

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 9, 2016  
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office  
325 Wallace Street, Hope, BC

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Wilfried Vicktor  
Councillor Scott Medlock  
Councillor Heather Stewin  
Councillor Bob Erickson  
Councillor Dusty Smith

**Absent:** Councillor Gerry Dyble  
Councillor Donna Kropp

**Staff Present:** John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer  
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services  
Wendy Dalman, Deputy Corporate Officer

**Public:** 9

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vicktor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Smith / Seconded by Councillor Stewin

THAT the February 9, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED.**

## 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### (a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Moved by Councillor Medlock / Seconded by Councillor Stewin

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 25, 2016 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED.**

## 4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

## 5. STAFF REPORTS

- a) **Report dated February 3, 2016 from the Director of Finance**  
**Re: 2016 Proposed Budget Schedule**

Moved by Councillor Medlock / Seconded by Councillor Stewin

THAT Council receive the report dated February 3, 2016 from the Director of Finance regarding the proposed timeline for the 2016 Budget Meetings schedule.

**CARRIED.**

It was noted that February 24, 2016 will be the first preliminary budget meeting. Future meeting dates will be posted on the District website and front bulletin board of District Hall.

- b) **Report dated February 4, 2016 from the Acting Director of Operations**  
**Re: 2016 Capital Projects – PCC Outfall Urgent Repairs and PCC Lagoon Repair & Upgrade Project (Including Presentation by Opus DaytonKnight Consultants Ltd.)**

Moved by Councillor Stewin / Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Council directs staff to undertake the urgent repairs to the Pollution Control Centre (PCC) outfall to a maximum of \$100,000;

AND THAT Council directs staff to prepare the remainder of the PCC Lagoon Repair and Upgrade Project as a shovel-ready project to qualify for grant purposes.

**CARRIED.**

- c) **Report dated February 4, 2016 from the Chief Administrative Officer**  
**Re: BC Transit – Regional Transit to Hope – Pilot Project Update**

Moved by Councillor Medlock / Seconded by Councillor Stewin

THAT Council requests the Fraser Valley Regional District Board to advocate for the Province to unfreeze the provincial share of transit funding to facilitate a future regional transit system between Hope and Agassiz to enable potential economic growth and improve the quality of life for residents of Hope; and

FURTHER THAT Staff arrange a meeting with MLA Laurie Throness to discuss this project in more depth.

**CARRIED.**

- d) **Report dated February 4, 2016 from the Chief Administrative Officer**  
**Re: 753 Waterworks Ltd. – Potential Transfer**

Moved by Councillor Erickson / Seconded by Councillor Stewin

THAT Council directs staff to undertake the necessary steps to provide Council with the information required to decide whether or not to negotiate for the transfer of the 753 Waterworks Utility to the District of Hope.

**CARRIED.**

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports for Council's consideration.

## 7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

### Mayor Vicktor reported:

- Attended the BC Economic Development Association Dinner. Provincial Government Ministers, Destination BC Representatives and elected officials from various communities were in attendance. Provincial Ministers spoke of BC's balanced budget and robust economy due to our diversity (film, mining, forestry). Ministers also strongly encouraged municipalities to be shovel-ready with projects by March in order to gain access to potential Federal and Provincial infrastructure grants. The Mayor spoke to Ministers regarding the possibility of streamlining the development process and reducing red tape, as many of our areas are designated archaeological sites, flood, geotechnical, etc. The Mayor spoke to Minister Wat, Minister of International Trade and Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism, regarding the possibility of the Barrick Gold Resort in Hope and possibility of foreign investors. Mayor will be meeting with Mackay Edwards, Barrick Gold consultant, to discuss in further detail.
- Attended Fraser Valley Regional Library meeting. Costs will be increasing 2.8% overall for this year, however the impact to Hope should be less. The Mayor also noted that the increase in costs is partially due to the low Canadian dollar.

### Councillor Erickson reported:

- Attended the BC Economic Development Association Dinner with Mayor Vicktor (see Mayor Vicktor's report above). Councillor Erickson also reiterated the need to be "shovel ready" with projects by March of this year in order to be eligible for Federal and Provincial infrastructure grants.

### Councillor Medlock reported:

- Attended AdvantageHOPE meeting; a new business coming to Hope. Dymin Steel Inc., a steel fabrication, distribution and warehousing company, will be setting up shop at the Emil Anderson property located at 1148 6th Avenue. The company will employ approximately 24 people (6 – 8 people per shift, 24 hour operation).
- AdvantageHOPE also has approximately seven grant applications in the works.
- AdvantageHOPE will be in attendance at three consumer shows this year in Vancouver, Chilliwack and Seattle.
- A "Business Walk" is being done February 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Elected officials, Provincial representatives, Chamber of Commerce representatives, etc. will be touring local businesses to talk about successes and barriers to success for Hope businesses.
- AdvantageHOPE AGM being held March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Hope Golf Club. Marsha Walden, Destination BC CEO, will be speaking.

Councillor Stewin reported:

- Attended Chamber of Commerce dinner on January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended graduation of welding students at Hope Secondary. Twelve students graduated and Mayor and Council were thanked for their support.
- Attended Crystal River Court Association meeting. The association has now established a board of directors, secretary treasurer, etc.
- Attended Ratepayers meeting. Ratepayers will be helping out with clean up of the grounds at Park Street Manor. Also discussed the need for potholes to be fixed throughout the community, and inquired as to when the District's 2015 Statement of Financial Information will be available.
- Will be attending the First Nations 101 Seminar in Chilliwack.

Councillor Smith reported:

- Nothing to report.

**8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS**

There were no Permits and Bylaws for Council's consideration.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) For Information Correspondence**

Moved by Councillor Smith / Seconded by Councillor Erickson

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated February 9, 2016 be received.

**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**

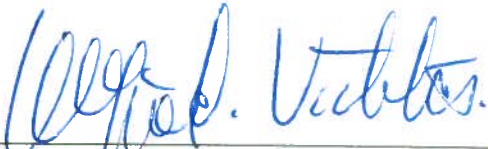
Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the District of Hope Council Chambers.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**


Moved by Councillor Medlock / Seconded by Councillor Erickson  
THAT the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:07 pm.

**CARRIED.**

*Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held February 9, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the District of Hope, British Columbia.*



**MAYOR**  
Wilfried Viktor



**CORPORATE OFFICER**  
Donna Bellingham