development Society (A.K.A. AdvantageHOPE) to deaccession the items listed in the attached *August 2024 – Hope Museum Artifacts for Deaccession*. **CARRIED.**

Sarah Brown, Museum Curator, briefly explained the accession and deaccession process for the items in the Hope Museum collection and noted that work is ongoing to review the estimated 3,500 items in the collection. She added that the BC Museums Association has a system in place that allows museums to communicate and offer collection items for transfer that may be more relevant elsewhere. The Director of Corporate Services advised that more museum deaccession lists will be coming forward to Council as the review continues.

Council inquired as to what will happen to the items that are deaccessioned. Ms. Brown advised that it will depend on the condition of the item and whether another museum would like to add it to their collection. She added that some items could be sold, but the focus will be on maintaining the collection and transferring to other museums. Council inquired as to whether the museum will be accepting new items from the public. Ms. Brown advised that it is preferable that people hold onto items until a new museum location is established.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

## 7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

**Mayor Smith Reported:**

- He attended meetings on the Chilcotin River Landslide, noting that the water rose approximately 2.5 feet at its peak before dropping back to its regular level. He added that the debris was not as noticeable near Hope.
- He spoke at the opening of Camp Hope along with Kristine Perez de Leon from the Hope Mountain Centre who showed a presentation of last year's volunteers from the camp that worked and contributed to trail maintenance in the Hope area.

- He announced the Shredit Day was a success, noting that people were able to bring personal and business documents to be shredded in order to protect their personal information. He added that the event was hosted by local RCMP, the Hope & District Chamber of Commerce, Hope Crime Prevention and the District of Hope, with funding from Enbridge.
- He announced that the new bottle depot is now open at 517A Corbett Street, with extended hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He thanked Kelton Construction for their efforts to get them open quickly.
- He announced that the first two Othello Tunnels will be opening August 19<sup>th</sup>, with the remainder opening next year after extensive work is completed. He thanked the Provincial government for their efforts to reopen this important attraction.
- He noted that the opening of the ice arena may be delayed until the first week in September to allow for the completion of major projects. He added that the change from ammonia to CO2 cooling will make the arena safer, significantly reduce the carbon footprint, and reduce the cost of operations.
- He thanked two District staff members for making a difference in the province and making the District of Hope proud:
  - Chief Administrative Officer John Fortoloczky will be reviewing the graduation parade of B.C. reserve soldiers qualifying as infantry privates through his appointments as Commanding Officer of the 39 Canadian Brigade Group Territorial Battalion Group and Commander of the 39 Canadian Brigade Group Battle School.
  - Director of Finance Mike Olson will be speaking at a Government Finance Officers Association of BC conference in Victoria for new members of municipal finance.

**Councillor Skoglund Reported:**

- She attended a Tour de Cure fundraiser for Cathy Harry's Kal Tire Team, noting that just over \$10,000 was raised, with Kal Tire contributing an additional \$10,000 through their employee matching program.
- She noted that the Tour de Cure will take place on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and encouraged the public to attend and cheer the local riders on as they arrive in Hope on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- She attended the Fundraiser on the Fraser with proceeds going to the Fraser Canyon Hospice Society.
- She noted that the tire stewardship promotion at Kal Tire on August 9<sup>th</sup> was cancelled and will not take place again until next year.

**Councillor Smith Reported:**

- He attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sunshine Valley Car Show, noting that there were 122 cars registered and that he won one of the awards for the best 70's vehicle.
- He noted that the Fraser Valley Mountain Bikers Association is working on Mount Hope to create trails, with six out of ten areas completed so far. He added that they have plans for a loop trail and to tie the network into other existing trails in the future.

- He visited tourism centers in other communities on his vacation, noting that tourism numbers are down across the board.

**Councillor Newbigging Reported:**

- She announced that the Rotary Club is going their annual Duck Race on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m., with the ducks being dropped at the Coquihalla Bridge and collected at the golf course bridge.
- She attended and helped host the Fundraiser on the Fraser, with \$11,000 raised for the Fraser Canyon Hospice Society and \$3,800 raised for the adult daycare program.
- She attended the Legion Golf Tournament August 10<sup>th</sup>, noting that it was the largest tournament this year with 72 players participating. She also attended the Legion meat draw and barbeque.
- She thanked District staff for their work taking care of plants downtown during the summer season.
- She noted that she received a concern regarding the lineup for the sani-station at the Coquihalla Campground which was creating a safety issue by causing traffic to back up onto nearby streets and preventing vehicles from turning. She added that there are concerns regarding individuals from outside of town utilizing the campground sani-station to empty their trailers, and inquired as to whether the District should be charging for usage.

Councillor Smith noted that this has been attempted in the past at the campsite sani-dump, but the system was removed within three months due to monitoring difficulties. He added that some communities charge or ask for donations for dumping, but many still provide the service for free.

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

**8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS**

- (a) Report dated July 23, 2024 from the Planner III  
Re: Development Variance Permit for 62505 Airport Road**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council approve the issuance of a Development Variance Permit to reduce the side lot line setback for an animal shelter from 30m to 14m on the property at 62505 Airport Road legally described as Lot 1 Section 7 Township 5 Range 26 west of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meridian Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 9903; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Community Development be authorized to endorse the Development Variance Permit. **CARRIED.**

**9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) For Information Correspondence**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated August 12, 2024, be received. **CARRIED.**

**(b) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – July 2024**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Listing for the period of July 1 - 31, 2024, be received. **CARRIED.**

**10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS**

**11. QUESTION PERIOD**

AdvantageHOPE staff inquired as to whether it would be possible to have the District watering truck water the flowers at the Visitor Center while they are completing their morning route. The CAO advised that he would look into this request.

**12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:44 p.m. **CARRIED.**

*Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 12, 2024 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.*

Original Signed by Victor Smith

**Mayor**

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham

**Director of Corporate Services**