

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, Dec 2, 2019
Council Chambers

Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

(1) CALL TO ORDER:

(2) MINUTES:

- a) Accept minutes of the November 4, 2019 regular meeting.

(3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: None

(4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

(5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Opioid Crisis - City of Victoria – Request for Support
- b) Regan Yee – Request for Sponsorship

(6) REPORTS: None

(7) BYLAWS:

- a) 2020-2024 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 352, 2020 – 1st and 2nd Readings

(8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Council Schedule:

- Dec 6 Winterfest
- Dec 12 Joint Christmas Dinner
- Jan 6 Regular Council Meeting
- Jan 20 COTW – Asset Management
- Jan 28-30 BC Natural Resources Forum – Prince George

- b) 2020 Council Schedule

Adjournment

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 4, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: W. Hunt
R. Carlé

2) MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 7901/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the minutes of the October 4, 2019 regular meeting be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: None

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Community Forest

RESOLUTION 7902/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton appoint Councillor Burns and Councillor Sturney as the alternate to sit on the Community Forest Committee.

CARRIED

- b) FireSmart Community Resiliency Investment Grant Application

RESOLUTION 7903/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton jointly apply to the Community Resiliency Fund with the Village of Hazelton and approve the Village of Hazelton applying for, receiving and managing the grant on their behalf.

CARRIED

5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) BC Cattlemen's Association

RESOLUTION 7904/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton receive the BC Cattlemen's Association letter on improving high speed internet in rural communities for information.

CARRIED

- b) LOGS Gift of Literacy – Request for Donation

RESOLUTION 7905/18

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton donate \$500.00 to the LOGS Gift of Literacy.

CARRIED

6) REPORTS:

- a) Councillor Sturney – Reported on attending a meeting with the Old Growth Strategic Review Panel in Terrace. The two-person panel is gathering information on old growth forests throughout the province and will provide a report to the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development in spring 2020.
- b) Councillor Weeber – Reported on the Skeena TV Association. The Association is working on a five-year financial plan as well as continuing to work on equipment upgrades and training a new technician.
- c) Councillor Hobenshield – Reported on the Hazelton District Public Library. Brian Butler has been hired as the head librarian.
- d) Mayor Lowry – Reported on the Skeena Housing Coalition. The Homeless Count is just about complete.

7) BYLAWS: None

8) NEW BUSINESS: None

9) CLOSED SESSION (7:41 pm):

RESOLUTION 7906/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 90.1 (c), (e) and (g) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

10:15 pm – Meeting reopened to the public.

9) ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 7907/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the meeting be adjourned 10:15 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS

DAY OF

, 2019

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MAYOR



November 12, 2019

Dear UBCM Member Local Governments,

I am writing on behalf of Victoria City Council, requesting favourable consideration of these resolutions and that you share this support with the Provincial Government for the following resolutions. Unfortunately, despite the fact that we have an opioid crisis across the Province, these resolutions did not make it onto the floor of the UBCM at this year's convention as the resolutions session ran out of time.

(B171) Safer Drug Supply to Save Lives

Whereas It has been two years since BC declared a public-health emergency due to increased overdoses, yet the death toll for those consuming substances continues to rise due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug supply;

And whereas people with opioid use disorder, a chronic relapsing medical condition, are at high risk of overdose- related harms including death and an estimated 42,200 people inject toxic substances in British Columbia, it is not possible for the treatment system to rapidly increase services fast enough to manage this number of people as "patients" within a medical treatment model given the many challenges in achieving and retaining the people on opioid use disorder treatment, people at risk of overdose in British Columbia do not have access to a safer alternative to the unpredictable, highly-toxic drug supply:

Therefore be it resolved that in an effort to save lives and reduce harm due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug supply, and as part of a holistic response to the public-health emergency, including prevention, treatment, and recovery, that the Province of British Columbia work with local communities, Health Authorities across the Province, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, and the Ministry of Health ensure that people at risk of overdose harm have access to safer alternatives.

(B172) Observed Inhalation Sites for Overdose Prevention


Whereas British Columbia is currently experiencing an unprecedented public health emergency due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug supply, and smoking or inhalation is the second most common mode of consumption among all people who have died from a suspected illicit drug overdose and the most common mode of consumption among men and those between the ages of 15 and 29;

And whereas observed consumption services (i.e. supervised consumption services and overdose prevention services) are evidence-based harm reduction approaches shown to reduce overdose-related harm, and there is not adequate access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation where communities are facing crisis:

Therefore be it resolved that to ensure that people at risk of overdose across BC have access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation, that the Province of British Columbia fund and work through local communities, Health Authorities across the Province, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and the Ministry of Health to provide these services as part of a holistic response to the public-health emergency, including prevention, treatment, and recovery.

