

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, November 10, 2025
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

Council Members Present: Mayor Victor Smith
Councillor Bonny Graham
Councillor Scott Medlock
Councillor Pauline Newbigging
Councillor Angela Skoglund
Councillor Heather Stewin

Council Members Absent: Councillor Dusty Smith

Staff Present: John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Robin Beukens, Director of Community Development
Mike Olson, Director of Finance
Branden Morgan, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Daneille Laporte, Communications/IT

Others Present: 1 member of the Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and 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 November 10, 2025, 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 October 27, 2025, be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED.**

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

5. STAFF REPORTS

**(a) Report dated November 5, 2025 from the Director of Community Development
Re: Lower Fraser-Coquihalla Flood Mapping**

The Director of Community Development advised that the District received the Lower Fraser-Coquihalla Flood Mapping documents from the Province on November 7th and that a resolution and letter from Council will no longer be required.

(b) **Report dated November 6, 2025 from the Planner III**
Re: Proposed Soil Deposit Bylaw

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a Soil Deposit Bylaw.

CARRIED.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Smith Reported:

- He noted that Council held Committee of the Whole meetings on October 29th and November 5th to review the Draft 2026-2030 Financial Plan.
- He attended the Southern Interior Regional Economic Summit in Salmon Arm where he represented the District and FVRD Areas A and B in discussions regarding ongoing issues. He added that he met with the City of Salmon Arm Mayor, Alan Harrison, to discuss RCMP funding and sewage treatment plant improvements.
- He attended a UBCM presentation regarding input on changes to the *Heritage Conservation Act*, noting that there were discussion regarding project delays, a lack of archaeologists in BC, governance clarity, and addressing the costs of infrastructure permits. Additionally, it was noted that the District has filed their concerns with the Province.
- He noted that tomorrow, November 11th, will be Remembrance Day, adding that there is an article in the Hope Standard regarding the District's CAO John Fortoloczky and his service in the military.

Councillor Graham Reported:

- She noted that Fog Fest will begin on November 14th and those interested can find more information online, adding that she will be hosting a paint-along session regarding the Coquihalla River and its Indigenous origins on November 22nd at the Hope Golf & Country Club.

Councillor Skoglund Reported:

- She attended the Fraser Canyon Hospital Auxiliary Silent Auction on November 1st, noting that there was a great turnout.
- She reminded everyone that the annual Beta Sigma Phi Christmas Craft Sale will be taking place at the Hope Legion Hall on November 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- She announced that the Hope Community Choir is holding their annual Christmas Concert at the Grace Baptist Church on November 30th at 2:00 p.m.
- She announced that the Stuff the Cruiser event and Pancake Breakfast will be taking place at Kal-Tire on December 6th.

Councillor Medlock Reported:

- He noted that Fog Fest will include different themes for each week, and that the event has started to gain traction on social media in its 3rd year.

- He noted that AdvantageHOPE has applied for the HGTV Hometown Takeover show, which helps to renovate areas of small communities. He added that the District has moved into the top 30 selections, and that interviews are taking place this week to determine if Hope will be their choice.

Councillor Stewin Reported:

- She attended a webinar on systemic discrimination hosted by BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner on October 30th, noting the importance of legislation in directing change. She added that a \$500 grant is being offered to organizations to help deal with misinformation in their community, which she has forwarded to the Hope Inclusion project.

Councillor Newbigging Reported:

- She attended the Fraser Canyon Hospital Auxiliary Silent Auction on November 1st.
- She attended the first No Stone Stands Alone event at the Mountainside Cemetery on November 5th, which provides an opportunity for youth to understand, learn, and remember veterans. She added that she gave a speech on behalf of the Mayor for those in attendance.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

- (a) Report dated November 5, 2025 from the Director of Finance**
Re: *Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw* – Third Reading

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council rescind third reading of *Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1612, 2025*; and

FURTHER THAT *Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1612, 2025* be given third reading, as amended, this 10th day of November, 2025. **CARRIED.**

- (b) Report dated October 31, 2025 from the Planner III**
Re: Flood & Erosion Hazard Development Permit – 63170 Flood Hope Road

Moved / Seconded

THAT a Flood and Erosion Hazards Development Permit be approved for the construction of a gantry crane area at 63170 Flood Hope Road subject to the District of Hope receiving a satisfactory report from a qualified professional that meets the Development Permit Area conditions; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Community Development be authorized to endorse the Flood and Erosion Hazard Development Permit and required covenant documents. **CARRIED.**

- (c) **Report dated October 31, 2025 from the Planner I**
Re: Application for Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment; Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (RS-1) Zone

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.1614, 2025* be given first and second reading to allow Temporary Use Permits (TUPs) applications for daycare uses on Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (RS-1) zoned lots; and

FURTHER THAT the public be notified in accordance with the *District of Hope Application Procedures Bylaw No. 1595*, 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 November 10, 2025, be received.

CARRIED.

- (b) **Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – October 2025**

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Listing for the period of October 1-31, 2025, be received.

CARRIED.

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

There was no other pertinent business.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions raised.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

CARRIED.

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 10, 2025, in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.

Original Signed by Victor Smith

Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham

Director of Corporate Services