

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, Aug 12, 2019
Council Chambers

Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

(1) CALL TO ORDER:

(2) MINUTES:

- a) Accept minutes of the July 8, 2019 regular meeting.

(3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: None

(4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) City of Victoria – Request for Letter of Support for Library Funding

(5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) NW Food Action Network – request for letter of support

(6) REPORTS: None

(7) BYLAWS: None

(8) NEW BUSINESS:

a) Council Schedule:

- Aug 19 Meeting with Architect – Noon in Council Chambers
- Sept 9 Regular Council Meeting
- Sept 23-27 UBCM – Vancouver
- Oct 7 Regular Council Meeting
- Oct 21 COTW

b) MIABC Voting Delegate at UBCM

Adjournment

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 8, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PUBLIC MEETING – Called to order at 6:45 pm

- 2019 District of New Hazelton Annual Report was presented.
- No members of the public attended.

1) CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor G. Lowry
Councillor A. Berg
Councillor J. Hobenshield
Councillor R. Sturney
Councillor M. Weeber

REGRETS: Councillor B. Henwood
Councillor G. Burns

STAFF PRESENT: W. Hunt
R. Carlé

2) MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 7875/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the minutes of the June 3, 2019 regular meeting be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: None

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

5) CORRESPONDENCE:

a) City of Victoria Letter of Support

RESOLUTION 7876/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton table the City of Victoria's request for a letter of support for library funding until the August council meeting.

CARRIED

b) Regional District of Kitimat Stikine Letter of Support

RESOLUTION 7877/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton write a letter of support for the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine's grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Economic Diversification Infrastructure Program for the Upper Skeena Recreation Centre.

CARRIED

c) UBCM Meetings

RESOLUTION 7878/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton receive the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Office of the Premier's invitations to meet at UBCM for information.

CARRIED

d) Francophone Historic Places Project

RESOLUTION 7879/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton receive the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations recognition of the Statue of Jean Caux, known as Cataline, New Hazelton under their Francophone Historic Places Project for information.

CARRIED

e) Northwest BC Food Action Network Letter of Support

RESOLUTION 7880/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton write a letter of support for the Northwest BC Food Action Network for their proposed Regional Food Hub project.

CARRIED

f) Kyah Wiget Education Society Letter of Support

RESOLUTION 7881/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton write a letter of support for the Kyah Wiget Education Society's grant application to the BC Rural Dividend Fund for their new Adult Education Building.

CARRIED

6) REPORTS:

- a) Councillor Sturney – Reported on the June Crime Stoppers meeting.
- b) Mayor Lowry – Reported on the Wrinch Memorial Foundation, Skeena Housing Coalition Society, Northern Development Northwest Regional Advisory Committee and Regional District of Kitimat Stikine board meeting.

7) BYLAWS: None

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) 2019 Annual Report

RESOLUTION 7882/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton adopt the 2019 Annual Report.

CARRIED

9) ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 7883/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the meeting be adjourned 8:18 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS

DAY OF

, 2019

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MAYOR

THE CITY OF VICTORIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

May 29, 2019,

To The Union of British Columbia Municipalities,

I am writing on behalf of Victoria City Council, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support to restore Provincial support for libraries.

At the May 23, 2019 Council Meeting, Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS WHEREAS libraries are a social justice equalizer that provide universal access to information and learning materials irrespective of income levels;

WHEREAS libraries are now so much more than books, building community and a sense of inclusion;

WHEREAS restoring funding to libraries supports the BC Government's agenda to eliminate poverty, improve access to education, and address social justice in BC;

WHEREAS funding rates have been frozen since 2009 and inflationary costs have increasingly been put on municipal property tax payers which is a regressive approach to funding public libraries;

WHEREAS municipalities face downloading from upper levels of government and have few tools to raise funds,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request the Mayor write to the Minister of Education, the Premier, and all local MLAs strongly advocating for the restoration of library funding to a level that reflects both inflationary cost increases since 2009 and the value of this system to the Province.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to other municipalities in the Capital Regional District and across BC requesting their favourable consideration.

We eagerly look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor



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August 6, 2019

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you for the letter of support for our Food Hub Business Plan proposal to the Ministry of Agricultural. While this application was not successful, we are still exploring other avenues to move this project forward and have found out that the Rural Dividend Fund has a grant we can apply for called Project Development. To do this a motion from Council is required and an example is provided below:

Resolution:

I move that the District of New Hazelton authorize the submission of an application to the BC Rural Dividend Program for the Mobile Farmer Services Project and that the Board/Council support this project through its duration.

The deliverable for this project is a Feasibility Study/Business Plan which will look at the Mobile Services component of the original project and specifically services RDKB Electoral Area B and the Hazeltons. The idea is to have a clean fuel vehicle (e.g. electric) that will house an approved kitchen and equipment for basic processing of farm fresh produce as well as fresh fruit from residential trees and bushes. In this project, we can also explore other services that will benefit the local economy and help realize the vision set out in the Official Community Plan. Other services can include a juicer, fruit grinder, and educational workshops.

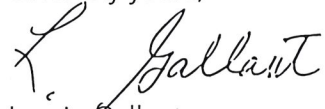
In addition, we can explore specific questions related to the Hazelton Farmers Market that Council, staff and other stakeholders may have or wish to revisit e.g. electricity outlet for vendors, permanent covered stalls for vendors.

For your information, CFDC 16/37 will also apply to the Rural Dividend Fund and their application will focus on a permanent facility in Terrace. As well, Upper Skeena Development has received a grant to do a Business Plan for a stationary food processing hub on their property and that should be done by December 31, 2019.

We believe mobile services have many benefits and will complement a stationary facility including increasing accessibility to those without means to harvest or transport goods to town and a much shorter implementation timeline. During the research stage of our project, we will ask for and carefully evaluate all ideas and estimate the project will be completed by December 2020 as funding decisions will not be made until January 2020. In the meantime, we are already fundraising and purchasing equipment which we will be ready to loan out in time for next harvest season. Funding for the actual vehicle can also happen later next year and we are hoping that the recent announcement by BC Transit to electrify their fleet will make it easier for more electric vehicles to operate in BC.

In summary, we are hoping Council can pass a resolution in support of the project, which is the same project previously supported with a smaller scope (only the Hazeltons). We are also very interested in your ideas for supporting the Farmers Market and are keen to offer our research services pending approval of a grant to complete the work.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Gallant'.

Laurie Gallant

NWBC Food Action Network