



COUNCIL BRIEFS December 11, 2017

December 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Representatives from the Fraser Health Authority were in attendance to update Council on the Provincial Legislation and regulations for smoking and to discuss the updating and aligning of Hope's Tobacco Control Bylaw with Provincial smoking regulations. While municipalities are not obligated to have bylaws in place to mirror provincial acts and regulations, there is a desire to promote health living and to create space free of hazards such as cigarette smoke, marijuana smoke and electronic vapors. The Fraser Health Authority is launching a Hope Kicks Butt campaign starting on January 24th. Resources and information to assist people in quitting smoking will be made available.

The proposed new District of Hope Smoking Control Bylaw amends the definition of smoking to include all products intended for inhalation, such as hookahs, marijuana and electronic smoking devices. It would also add a new clause that would prohibit smoking in a public park or in recreation areas, transit shelters or school property. Council had concerns about the inability to enforce the bylaw, due to staff resources and suggested areas should be designated for smoking. Staff will further review the bylaw, make amendments to the draft and bring it back to the next Council Meeting.

Dec 11, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Hope Fire Department

Fire Chief Tom DeSorcy was in attendance to present the Fire Department Annual Report. The year in review, in part, included over 3,000 person hours in training and response, 11 structure fire responses, 83 burning complaints, success with pet oxygen masks and the deployment of 4 members to assist with the BC Wildfires, which resulted in an approximate net of \$75,000 in extra revenue. Total dollar loss to fires was just over 1.5 million. There is a recognized increase in capacity to respond to more calls which stretch their available staff resources. In particular, it is at the First Responder level for medical responses, currently by request of BC Ambulance Service. Select members are being offered the Fire Inspector training program as well as the Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner (LAFC) introductory course which further expands member's capacity in Fire Prevention. The annual recruitment drive for new members will take place in the new year.

The Fire Chief also informed Council that several vehicles in the fire service fleet are due for replacement having surpassed or approaching the 25 year mark. As well, the Command Vehicle is now over 10 years old with over 100,000km on it, a standard for replacement of emergency utility vehicles. Annual capital cost contributions generated from ratepayers and fire protection contract services are the funding source for replacement of fire apparatuses.

2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1405, 2017

District of Hope 2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1405, 2017 was adopted.

The Cascade Lower Canyon Community Forest (CLCCF)

The CAO provided an update regarding the CLCCF Revenue Distribution. Each of the 3 partners were given \$5,000, a result of declared revenue surplus. On the CLCCF's recommendation, and Council's support, the funds will be donated to the Community Services Food Bank.

Development Variance Permit DVP – 395 Raab Street (Barclay Fletcher Contracting)

Council approved the issuance of a Development Variance Permit in order to vary the exterior side lot line requirement from 4.5 metres (~15 feet) to 1.5 metres (~5 feet) in order to construct a workshop on the property.

Geotechnical Hazard Development Permit – 23685 American Creek Road (Guertin)

Council approved the preparation of a Geotechnical Hazard Development Permit for the property to enable the owner (s) to proceed with the placement of a dwelling and approved accessory structures.

Council also endorsed an acceptable certified report from a qualified professional be submitted, confirming a site specific safe building envelope for the property and the required covenant document. The conditions of the Development Permit shall expire on December 11, 2019; and for purposes of any associated building permit, as per Section 504 of the Local Government Act "substantially start of construction" shall mean the completion of the foundation for the single family dwelling.

Application to Rezone the Properties at 949, 969, 979 Third Ave – Grace Baptist Church (McBride)

Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw, No. 1404, 2017 was given first and second readings in order to rezone the lands from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Institutional (P-2). Council endorsed to waive the requirement to post rezoning signage and to hold a Public Hearing as required in the Application Procedure and Public Hearing/Information Meeting Procedural Bylaw 13/93.

Sign Bylaw – 284 Old Hope Princeton Way (Rahim)

The matter went before Council to seek the approval and the issuance of a 13 feet 11 inch by 8 feet 8 inch, 20 foot high, double sided electronic LED billboard for the owner(s) to sell advertisement space to third parties, with 2 spaces reserved for the District of Hope at no charge, for the purpose of promoting the community, events, tourism and to authorize the issuance a building permit for the electronic LED Billboard. A covenant would also be required to be registered on the property title, which would clearly outline the conditions for the approval of the sign.

Council's discussion was in favor of the sign, if the advertising focus included local businesses. A recommendation was introduced that staff will work with the applicant on developing clear conditions for the signage approval, that would encompass the local business market.

COUNCIL BRIEFS January 8, 2018

District of Hope Smoking Control Bylaw

The Director of Corporate Services re-introduced the Smoking Control Bylaw, noting that in December, Council had provided directives regarding restricted areas for smoking based on some examples from other communities. Staff implemented an expansion to the restricted areas for Council review and direction.

Council questioned the District's staffing resources available to enforce the bylaw. The Director of Corporate Services explained that the RCMP are designated to enforce the bylaw and they have the ability to provide longer service coverage hours than the Bylaw Enforcement Officer. It was also noted that, if necessary, Fraser Health Tobacco Control Officers could provide assistance with public education and enforcement. There was some discussion about the installation of signs to educate the public, the possibility of the signs being displayed in different languages at the Tour Bus Stop and the distance from a transit bus stop that a person could smoke. The Director noted that she has tried to keep the distance requirements at a consistent 6 or 10 metres and felt that 6 metres for a Transit Bus Stop was more appropriate because people do not want to be too far from the stop for fear of missing the bus. Council was in agreement that there were no further changes required to the draft bylaw at this time. The bylaw will be brought to the next Regular Council Meeting to commence the reading process.

