

February 24, 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 Heather Stewin  
Councillor Dusty Smith

**Absent:** Councillor Erickson  
Councillor Kropp

**Staff Present:** Dale Courtice, Director of Finance  
Jas Gill, Director of Community Development  
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services  
Wendy Dalman, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Linda Goglin, Accounting Supervisor

**Public Present:** 2

- 1. MAYOR VICKTOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:32 PM**
- 2. COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF THE DRAFT 2016 FINANCIAL PLAN**

Dale Courtice, Director of Finance provided an overview of the 2016 Financial Plan.

Council discussed the following items:

Fire Department:

- Mayor Vicktor asked if the appropriate resources have been allocated to the Fire Department and identified the FIT program as a high priority;
- Tom DeSorcy discussed the FIT program and the need to do further research before rolling out (i.e. training program in place, do we pay FIT volunteers and if so, how much?);
- Councillor Dyble noted that recruitment and FIT program are both high priority items at this time;
- **Council approved an increase to the Fire Department advertising budget and add a \$5,000 line item for the FIT program.**

LGLA Conference:

- Councillor Medlock noted that the LGLA Conference has already passed and no members of Council attended;
- **Council approved the removal of the line item for the LGLA Conference in the amount of \$5,600.**

Bursary for Home Support Course:

- Councillor Dyble discussed having a line item in the budget (approximately \$5,000) for a Home Support bursary; this bursary would be awarded to a local resident and create a good paying job in the community (at present, organizations are having a difficult time filling Home Support positions, as there are no qualified applicants);
- Discussed where in the budget this bursary would be placed (professional recruitment?);
- Dale suggested putting the bursary item in Council Contingency and increasing the contingency fund by \$3,000;
- **Council approved an increase to the Council Contingency fund of \$3,000 (\$5,000 to \$8,000) for the Home Support Program bursary.**

Vehicle / Fleet Maintenance:

- Dale discussed the Vehicle Maintenance and lack of detail in these accounts;
- Moving forward, Dale would like to establish a more detailed account structure and have a fleet maintenance program put in place (each vehicle should be tracked, or at the very least each department).

**5. MAYOR VICKTOR CLOSED THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AT 7:56 P.M.**

*Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held on February 24, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the District of Hope, British Columbia.*

  
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**MAYOR**  
Wilfried Viktor

  
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**CORPORATE OFFICER**  
Donna Bellingham