

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 28, 2024  
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office  
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

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

**Council Members Absent:** Councillor Zachary Wells

**Staff Present:** John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer  
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services  
Mike Olson, Director of Finance  
Robin Beukens, Director of Community Development  
Thomas Cameron, Fire Chief  
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer

**Others Present:** 5 members of the Public and 1 Media

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### 2. RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING

#### Moved / Seconded

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to Section 90(1)(m) [a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting] of the *Community Charter* and Section 19 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* [Disclosure harmful to individual or public safety], and adopting closed meeting minutes. **CARRIED.**

### 3. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

The Mayor reconvened the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:06 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.

### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### Moved / Seconded

THAT the October 28, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as amended, to include item 7(c), a staff report regarding Museum Artefact Storage Options. **CARRIED.**

### 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### (a) Regular Council Meeting

#### Moved / Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 15, 2024, be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED.**

#### (b) Public Hearing

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Record of the Public Hearing held October 15, 2024, be received. **CARRIED.**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

**(a) RCMP – I-Teams**

Inspector Chad Greig, I-Teams' Planning and Performance Officer, and Mr. Sean Edwards, Strategic Analyst, were in attendance to provide Council with an update regarding RCMP I-Teams. In their presentation, the following topics were discussed:

- Benefits of I-Teams
  - Cost stability
  - Cost effectiveness
  - Cost equity
  - Mitigation of financial risk
- I-Teams in Hope
  - There are five I-Teams:
    - Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT)
    - Integrated Emergency Response Team (IERT)
    - Integrated Collision Analysis Reconstruction Team (ICART)
    - Integrated Police Dog Services (IPDS)
    - Integrated Forensic Identification Services (IFIS)
  - Proportionately invoiced for the total cost based on a formula of 70% contract cost for populations between 5000 and 14,999
  - Invoiced \$417,895 or 0.41% of the program cost in 2024-2025
  - 3 ICARS calls in 2023
  - 34 IFIS calls in 2023
  - 4 IERT calls in 2023, which have an average cost of \$65,000 each
  - 46 IPDS calls in 2023
  - 1 IHIT call in 2023, which has an average cost of \$553,000
- I-Teams Workload Pressures
  - Population increase of 28.5% in area of jurisdiction
  - Detachment complement increase of 24%
  - I-Team complement increase of only 3.1%
  - 41 new IHIT files are received each year, with 22 being cleared
- IHIT Expansion
  - Provincial funding will enable an increase in staffing, including the formation of the Integrated Gang Homicide Team
  - 2023/2024 – 110 total positions – 91 municipal positions & 19 Provincial
  - 2024/2025 – 128 total positions – 91 municipal positions, 19 Provincial and 18 Integrated Gang Homicide Team (IGHT)
  - 2025/2026 – 146 total positions – 109 municipal positions, 19 Provincial and 18 IGHT
  - 2026/2027 – 163 total positions – 126 municipal positions, 19 Provincial and 18 IGHT
  - 2027/2028 – 165 total positions – 126 municipal positions, 19 Provincial and 18 IGHT

- District of Hope financial obligation increase over the next five years will total \$42,391 for IERT, IFIS, IPDS and ICARS, as well as \$41,042 for IHIT

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

**(a) Report dated October 22, 2024 from the Director of Finance  
Re: Grants-in-Aid 2025**

The Director of Finance advised that the Hope Running Club’s original request included an additional \$1,200 to provide insurance, which is an operating expenditure and outside of the Grant-in-Aid parameters. He added that there has been a decline in grant requests from the community despite more advertising taking place.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council authorizes a disbursement of \$3,400 of the 2025 Grants-in-Aid as follows:

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| • Hope Community Choir                       | \$ 600          |
| • Mount Hope Senior Citizens Housing Society | \$2,000         |
| • Hope Running Club                          | \$ 800          |
|  | <b>CARRIED.</b> |

**(b) Report dated October 23, 2024 from the Deputy Corporate Officer  
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 October 23, 2024 – Hope Museum Artifacts for Deaccession. **CARRIED.**

**(c) Report dated October 28, 2024 from the Chief Administrative Officer  
Re: Museum Artefact Storage Options**

The CAO noted that the current museum storage situation is fairly urgent and came to the District’s attention last week. He advised that he has worked with AdvantageHOPE Executive Director Richard Halbe to identify three storage options to safeguard the artefacts. Council noted that they appreciate the speed at which this report has come forward.

Council inquired as to the process of determining which artifacts are considered high value. Mr. Halbe advised that collection items in good condition and relevant to the history of Hope are being prioritized, while other items are being reviewed for deaccession. He added that the items are reviewed based on their historical value and not monetary value. Council inquired as to whether any museum items were damaged due to the current storage conditions. Mr. Halbe advised that no collection items were damaged as the storage area was heated and secured.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council authorize the immediate transfer of the high value District owned museum artefacts into new storage facilities until new District museum facilities are completed;

AND THAT Council directs that high-value items, not likely to be deaccessioned, be moved into storage and that deaccessioned items be disposed as soon as reasonably possible;

AND THAT Council directs staff to place \$17,199 for said storage into the 2025 budget;

AND THAT Council directs staff to include \$2,140 for the required damage and key

deposit in either the 2024 or 2025 budget, whichever is required;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to provide up to \$2,866.50 from the District 2024 budget to exercise Option 3 in the remainder of 2024. **CARRIED.**

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports.

