

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 26, 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 Crystal Sedore
Councillor Zachary Wells
Councillor Angela Skoglund

Staff Present: Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Richard Zerr, Acting Director of Community Development
Mike Olson, Director of Finance
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer/EA

Others in attendance: 6 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 June 26, 2023 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 June 12, 2023 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED.

(b) Record of a Public Hearing

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Record of the Public Hearing held June 12, 2023, be received.

CARRIED.

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Mountain View Cemetery and Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery Concerns

Tessa Poole was in attendance to present Council with a petition regarding the fencing, garbage cans, and privacy at the Mountain View Cemetery and the Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery. In her presentation, the following points were discussed:

- The petition, started on May 29, 2023, stands at 306 signatures.

- The removal of the vegetative privacy hedge from the west side of the Mountain View Cemetery.
- The removal of all but one garbage can from both cemeteries resulting in garbage being left on the ground at the entrances.
- Previous correspondence submitted to the April 11, 2023, Regular Council meeting.
- Issues with traffic noise, dust and debris being blown in from the roadway that was previously stopped by the hedges.
- Ongoing maintenance of vegetation within the District.
- Actions that should be taken by the District, including the installation of a privacy fence and hedging as well as new garbage cans.

Council advised that they will gather the appropriate information and provide Ms. Poole with a response to her requests within one month.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- (a) Report dated June 20, 2023 from the Director of Finance
Re: 2022 Statement of Financial Information**

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council approves the 2022 Statement of Financial Information.

CARRIED.

- (a) Report dated June 22, 2023 from the Director of Finance
Re: 2022 Annual Report**

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council approves the 2022 Annual Report.

CARRIED.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Report dated June 13, 2023 from the Director of Corporate Services
Re: Municipal Office – Hours Open to the Public**

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council rise and report the June 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole resolution:

THAT Council approve that the Municipal Office adjust the public hours to 9:00am to 4:00pm effective January 1, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT the phone lines be open to the public from 8:30am to 4:30am;

AND THAT the hours of operation change be posted and advertised to the public immediately upon approval.

CARRIED.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

- (a) District of Hope Council Appointments & Committees**

Moved / Seconded

THAT the District of Hope Council Appointments & Committees for November 2022 to December 2023 be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED.

Mayor Smith Reported:

- He met with the Japanese Ambassador to Canada, Kanji Yamanouchi, aboard the

destroyer JS Kashima. He noted that they discussed the possibility of reconnecting the District with a Sister City in Japan.

- He attended the Golden Agers meeting where they discussed repairs to the facility and upgrades to the entrance ramp. He added that volunteers are in place to run the cooling center in the coming summer months.
- He worked with Communities in Bloom to pick up trash behind the Save-on-Foods.
- He met with the Hope Mountain Centre and the Camp Hope Group who would like to give back to the community, noting that volunteers from both groups will contribute a day of work each to clean and build improvements on trails in the area.
- He attended a University of the Fraser Valley dinner in Abbotsford on June 13th, noting that four individuals received honorary degrees, including Sonny McHalsie.
- He attended the Downtown Revitalization Community Meeting, noting that it was well attended and thanked AdvantageHOPE for taking the lead on the project.
- He met with Jackie Tegart and five other MLA's to tour the flood damage at both the Hope Golf Course and along Gardner Drive. He noted that CTV News attended the meeting to listen to the stories. He added that later this year the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, Bowinn Ma, will be coming to Hope to tour the damaged areas.
- He attended a Rotary Club of Hope dinner.

Councillor Medlock Reported:

- He attended the AdvantageHOPE Finance Committee meeting on June 15th, noting that they had the opportunity to pass the financial statements for the months previous.
- He attended the Downtown Revitalization Community Meeting, noting that there were 27 people in attendance and that they reviewed topics discussed at the previous meeting and prioritized their top choices with the help of consultants. He added that the next step will include pop-up workshops on the streets throughout the summer to gather the opinions of locals and tourists.
- He noted that Council received an email regarding a David Suzuki Foundation grant opportunity, noting that it is a great idea but we are in the middle of the Downtown Revitalization project and the timeline does not fit. He added that Council will look towards future opportunities when a plan is in place.
- He announced that the Canada Day Car Show will be taking place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with the Hope and Valley Cruisers putting in a lot of work.