January 8, 2018 Public Hearing Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1403, 2017 – for property at 63654 Walnut Drive

The Director of Community Development explained that the proposal for this property is to rezone the property from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Single Family Residential with a Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S) and noted that following this process, if successful, will be a Development Variance Permit as the proposed 2nd dwelling is planned to be larger than currently permitted. There were a number of neighbouring properties voicing concerns against the Zoning Amendment citing concerns that the existing home is considered unfinished, the property taxes are lower due to this status and no building permits for the accessory structures on the property.

January 8, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Global Student Leadership Summit

Three Hope Secondary School students were in attendance to seek support for their 2018 trip to London, Ontario for the Global Student Leadership Summit. The event will host 3,000 student leaders and educators from over 20 countries. Over 60 world class speakers will be there to provide interactive workshops and peer collaboration. The students and educators will have the opportunity to make valuable connections to work together to better their communities. The students are seeking sponsorship to assist them with the costs of the trip. They have received sponsorship from the Hope Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club. The sponsorships has allowed them to purchase the plane tickets to attend the event. There are 4 students going and the total estimated cost per student is between \$2,000 and \$2,500. Council would like to review this request and bring the matter up at the next Council Meeting.

2018 General Local Election

Kim Delnea was appointed Chief Election Officer and Jessica Harknett was appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2018 General Local Election.

FVRD Regional Parks Service Area Amendment Bylaw

Council passed a resolution of consent to the adoption of the Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Parks Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1455, 2017.

Highway Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication along Raab Street, Fourth Avenue and Former Mills Street Bylaw No. 1400, 2017

– the bylaw was adopted and the purpose of the bylaw is to authorize to stop up and close the laneway off Raab Street, Fourth Avenue and Former Mills Street road right-of-way at the end of Fourth Avenue, included a segment of Fourth Avenue.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1403, 2017 – 63654 Walnut Drive

Bylaw was given third reading in order to rezone the property from the Single Family Residential (RS-1) zone to Single Family Residential with a Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S).

Sign Bylaw – 284 Old Hope Princeton Way

Council approved the issuance of a 13 feet 11 inches by 8 feet 8 inches double sided electronic LED billboard with a total height of 20 feet in order for the owner to sell advertisement space to third parties; and commit two advertisement spaces to the District of Hope in perpetuity, and at no cost for the purpose of promoting the community, events, tourism, etc. The property owners are required to register a covenant on their property title which will clearly outline the conditions of the signage approval.

2018 Council Meeting Schedule

January	8th, 22nd	July.....	23rd
February.....	13th, 26th	August.....	27th
March.....	12th, 26th	September.....	24th
April.....	9th, 23rd	October.....	9th, 22nd
May.....	14th, 28th	November.....	13th, 26th
June.....	11th, 25th	December.....	10th

Please Note: If a statutory holiday falls on the weekend, District Hall will be closed on Monday and a scheduled Council meeting will be on Tuesday. Any and all amendments to the above schedule will be posted on the District of Hope Council Bulletin board at the Municipal Office and at www.hope.ca.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING THE SIDEWALKS?

We ask residents to: Clear their driveways and entrances. Property owners/occupants are responsible for clearing sidewalks adjacent to their properties. It is dangerous to place snow on the roadway. When clearing your driveway, pile the snow on the left side of your driveway (as you look towards your house). In many cases this will reduce the amount of snow that the plows push back into your driveway. The District may enter into contracts with service providers, subject to availability and budget constraints to remove snow and ice from defined areas of the Municipality, where the District determines this is in the public interest.

We ask businesses to: Remove snow or ice from sidewalk or pathways abutting the said property by ten (10) a.m. of any day and, as needed, following the accumulation of snow or ice, except in areas where the District has contracted with a third party to provide such services and such contractors are available to undertake snow and ice removal.

We ask everyone to: Try not to park on the road if possible after a snowfall. Vehicles parked on the roads will impede the ability of the snowplow to clear the road. Be patient and thoughtful. The District staff is out there working on your behalf.

A little consideration and common sense can go a long way when weather conditions are difficult.

2018 RESIDENTIAL UTILITIES

2018 Residential utilities will be mailed out at the end of January.

Please contact the District office if you do not receive your notice. The due date is July 3, 2018. Pre-authorized payment options are available.

2018 BUSINESS LICENSES ARE NOW DUE

Avoid a 10% penalty, renew your business license before January 31st. Post marks are not accepted as proof of payment. If you are no longer doing business in the District, we ask that you notify us in writing: Attention: Business License or via email to info@hope.ca

Stop into District Hall to renew your license. Please note that any business licenses not renewed within the first 60 days of 2018 will be considered invalid and could be subject to fines.

2018 DOG LICENSES

The District of Hope would like to remind residents that all dogs over the age of 4 months are required to be licensed. The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$100. There will be a \$5.00 penalty for all licenses purchased after April 1, 2018.

Please come into the Municipal Office to purchase your 2018 dog tag.

