

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 25, 2016
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office
325 Wallace Street, Hope, BC

Council Members Present: Mayor Wilfried Vicktor
Councillor Scott Medlock
Councillor Gerry Dyble
Councillor Donna Kropp
Councillor Heather Stewin
Councillor Bob Erickson

Absent: Councillor Dusty Smith

Staff Present: John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Jas Gill, Director of Community Development
Wendy Dalman, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public: 18

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vicktor called the meeting to order at 7:27 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kropp / Seconded by Councillor Erickson

THAT the January 25, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Moved by Councillor Dyble / Seconded by Councillor Medlock

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 11, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Kelly Pearce, Program Director, Hope Mountain Centre

Provided a presentation on Hope Mountain Centre activities in 2015, and looking ahead to 2016. Hope Mountain Centre celebrated their 10th Anniversary this year and are a registered charity whose goal is to strengthen people’s connection with nature. Their programs in 2015 included:

	<u>Programs</u>	<u>People</u>
Marketed Trips	21.....	691
Skagit Family Programs	12.....	428
Manning Interp	232.....	11,166
School Programs	48.....	1,251
Other Outdoor Trips.....	15.....	370
Special Events.....	3.....	495
Community Outreach.....	20.....	1,694
TOTALS	351.....	16,095

63% of people taking part in Hope Mountain Centre activities are from the Fraser Valley, 26% Metro Vancouver, 4% Southern Interior, 3% Out of Province, 2% Fraser Canyon, 1% Vancouver Island.

Mr. Pearce gave an overview of the school programs offered by Hope Mountain Centre, such as the Strong Start Program, Grade 3 Forest Ecology, Grade 4 Pond Ecology, Grade 5 Watershed Science and Grade 6 Skagit Camp. In 2016, Beaver Tales Program for students will also be offered.

Manning Park Interpretive Programs in 2015 (7 day-a-week programming in July and August) included 232 programs and events resulting in 11,136 attendants in total.

The Hudson’s Bay Company Trail, a 75-kilometer trail from Hope to Tulameen, was completed in 2015. This trail, as well as others in our community, will be promoted at the Vancouver Outdoor Show in March, which is an excellent promotional tool for the community and will aid in increasing Hope’s profile. Other promotional tools include new 4’x8’ sign at Hope Visitor Centre (outlining outdoor activities and maps) and the *Trails of Hope* brochure which will be expanded this year to highlight additional trails.

Hope Mountain Centre goals for 2016 include promoting the Hudson’s Bay Company Trail, update and reprint *Trails of Hope* brochure, Kettle Valley Railway 100th Anniversary celebration, assist AdvantageHOPE with Station House renovations, help with maintenance of Hope Bike Park and establish expanded school programs.

Hope Mountain Centre is run by a very dedicated group of volunteers – 3,600 hours were donated by 850 people last year (valued at \$54,000). Mayor and Council thanked Kelly Pearce and the Hope Mountain Centre volunteers for all of their efforts and dedication. They are true ambassadors of the community, and have contributed significantly to much of Hope’s recent successes (Bike Park, Station House, etc.).

5. STAFF REPORTS

There were no Staff Reports for Council's consideration.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports for Council's consideration.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

(a) Mayor's Inaugural Report – Looking Back at 2015 and ahead to 2016

Mayor Vicktor thanked members of Council for their efforts in 2015; very diverse opinions are presented by each and open discussion is encouraged and welcomed.

Mayor Vicktor also thanked District of Hope staff for their hard work throughout 2015 and feels that Council and staff have good communication and work very well together.

Local community groups, such as AdvantageHOPE, Chamber of Commerce, Hope Mountain Centre and countless others were commended for their outstanding efforts and dedication to the betterment of the community. There were numerous successes in 2015, such as the completion of the Bike Park Project and current work on the Station House. These were accomplished in part because of the commitment of dedicated volunteers within the community.

During 2015 budget deliberations, Council committed to no more than a 2% increase, and was successful in this endeavor. Council will be looking at infrastructure upgrades during budget deliberations this year. These upgrades are typically very costly, so each capital project will be prioritized accordingly and completed as funds allow. Budget sessions will be open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

This year, Council will also be focusing on establishment of an asset management program for the District. This is a high priority, as in order to be considered for Federal and Provincial infrastructure grants, an efficient asset management program needs to be in place.

In terms of Economic Development, Mayor Vicktor's voiced his desire for Hope to be known as an innovative community with unique amenities, and would like to promote job creation in the form of typical "storefront" jobs as well as being known as a telecommuting hub for working professionals. The recent Telus fibre optic network project in Hope will encourage this. Mayor Vicktor also sees our community as "a resort that people can still afford to live in" and encouraged promoting the community as such.

Beginning in February, Council will be holding Open House Sessions (once per month) with residents of Hope. These sessions will be held to improve communication between Council and members of the community, and residents are encouraged to attend should they have any questions or concerns they would like to discuss.

