



COUNCIL BRIEFS
February 13, 2018

Hope Disc Golf Club

Mr. Sam Masterton was in attendance to present a proposal for a fourteen-hole disc golf course behind the bike park and sports bowl. He displayed a portable basket and explained that disc golf is played precisely like golf. The difference is that a disc (frisbee style) is thrown into a basket instead of using a club to launch a ball into a hole. The only requirement for a great course is a 4x8 tee pad, a fairway and a basket rooted in concrete. He explained that the sport is inexpensive, low impact and people of all ages or skill sets can play. Disc golf encourages positive stewardship of our beautiful parks and even discourages unwanted camping or mischief in low foot traffic areas. It may also attract more people to visit and play in Hope.

The proposed location would require some minor brush removal.

Mr. Masterton is committed to championing the organizing of the volunteers to assist with the layout, installation and upkeep of the course.

Mr. Masterton and other disc golf players are requesting funding from the District in the amount of \$10,000 to assist in the purchase of baskets and tee pads. Each basket costs \$500 and the remaining funds would be used to purchase wooden tee boxes, bark mulch/concrete and signage.

Council was intrigued with the proposal and had several questions regarding the sport, which ranged from if there was a fee to play, where the equipment would be stored, to are there any baskets installed at this time.

Mr. Masterton indicated that there is no fee to play the sport. The baskets are cemented into the ground, the discs could be stored in a vehicle and the photo he submitted indicates a proposed disc golf course at Coquihalla River Park.

Council concluded by conveying that it would be great to see this proposal considered during budget discussions. The Mayor mentioned that there may be some Fraser Health grants becoming available in April with a recreation focus.

Development Variance Permit – 63654 Walnut Drive

Council approved the issuance of a Development Variance Permit to relax the permitted height of a secondary dwelling from 5 metres (~16.5 feet) to 6.6 metres (~21.5 feet), and vary the maximum permitted enclosed floor area of a secondary dwelling from 70 square metres (~753 square feet) to 154.31 square metres (~1661 square feet) in order to construct a secondary dwelling on the property at 63654 Walnut Drive.

Flood and Erosion and Geotechnical Hazard Development Permit – 20778 Landstrom Road

Council approved the preparation of a Geotechnical Hazard Development Permit in order to support the placement of two dwellings and all approved accessory structures on the property at 20778 Landstrom Road.

The following Bylaws were adopted:

- Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1404, 2017 (949, 969, 979 Third Avenue);
- District of Hope Smoking Control Bylaw No. 1406, 2018;
- Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1408, 2018;
- District of Hope Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1409, 2018;
- Highway Closure and Removal of Highway and Lane Dedication along Fourth Avenue and Former Mills Street Bylaw No. 1412, 2018.

District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1407, 2018 – Housekeeping Amendments

District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw, No. 1407, 2018 be given first and second readings in order to correct inaccuracies and for general housekeeping purposes.
District of Hope Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw, No. 1410, 2018 and District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1411, 2018 (20200 Cypress Street)

Bylaws were given first and second readings in order to add Compact Single Family Residential with a Secondary Suite (RS-2T) as a compatible zoning category under the Urban/Suburban Residential Land Use Designation and to rezone the property from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Compact Single Family Residential with a Secondary Suite (RS-2T).

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February 26, 2018

RCMP Detachment

RCMP Staff Sergeant Karol Rehdner was in attendance to introduce Bryon Massie as the new RCMP Superintendent of the Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment. Superintendent Massie addressed Council and provided some detail of his past 37 years of policing. He began his career in Chase, BC and he has worked in many municipalities. He explained that each community has their own special needs that vary from one another and he is really looking forward to engaging in the Hope Community.

Mayor Viktor asked Superintendent Massie to relay a message on behalf of Council, as to how thankful they are of everyone who assisted with the incident on Highway 5 last night. Superintendent Massie indicated there was quite a contingent of first responders, fire, ambulance and Police that came from everywhere to assist. There was international media attesting to what this community has done to get the accident victims off the highway, somewhere warm and then on their way again. He concluded that everyone worked so well together to accomplish this.

