

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 11, 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 Dusty Smith
Councillor Gerry Dyble
Councillor Donna Kropp

Absent: Councillor Bob Erickson

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vicktor called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Dyble / Seconded by Councillor Kropp

THAT the April 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Moved by Councillor Smith / Seconded by Councillor Medlock

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 29, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Michael Marchbank, President & CEO, Fraser Health and Petra Pardy, Fraser Health Executive Director, Fraser Canyon Hospital

Michael Marchbank provided information with regards to the \$500,000 grant from Fraser Health and community health care investments planned for the District of Hope.

The intention is to develop community-based actions that address and improve areas of health and well being. Community engagement sessions will be held in order to receive public input and identify actions and strategies for the grant. These sessions will be held with a variety of stakeholders, including seniors, children & youth, Fraser Canyon and Hope and Area Healthy Communities Committee.

Mr. Marchbank provided information on the current health state of our community:

- 71% of residents feel a strong sense of community belonging.
- 20% use walking or cycling as a mode of commuting.
- 33% have a commute time of less than 30 minutes.
- Hope has a high percentage of seniors in the community.
- Due to our location, Hope has a higher percentage of deaths related to motor vehicle accidents.
- Areas of health concern include lower life expectancy (compared to the Fraser Valley as a whole), and higher percentage of hypertension, smoking, cardiovascular disease, COPD and diabetes.

After the community engagement sessions, Fraser Health Executive Committee will evaluate the input and devise strategies to implement. The community based strategies will be prioritized based on the degree to which they address areas of concern.

(b) Michelle Richardson, Kawkawa Lake Resident

Michelle Richardson spoke about the significant increases in assessed value of lakefront homes on Kawkawa Lake and the effect that will have on property taxes. Lakefront residents on Kawkawa Lake experienced a sharp rise in assessed land values this year, ranging from 100% to over 400% increases, which will ultimately affect their property taxes. Ms. Richardson noted that Kawkawa Lake residents recognize that some assessment value increases are warranted, but a 400% increase is excessive at one time as opposed to being phased.

Ms. Richardson is looking for a solution to this problem and offered a few possible options for the District to consider, such as gradual “averaged” land value increases, capping the property taxes paid, taxation based on lot size vs. assessed value and changes to the mill rate.

Mayor Vicktor noted that BC Assessment falls under the jurisdiction of the Province, therefore the District has no control over assessment values. Mayor Vicktor also recognized that this is an issue, and will arrange a meeting with MLA Laurie Throness to voice concerns with the BC Assessment process and discuss possible solutions. One possible solution for seniors is the tax deferral program that the Province has in place, if this is their primary residence.

Staff were directed to research Section 198 of the Community Charter, *Assessment Averaging and Phasing Options*, which could be implemented by bylaw. Staff were also directed to draft a letter to BC Assessment indicating opposition to significant assessment increases, and this issue will be presented to our local area association for endorsement to move forward to UBCM. Staff will research and prepare a report with options and possible solutions and bring to the May 9, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

5. STAFF REPORTS

**(a) Report dated April 7, 2016 from the Chief Administrative Officer
Re: Asset Management Plan – Draft Report**

Urban Systems will be a delegation at the April 25, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council to provide further detail on the Asset Management Plan.

Moved by Councillor Kropp / Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Council receive the draft Asset Management Investment Plan 2016 Report for information.

CARRIED.

**(b) Report dated April 7, 2016 from the Director of Operations
Re: Station House Update**

Moved by Councillor Medlock / Seconded by Councillor Dyble

THAT Council authorizes \$700,000 for the completion of the Station House Project (Phase 2); and

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to apply for a grant through the Rural Dividend Fund program for this work; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to engage an Architect/Consultant to provide additional design and project scope, including costs, to inform the grant application; and

FURTHER THAT Council continue to include the current Station House Steering Committee and the Director of Operations to influence the design and use of the facility.

CARRIED.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports for Council's consideration.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Vicktor reported:

- Mayor Vicktor thanked Hope Search & Rescue for hosting the Coffee with Council session that evening.
- Attended a meeting with the Honorable Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade, John Fortoloczky, CAO, Dennis Adamson, Fraser Valley Regional District Director, MLA Laurie Throness, Dan Bornstein, Barrick Gold, McKay Edwards, Barrick Gold Consultant and Tammy Shields, AdvantageHOPE regarding the Nickel Mine Development. Barrick Gold is investigating the possibility of developing an all season resort on the Nickel Mine property and met with Minister Wat to further research the possibility of foreign investment and seek direction. This investigation is in the initial stages and should the development progress, there are still many steps (permits, agreements, etc.) that will need to take place.

Councillor Kropp reported:

- Councillor Kropp thanked Hope Search & Rescue for hosting the Coffee with Council session that evening.

Councillor Medlock reported:

- Councillor Medlock attended his final meeting as Community Futures Director.

Councillor Stewin reported:

- Councillor Stewin attended a Childhood Anxiety Workshop.
- Attended the Mental Health and Substance Use Workshop hosted by Hope and Area Transition Society and Fraser Health.
- Hope and District Ratepayers volunteered their time and cleaned up the garden area at Park Place Manor.
- Attended Chamber of Commerce dinner on March 30.

Councillor Dyble reported:

- Councillor Dyble attended a Fraser Health recruitment meeting. Fraser Health is also working with AdvantageHOPE to promote Hope in order to recruit health care professionals.
- Attended meeting the MP Mark Strahl regarding Federal infrastructure grants.

Councillor Smith reported:

- Councillor Smith thanked Hope Search & Rescue for hosting the Coffee with Council session that evening and noted that these sessions have been very successful and a good way for Council to connect with the public and discuss issues.
- Attending Brigade Days meeting April 19th.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

(a) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1371, 2016 – 21792 Union Bar Road (Shaw)

Moved by Councillor Medlock / Seconded by Councillor Stewin

THAT *District of Hope Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1371, 2016* be read a third time and adopted this 11th day of April, 2016.

CARRIED.

(c) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1372, 2016 – 21792 Union Bar Road (Shaw)

Moved by Councillor Smith / Seconded by Councillor Medlock

THAT *District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1372, 2016* be read a third time and adopted this 11th day of April, 2016.

CARRIED.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

(c) For Information Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Medlock / Seconded by Councillor Dyble

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated April 11, 2016 be received.

CARRIED.

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

There was no other pertinent business.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Ryan Mohle asked for clarity on the \$700,000 amount being budgeted for the Station House project and whether that amount is for Phase 2 only or does it also include Phase 1.

Mayor Vicktor noted that the amount is for Phase 2 only. The District budgeted this amount for the purpose of the grant application, but the actual dollar amount for Phase 2 may be lower than this.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the District of Hope Council Chambers

13. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING AT 9:38 PM

Moved by Councillor Dyble / Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held April 11, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the District of Hope, British Columbia.

MAYOR

Wilfried Vicktor

CORPORATE OFFICER

Donna Bellingham