Councillor Dyble reported:

- Attended Fraser Health Recruitment and Retention meeting. Discussed the marketing campaign geared towards bringing health care professionals to Hope permanently. A localized committee will be formed and a strategy put in place (e.g. tour of the town for health care professional and his/her family, provide information on the District, Chamber of Commerce, Recreation Centre, schools, affordable real estate).
- Hope was recently removed from the Student Loan Forgiveness program, as the program has been running over budget since 2008. Efforts will be made to be reinstated on the list, even if only in the form of partial student loan forgiveness benefits.
- Discussed the possibility of the District committing to a scholarship or bursary for students in care aid program, residential support, etc., as an additional form of recruitment and retention in our community.

Councillor Stewin reported:

- Attended the District's Official Community Plan "Ideas Jam". Very positive, informative session.
- Attended Crystal River Park meeting. Residents are seeking to make the area more pleasant.
- Attended Golden Agers meeting. Concerns were voiced over sidewalk snow removal, particularly on 4th, 5th, and 6th Avenues. Requested the District's Snow Removal Policy be reviewed.

Councillor Medlock reported:

- Attended Community Future Strategy Planning Session. A lot of new members are now part of these sessions.
- Attending the AdvantageHOPE meeting tomorrow.

Councillor Erickson reported:

- Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a three part series of meetings regarding Hope: *Past, Present and a Question of Our Future*. These meetings are being offered in order for residents to become more informed and involved in the future of Hope. The first meeting is being held January 27, 2016 and speakers include the Honourable Chuck Strahl, PC, former Mayor Bud Gardner and former Council member Ray Zervini. The speakers will focus on the history of Hope from an economic, historical viewpoint. Additional meetings will be held in February and March, with speakers to be announced.
- Thanked staff for providing the up-to-date Revenue and Expense report for the District; commended staff (Director of Finance) for providing a very clear and concise report.
- Attended Fraser Health Recruitment and Retention meeting. Discussed the possibility of the District committing to a scholarship or bursary for one or two students.
- Voiced interest in Council having more group discussions/informal meetings to discuss various issues and encourage open dialogue.

Councillor Kropp reported:

- Thanked Mayor Viktor for providing the “year in review” report.
- Thank staff for providing the Revenue and Expense report.
- Discussed the possibility of the bursary for students (in health care programs). Lions Club, Rotary, Eagles, etc. all provide bursaries, and would like to see the District do the same. Suggested numerous partial grants be established to cover a percentage of student fees could be considered, and volunteered to sit on a committee to discuss ideas should one be formed.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

(a) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1367, 2015 – Rural (RU-1) to Light/Service Industrial (I-2) - 19700 Klassen Road (KYA Holdings)

Moved by Councillor Erickson / Seconded by Councillor Dyble

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1367, 2015* be read a third time this 25th day of January, 2016 in order to rezone the property legally described as Lot B, Plan 31084, Except Plan 39120, PID 001-775-782, 19700 Klassen Road from Rural (RU-1) to Light/Service Industrial (I-2).

CARRIED.

(b) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1368, 2016 – Institutional (P-2) to Light/Service Industrial (I-2) – 555 Raab Street and Issuance of an Old Hope Princeton Way Development Permit (Aplin Martin/BC Hydro)

Moved by Councillor Kropp / Seconded by Councillor Medlock

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1368, 2016* be given first and second readings in order to rezone the property legally described as Lot B, Plan 42369, Except Plan KAP54618 and KAP83192, PID 015-455-246, 555 Raab Street from Institutional (P-2) 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*, and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Community Development be authorized to endorse the necessary Old Hope Princeton Way Development Permit should Lot B, Plan 42369, Except Plans KAP54618 and KAP83192, PID 015-455-246, 555 Raab Street be successfully rezoned to Light/Service Industrial (I-2); and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Community Development be authorized to approve minor changes to the Development Permit.

CARRIED.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) For Information Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Kropp / Seconded by Councillor Medlock

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated January 25, 2016 be received.

CARRIED.

(b) Cascade Lower Canyon Community Forest Board of Directors

Moved by Councillor Erickson / Seconded by Councillor Medlock

THAT John Mason be appointed as a Director to the Cascade Lower Canyon Community Forest Board of Directors as a District of Hope representative.

CARRIED.

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

There was no other pertinent business.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the District of Hope Council Chambers.

13. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING – PROCEED TO IN-CAMERA MEETING

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to Section 90(1)(a) [personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality] of the *Community Charter* and for the purpose of receiving and adopting closed meeting minutes.

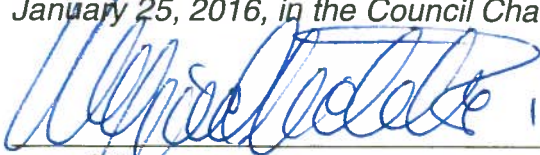
14. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AND ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Kropp / Seconded by Councillor Erickson

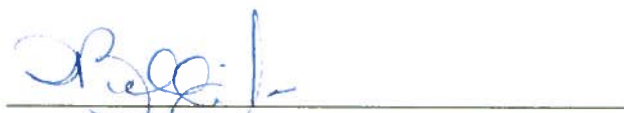
Mayor Vicktor reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 9:00 pm with all of Council, the CAO and Director of Community Development in attendance

14. MAYOR VICKTOR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9:01 PM

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held January 25, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the District of Hope, British Columbia.



MAYOR
Wilfried Vicktor



CORPORATE OFFICER
Donna Bellingham