Staff Sergeant Karol Rehdner provided a brief overview of statistics and highlights for the detachment for 2017. Some of these include:

- 5 percent rise in calls for service;
- 10 percent decrease in violent crimes (2016 was a high year for violent crimes);
- 20 percent decrease in property crime for break and enter; theft from vehicles, arson. Shoplifting saw a large increase of 53 percent;
- Officers attended 221 curfew checks (each officer takes a person under their wing and ensures they abide by their set curfew);
- Firearms were tracked as part of a Safer City initiative. There were 110 unregistered firearms that were seized in Hope. (this is down from 200 unaccounted for weapons in 11);
- Continuing with street checks and Police presence on the streets;
- Averaged 269 files per member;
- Hope and Boston Bar members recommended 252 charges to crown;
- Logged 253 prisoners;
- Continuing to develop new strategies and bike patrol is being considered.

Hope Garden Club

Michelle Thornhill, Peter Bailey and Ester Brysch were in attendance and updated Council on the status of the Garden club's move to Morrison Park. They noted it has been great working with the School District and the Morrison Family. They have received \$32,000 for In-Kind contributions and \$13,000 for fees from plots. It is estimated that the cost for them to re-locate to the park is \$50,000. Some of this amount includes installations, a survey and a building permit. Currently, they are at an approximate \$4,000 deficit in funds. Erecting the greenhouse will take 4-5 volunteers approximately a week to complete. The School District has agreed to pay for and construct a fence and the District will move the soil for them. Peter Bailey explained how extremely thankful they are for the support on this project. They may have to fundraise to pay for the completion of the projection. They noted that they may have different sponsor categories and that the District would be deemed as Platinum Planters.

Mr. Bailey explained that a significant expense for them is the need for a new engineering report for the green house. He requested that the District waive this requirement. He noted that an engineering report was completed for the greenhouse when it was first installed at the former site. He said he has consulted with other Cities and it seems that some of them have different requirements. The Director of Community Development indicated

that they would have to review the previous reports. He noted that typically, in the matter of public safety, we rely on the engineer's report for determination. He concluded that the District would be open to see an Engineer's opinion. However, it is a matter of public safety.

Rail and Highway Service Corridor Form and Character Development Permit - 715 Old Hope Princeton Way – Petro Maxx (Blake Larsen)

Council approved a Rail & Highway Service Corridor Form & Character Development Permit for the property to support a service station and convenience store.

Committee of the Whole Meetings on February 28, 2018 and March 7, 2018 – 2018 Financial Plan

The Director of Finance provided an overview of the 2018 Financial Plan and explained each department in detail during both meetings.

The highlights of some of these items are as follows:

- General operating fund has a \$48,000 deficit;
- General fund revenues are \$11,926,700;
- Fire protection agreements are estimated at a revenue of \$65,000;
- Building permits and fees revenue are estimated at \$100,000;
- BC Tourism Grant is \$25,000;
- 2018 Municipal Election expense allocations are estimated at \$21,800;
- Grant in Aids are \$25,000
- ATCO trailer rental at the Tourism Centre, expense allocations are \$11,000;
- Renovations, training, supplies at firehalls has been added at an estimated expense of \$25,000;
- There is a more detailed breakdown of vehicles and equipment to indicate repairs and maintenance;
- There is an increase for ice and snow removal, contracts are \$160,000 and salt, sand, brine is \$120,000;
- Golf course Coquihalla River erosion project was allotted an expense \$65,000 to cover only actual and estimated expenses for the 2018 fiscal year.
- Coquihalla River gravel deposit assessment expense is estimated at \$55,000;
- Public Works – Membership and Subscriptions, Lightship GIS \$2,600;
- Street lights - Othello Road Temporary Traffic Lights \$7,500;
- Dog Park - \$15,000;
- Reserve For Future Expenditures, Richmond Hill Project – \$420,000 (unnamed Grant of \$420,000, total amount is \$840,000);
- Capital Equipment, Portable Traffic Lights - \$14,000;
- Capital Public Works Yard Improvement – Surveying Public Works Boundaries - \$10,000;
- Hope Disc Golf Course, funds will be allocated for review during the next Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday March 21, 2018.
- Water Master Plan – \$100,000.

NOTICE OF TIME CHANGE FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 26, 2018

Please note the regular council meeting scheduled for March 26th will commence at 7:30pm; A Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled to commence at 6:30pm.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Operations Manager

The District of Hope is seeking a motivated individual for the position of Operations Manager. This is a full-time exempt position and includes an excellent benefit package. A full copy of the job posting and job description can be found on the District's web site at www.hope.ca (document library, job postings).

Closing date for submissions is 4:00 p.m. Monday April 9, 2018.