Councillor Newbigging Reported:

- She attended the Rotary Club of Hope meeting, noting that they initiated a new member.
- She attended the Fraser Valley Regional Library meeting on June 21st, noting that the Summer Reading Club has started and the theme is Journey Through Time. This program is offered to all ages, and the more you read the more entries you have into their contests. She added that two new packages have been added to the Playground Collection, the Nature Pack and foldable solar panels.

Councillor Stewin Reported:

- She attended the Hope Inclusion Project meeting on June 13th, noting that they are expanding the curriculum project, and they reviewed the Pride events completed so far in June.
- She attended a webinar on the Canada Green Affordable Housing Grant, noting that the grant is open to affordable housing providers with pre-retrofit and retrofit grants available to reduce emissions by 70%. She added that the first round of applications are due by June 30th, and that over \$1.2 billion are available over the next four years.
- She attended the Purple Lights meeting on June 16th at the Northwest Harvest Church, noting that some volunteers signed up.
- She attended the Drag Queen Story Time on June 17th, noting that 86 people attended and three stories from the anti-oppression curriculum were read.
- She attended the Golden Agers meeting on June 20th, noting that the Summer Picnic is taking place on July 19th at 11:30 a.m. and reminded attendees to bring a salad or a dessert. She added that they will be hosting a pancake breakfast at Brigade Days this year, and they are planning a flea market in the fall.
- She attended a webinar called Renovating the Public Hearing by CityHive; SFU, UBC and Queen’s University students, who presented their thoughts on how to engage youth in the Public Hearing process.

Councillor Sedore Reported:

- She attended a fundraiser at Hippy Mike’s Skate Park, noting that it included an open house and an art show/sale. She added that they are raising money to do improvements to the bowl.
- She announced that she will be attending the Hope & District Arts Council meeting on June 27th and will report back at the next meeting.

Councillors Skoglund and Wells had nothing to report.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

**(a) Report dated June 22, 2023 from the Acting Director of Community Development
Re: Liquor Licencing Application for Unit A – 821 6th Avenue (Kimchi Restaurant)**

Moved / Seconded

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the District of Hope recommends to reinstate the liquor license that was in place prior to the change in ownership of the restaurant at Unit A – 821 6th Avenue;

FURTHER THAT Council comments on the prescribed considerations of the potential impact on the community if the application is approved;

FURTHER THAT Council, at the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2023, authorized staff to gather views of residents/businesses in a 50 metre radius from the subject property which was fulfilled by mail and hand delivery of public notice, advertisement in one issue of the local newspaper, and by signage posted on the subject property; and

FURTHER THAT Council held a Public Hearing on June 26, 2023, to gather the views of the residents/businesses of which are contained in the Record of Public Hearing.

CARRIED.

- (b) **Report dated June 22, 2023 from the Action Director of Community Development
Re: Liquor Licencing Application for 900 Golf Course Road (Hope Golf & Country Club)**

Moved / Seconded

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the District of Hope recommends the permanent expansion to the liquor licensed area at 900 Golf Course Road;

FURTHER THAT Council comments on the prescribed considerations of the potential impact on the community if the application is approved;

FURTHER THAT Council, at the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2023, authorized staff to gather views of residents/businesses in a 50 metre radius from the subject property which was fulfilled by mail and hand delivery of public notice, advertisement in one issue of the local newspaper, and by signage posted on the subject property; and

FURTHER THAT Council held a Public Hearing on June 26, 2023 to gather the views of the residents/businesses of which are contained in the Record of Public Hearing.

CARRIED.

- (c) **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 read a third time this 26th day of June, 2023. **CARRIED.**

- (d) **Report dated June 21, 2023 from the Acting Director of Community Development
Re: Development Variance Permit for 63790 Yvonne Avenue**

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council approve the preparation of a Development Variance Permit in order to increase the Secondary Dwelling Unit floor area from 753 sq ft to 1003 sq ft on the property legally described as Lot 29 Section 5 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M Yale Division Yale District Plan KAP8356; 63790 Yvonne Avenue; and

FURTHER THAT in accordance with the *District of Hope Development Procedures Bylaw*, the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* authorize staff to issue a notice of intent to consider the approval of the Development Variance Permit to the neighbouring property owners. **CARRIED.**

9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) **For Information Correspondence**

Moved / Seconded

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated June 26, 2023 be received.

CARRIED.

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

11. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions raised.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURN

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 26, 2023 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.

Original Signed by Victor Smith

Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham

Director of Corporate Services