We eagerly look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,



Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

Dear Potential Sponsor,

My name is Regan Yee and I am a Canadian endurance runner. I was born and raised in the northern BC community of the Hazeltons (or, about 5 hours northwest of Prince George, as I often have to explain to Vancouverites). Sport is one of the cornerstones of this spread-out community as it has the power to bring people together from far and wide. Growing up I played basketball, soccer, volleyball and softball but found that I was really only good at the running part of these sports (which did not bode well for volleyball). So, I focused on track and field. Since then, I have become the provincial record holder for my specialty event – the 3000m steeplechase – and am #3 all-time in Canada. I am an 8-time Canadian National Team member and this past summer I qualified for and competed at the IAAF World Championships.

For 2020, I have some pretty ambitious goals:

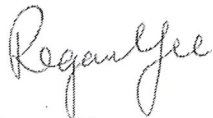
- Break the Canadian 3000m Steeplechase Record
- Qualify for the Olympic Games
- Make the Olympic Final

Right now, I am living and training in the Lower Mainland, and working for the Vancouver School Board as a Student Support Worker. Unlike my top competitors, I am not able to train full-time as I don't have a major sponsorship from a company like Nike or Adidas. However, this season I want to be able to put more time into training and am hoping to raise \$8,000 that will go towards a warm-weather training camp over the winter, physiotherapy appointments, and strength/recovery sessions to help me gain that extra edge.

If you are interested in sponsoring my training for the 2020 Olympics, please contact me at reganyee@rocketmail.com. I will post a shout-out on my social media channels for any business/individual that donates. If the donation is \$250 or more I will make a dedicated social media post promoting your business or organization. If the donation is \$500 or more I will also wear your logo or sponsor name on my training or warm-up gear, or as a temporary tattoo at a race. You can also opt in to a monthly training and competition blog to stay updated on my progress towards making the 2020 Olympic Games.

Thank you for your support on the Road to Tokyo 2020!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Regan Yee".

Regan Yee



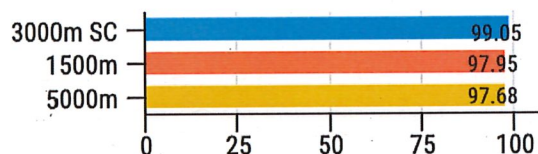
REGAN YEE

Endurance Athlete

Personal Bests

3000m SC - 9:35.49	2019
5000m - 15:31.62	2019
1500m - 4:09.29	2017
Mile - 4:31.93	2018
3000m (i) - 8:58.29	2018

Percent of Olympic Standard



Recent Wins

2019 Harry Jerome - 3000m SC (Burnaby, BC)

2018 Memorial Rasschaert - 3000m SC (Ninove, Belgium)

2018 Portland Track Festival - 3000m SC (Portland, OR)

2018 Portland Twilight - 1500m (Portland, OR)

2019 Sunset Tour - 3000m SC (Azusa, CA)

National Teams

2019: IAAF World Championships (3000m SC), Doha, Qatar

2019: Pan American Games (3000m SC), Lima, Peru

2019: IAAF World Cross Country Championships (Mixed Gender Relay), Aarhus, Denmark

2017: FISU Summer Universiade (1500m), Taipei, Taiwan

2016: U23 NACAC Championships (1500m/3000m SC), San Salvador, El Salvador

About Me



Coach - Mark Bomba
Club - Langley Mustangs
Education - Bachelor of Arts, Trinity Western University 2013 - 2018

Current City - Vancouver, B.C.
Sponsors - None
Agent - None
Employer - Vancouver School Board

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**DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
BYLAW NO. 352, 2020**

A bylaw to adopt the 2020-2024 Financial Plan

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 165 of the Community Charter, being Chapter 26 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 2003, a Municipality must have a Financial Plan that is adopted annually, by Bylaw, before the Annual Property Tax Bylaw is adopted;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of New Hazelton in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Schedule "A", attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted as the Financial Plan for the 5 years ending December 31, 2024;
2. Schedule "B", attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted as the Statement of Objectives and Policies; and
3. This Bylaw may be cited as "**District of New Hazelton 2020-2024 Financial Plan No. 352, 2020.**"

Read a first time this day of

Read a second time this day of

Read a third time this day of

Adopted this day of

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
FINANCIAL PLAN (CONSOLIDATED)
FOR THE FIVE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
SCHEDULE "A"**