## **9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Mayor Smith Reported:**

- He attended the Fraser Valley Regional Library board meeting to discuss the 2025 budget and details for extended hours. He noted that the extended schedule for the Hope Library should be announced in the Spring.
- He attended a meeting with the Fraser Valley Regional District and Greater Vancouver Waste Management Team to discuss the reduction and monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions and improved recycling contamination through social media campaigns. He added that they do not have any plans to resume burning waste to produce energy.
- Councillor Stewin and himself attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Powwow at the Hope Secondary School on October 26<sup>th</sup>, noting that it was well attended and a high energy event.
- He attended the Yale First Nation Health Fair held at the Chawathil First Nation auditorium.
- He attended the House Post Ceremony held at the Hope & Area Transition Society building, noting that it is located just inside the door for those that wish to see it.
- Councillor Newbigging and himself attended a tea with the Fraser Canyon Hospice Society, noting that many members of the group are from Hope and give back to the community in different ways.
- He announced that the Hospital Auxiliary Silent Auction will take place on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Legion Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. He noted that many items have been donated by local merchants and community members and urged the public to support this important event.

### **Councillor Skoglund Reported:**

- She attended the Fraser Inclusive and Support Housing Society Halloween Dance on October 26<sup>th</sup>, noting that it was a great turnout with everyone in costumes. She added that the Hope Golf & Country Club donated the venue and Panago Pizza donated food.
- She noted that the Accessibility Committee Bench Project has been posted on the District website, and advised that anyone interested in providing feedback or suggestions can reach out to the committee.
- She announced that the Stuff the Cruiser Pancake Breakfast event at Kal Tire will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Councillor Medlock Reported:**

- He announced that an open house will be held at the Hope Visitor Centre on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., noting that the community has an opportunity to meet the visitor centre team.

**Councillor Smith Reported:**

- He attended the haunted house fundraiser event hosted by the Sunshine Valley Volunteer Fire Department.
- He noted that although he will not be able to attend the Hospital Auxiliary Silent Auction, he urged others to attend. He added that he will be sending money and bidding sheets in to support the event.

**Councillor Stewin Reported:**

- She attended the Municipal Insurance Agency of BC AGM during UBCM, noting that a total of 13 motions were passed. She noted that a motion was passed to adjust the quorum needed to continue the meeting, as many representatives were busy attending other events at the convention. She added that the membership fee will be increasing by approximately 3% to adjust for inflation.
- She attended the Provincial Community to Community Forum at UBCM, which was a full-day session to discuss what is happening in communities across the province with regards to reconciliation. She noted that the keynote speaker, Jody Wilson-Raybould, authored a book titled True Reconciliation.
- She noted that the District, moving forward with reconciliation, should actively share information with local Indigenous groups to help build better relations between communities.
- She attended the Hope Inclusion Project meeting in early October, noting that they have completed a Diversity in Employment study in which they interviewed employees and employers regarding inclusion in the workplace. She advised that the final report is available on the Hope Inclusion Project website.
- She announced events hosted by the Empowered Support Services Society that will be taking place in November:
  - November 18<sup>th</sup> – Taste of India
  - November 19<sup>th</sup> – Newcomers Fair
  - Every Wednesday evening in November – Parenting with Positive Experiences in Mind
- She attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Powwow at the Hope Secondary School with Mayor Smith on October 26<sup>th</sup>, noting that it was a wonderful event.

**Councillor Newbigging Reported:**

- She attended a tea with the Fraser Canyon Hospice Society along with Mayor Smith, noting that it was an event to acknowledge those who did fundraising in the community.
- She attended a kids Halloween function hosted by the Fraser Valley Regional Library at the Hope Conference Centre on October 26<sup>th</sup>, noting that it was well attended and included face painting, games, coloring, and pumpkin decorating.

- She attended the Fraser Inclusive and Support Housing Society Halloween Dance on October 26<sup>th</sup>, noting that it was well attended with many attendees wearing costumes.

**10. PERMITS AND BYLAWS**

**(a) *District of Hope Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1588, 2024***

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1588, 2024*, to amend the land use designation for 63040 Flood Hope Road from Highway Commercial to Light/Service Industrial, be adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024. **CARRIED.**

**(b) *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1589, 2024***

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1589, 2024*, to rezone 63040 Flood Hope Road from Highway Commercial (C-2) to Light/Service Industrial (I-2), be adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024. **CARRIED.**

**(c) Report dated October 21, 2024 from the Planner III**

**Re: Development Variance Permit Application at 741 Water Avenue**

Council inquired as to whether drawings can be included in the notification package to better illustrate what the proposed variance includes. The Director of Community Development agreed that imagery would enhance the notification and advised that he will ensure it is included.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with notification for a Development Variance Permit to reduce the interior side lot line setback from 3.0m to 0.0m for 741 Water Avenue. **CARRIED.**

**11. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) For Information Correspondence**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated October 28, 2024, be received. **CARRIED.**

**12. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS**

**(a) Letter of Support**

**Re: Chawathil First Nation – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council issue a Letter of Support to Chawathil First Nation for their application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund. **CARRIED.**

- (b) **Letter of Support**  
**Re: New Pathways to Gold Society – 1926 Alexandra Bridge Rehabilitation Project**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council issue a Letter of Support to the New Pathways to Gold Society for their application to the Rural Economic Development Fund. **CARRIED.**

**13. QUESTION PERIOD**

**14. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**15. ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:47 p.m. **CARRIED.**

*Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 28, 2024 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.*

*Original Signed by Victor Smith*

**Mayor**

*Original Signed by Donna Bellingham*

**Director of Corporate Services**