

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 9, 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 Angela Skoglund
Councillor Zachary Wells
Councillor Crystal Sedore

Council Members Absent: Councillor Pauline Newbigging

Staff Present: John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Jas Gill, Director of Community Development
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer/EA

Others in attendance: 5 members of the public and 1 media

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 January 9, 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 December 12, 2022 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

5. STAFF REPORTS

(a) Report dated January 3, 2023 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: Fire Chief Appointment

Moved / Seconded

THAT the report dated January 3, 2023 regarding the appointment of Mr. Thomas Cameron as the District of Hope Fire Chief as of January 20, 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED.

- (b) **Report dated January 3, 2023 from the Chief Administrative Officer
Re: AdvantageHOPE Board New Nominees – January 2023**

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council endorse Jeff Kohlman, Martin Hendriks and Tannis Hendriks for appointment to the AdvantageHOPE Board. **CARRIED.**

- (c) **Report dated December 15, 2022 from the Director of Corporate Services
Re: Telephone Poll of Council for Fraser Valley Mountain Bikers Association and Advantage Hope**

Moved / Seconded

THAT Council ratify the telephone poll of December 15, 2022:

THAT Council of the District of Hope issue a letter of support to the Fraser Valley Mountain Bikers Association, for their partnership with AdvantageHOPE, and grant submission for the Economic Capacity stream of the Province of BC's Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program, for funding for trail development and marketing of the trail network on Hope Mountain. **CARRIED.**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee reports.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Smith Reported:

- He stated that Council and Staff are working the Director of Finance, Mike Olson, and his team to move the budget ahead two months this year and another two months next year. He noted that this is an important step to apply new process to reduce costs and improve operating efficiencies to get us better delivery in the supply chain and improve the timeline on projects.
- He noted that during the next two months, Council will be working hard with training and new items coming on the horizon.
- He attended the Kwas House groundbreaking with Councillor Newbigging. He noted that Council is looking forward to this important development in our community.
- He attended the Fraser Valley Regional District Board meeting and the Fraser Valley Regional Hospital Board meeting, noting that they are getting ready for a busy 2023.
- He had a Zoom meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to discuss issues and needs with other municipalities in the Province. He noted his disappointment that only 35% of Mayors attended the meeting.

Councillor Stewin Reported:

- She attended the Hope Inclusion Project where they reviewed the curriculum project. She also announced that they had received a Macro Health Grant from Fraser Health in the amount of \$25,000 to further the project. She noted that the Pride Committee is working on their first event, to set up a safe location for individuals to get gender-affirming clothing.

Councillors Wells, Skoglund, Medlock and Sedore, all had nothing to report.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

- (a) Report dated January 4, 2023 from the Director of Community Development
Re: Re-Designate and Rezone the Property at 61954 Estell Road**

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1539, 2023* be given first and second readings in order to redesignate the land use designation in the Official Community Plan the property legally described as Lot 6, Except Part on Plan 73383 Section 1 Township 5 Range 27 West of the 6th Meridian New Westminster District Plan 17065; PID 010-311-637; 61954 Estell Road from Highway Commercial to Light/Service Industry; and

FURTHER THAT the public be notified in accordance with the *District of Hope Application Procedures and Public Hearing/Information Meeting Procedural Bylaw No. 13/93*, the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter*.

FURTHER THAT the Council of the District of Hope has considered the duty to consult regarding *Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1539, 2023* and concurs with the Director of Community Development that consultation be undertaken with the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure, the District of Hope Director of Finance, and the District of Hope Director of Operations. **CARRIED.**

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1540, 2023* be given first and second readings in order to rezone the property legally described as Lot 6, Except Part on Plan 73383 Section 1 Township 5 Range 27 West of the 6th Meridian New Westminster District Plan 17065; PID 010-311-637; 61954 Estell Road from Rural (RU-1) to Light/Service Industrial (I-2); and

FURTHER THAT the public be notified in accordance with the *District of Hope Application Procedures and Public Hearing/Information Meeting Procedural Bylaw No. 13/93*, the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter*. **CARRIED.**

- (b) Report dated January 3, 2023 from the Director of Community Development
Re: Rezone the Properties at 21636 and 21696 Thacker Mountain Road**

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1542, 2023* be given first and second readings in order to rezone the properties legally described as Lots 9 & 10 Section 15 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M YDYD Plan 33448; PID 002-494-311 and 003-195-384; 21636 and 21696 Thacker Mountain Road from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Two Family Residential (RT-1); and

FURTHER THAT the public be notified in accordance with the *District of Hope Application Procedures and Public Hearing/Information Meeting Procedural Bylaw No. 13/93*, 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 January 9, 2023 be received.

CARRIED.

(b) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – November 2022

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Listing for the period of November 1-30, 2022 be received. **CARRIED.**

(c) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – December 2022

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Listing for the period of December 1-31, 2022 be received. **CARRIED.**

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

No other pertinent business.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions raised.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7:00pm.

13. ADJOURN

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:14pm. **CARRIED.**

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 9, 2023 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.

Original Signed by Victor Smith
Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham
Director of Corporate Services