



MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

December 12, 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 Bob Erickson

Staff Present: John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Kevin Dicken, Director of Operations

Others Present: 1 member of the Media
2 members of the Public

1. **MAYOR VICKTOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:35 PM**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Dyble / Seconded by Councillor Stewin

THAT the December 12, 2016 Committee of the Whole agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Dyble / Seconded by Councillor Erickson

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of Whole Meeting held November 14, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

4. **OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS**

Snow Removal Policy

The Director of Operations noted that a new draft Snow Removal Policy is presented to Council for their review and consideration; proposed changes are in red ink, any deletions show a strike through.

Section 1.0, second bullet, questioned the change from when snow plowing will commence. Past practice plowing commenced when the snow accumulations was

between 3 and 5 centimeters, the proposed change is immediately upon accumulation. The Director noted that this is the current practice, basically when it starts snowing, trucks are deployed. As well, there is Canadian case law on this.

Section 4.0 – concern was raised that the elderly citizens cannot get out to remove snow from sidewalks in front of their residents. The Director noted that the District does not have the equipment, we would need to purchase some and this is an added to cost to the current budget; the District has not done sidewalk snow removal in the recent past. Currently the District has a contractor doing sidewalk snow removal on sidewalks abutting municipal properties.

Councillor Medlock indicated that it would be nice to see some cost estimates for Council to consider if the District should engage in a Contractor to undertake sidewalk snow clearing. The sidewalk clearing priority list should also be included in the policy.

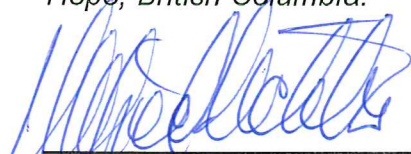
Mayor Vicktor noted that the Volunteer Fire personnel residents should have their areas kept clear, so that they can respond to emergency calls as required.

Upon further review of the draft policy it was noted that during this past weekend's snow event the procedures within this draft policy were pretty much followed, even though we had some mechanical issues with the snow removal equipment.

Staff was directed to bring the draft snow removal policy back to Council at a future Committee of the Whole meeting which includes cost estimates and legal advice regarding what should be included in the policy pertaining to when snow removal should commence.

5. MAYOR VICKTOR CLOSED THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AT 6:51 P.M.

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held on December 12, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the District of Hope, British Columbia.



MAYOR
Wilfried Vicktor



CORPORATE OFFICER
Donna Bellingham