	BUDGET 2020	BUDGET 2021	BUDGET 2022	BUDGET 2023	BUDGET 2024
REVENUE:					
Residential, Class1	\$ 314,034	\$ 320,315	\$ 326,721	\$ 333,256	\$ 339,921
Utilities, Class 2	\$ 89,316	\$ 91,103	\$ 92,925	\$ 94,783	\$ 96,679
Major Industry, Class 4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Light Industry, Class 5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Business, Class 6	\$ 105,528	\$ 107,638	\$ 109,791	\$ 111,987	\$ 114,227
Rec/Non-Profit, Class 8	\$ 408	\$ 416	\$ 424	\$ 433	\$ 441
Farm, Class 9	\$ 510	\$ 520	\$ 530	\$ 541	\$ 552
Grants in Lieu	\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500
TAXATION REVENUE	\$ 562,296	\$ 572,492	\$ 582,892	\$ 593,500	\$ 604,320
Frontage Taxes	\$ 62,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 62,000
Services Provided for Other Agencies	\$ 470,000	\$ 472,000	\$ 474,000	\$ 476,000	\$ 478,000
Utility Rates and Fees	\$ 247,500	\$ 247,500	\$ 247,500	\$ 247,500	\$ 247,500
Other Revenue	\$ 98,100	\$ 103,100	\$ 108,100	\$ 113,100	\$ 118,760
Non capital grants	\$ 510,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 510,000	\$ 510,000	\$ 456,666
Capital grants	\$ 1,090,000	\$ 593,334	\$ 800,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 766,668
Conditional Transfers	\$ 1,570,500	\$ 20,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 73,834
Collections for Other Governments	\$ 385,000	\$ 385,000	\$ 385,000	\$ 385,000	\$ 385,000
	\$ 4,995,396	\$ 2,835,926	\$ 3,194,492	\$ 3,012,100	\$ 3,192,748
Allocation of Surplus/Reserves	\$ 1,592,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 6,587,396	\$ 2,835,926	\$ 3,194,492	\$ 3,012,100	\$ 3,192,748
EXPENDITURES					
General Municipal	\$ 3,309,050	\$ 1,743,550	\$ 1,804,700	\$ 1,810,583	\$ 1,855,284
Water	\$ 146,000	\$ 149,275	\$ 352,714	\$ 356,324	\$ 160,116
Sewer	\$ 472,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 59,000	\$ 59,000	\$ 59,000
Collections for other governments	\$ 385,000	\$ 385,000	\$ 385,000	\$ 385,000	\$ 385,000
Amortization of Assets	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
Total expenditures	\$ 4,662,050	\$ 2,689,825	\$ 2,951,414	\$ 2,960,907	\$ 2,809,400
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 1,925,346	\$ 146,101	\$ 243,078	\$ 51,193	\$ 383,348
Adjust for non-cash items					
Amortization	\$ (350,000)	\$ (350,000)	\$ (350,000)	\$ (350,000)	\$ (350,000)
Adjust for cash items non-PSAB					
TCA expenditures	\$ 3,359,000	\$ 1,164,000	\$ 1,415,000	\$ 1,110,000	\$ 1,315,000
Transfer to (from) reserve	\$ (2,011,000)	\$ (135,941)	\$ (569,714)	\$ (473,324)	\$ (333,782)
Transfer to (from) Operating surplus	\$ 927,346	\$ (531,958)	\$ (252,208)	\$ (235,483)	\$ (247,870)
	\$ 1,925,346	\$ 146,101	\$ 243,078	\$ 51,193	\$ 383,348
Financial Plan Balance	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Cumulative Operating Surplus (deficit)	\$ 2,003,535	\$ 1,471,577	\$ 1,219,369	\$ 983,886	\$ 736,015

SCHEDULE 'B'

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

In accordance with Section 165(3.1) of the Community Charter, the District of New Hazelton is required to include in the Five Year Plan, objectives and policies regarding each of the following:

1. The proportion of total revenue that comes from each of the funding sources described in Section 165(7) of the Community Charter;
2. The distribution of property taxes among the property classes; and
3. The use of permissive tax exemptions.

FUNDING SOURCES

Table 1 shows the proportion of total revenue proposed to be raised from each funding source in 2020. Property taxes form the greatest portion of revenue. As a revenue source, property taxation offers a number of advantages, for example, it is simple to administer and it is fairly easy for residents to understand. It offers a stable and reliable source of revenue for services that are difficult or undesirable to fund on a user-pay basis. These include services such as general administration, fire protection, and street lighting.

User fees and charges form the second largest portion of planned revenue. Many services can be measured and charged on a user-pay basis. Services where fees and charges can be easily administered include water and sewer usage, building permits, business licenses, and sale of services – these are charged on a user pay basis. User fees attempt to apportion the value of a service to those who use the service.

Table 1

Revenue Source	% of Total Revenue	Dollar Value
Taxation	8.536%	\$ 562,296
User Fees & Charges	6.188%	\$ 407,600
Other Sources	7.135%	\$ 470,000
Grants	43.130%	\$ 3,170,500
Borrowing	0.000%	-
Reserves & Surplus	30.012%	\$ 1,977,000
TOTAL	100.000%	\$ 6,587,396

OBJECTIVE

The District will annually review the portion of revenue that is received from user fees and charges.

POLICY

The District will review all user fee levels to ensure they are adequately meeting both the capital and delivery costs of the service.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAXES

Table 2 outlines the distribution of property taxes among the property classes. The residential and business property classes provide the largest portions of property tax revenue. This is primarily due to very small industrial classes within the District.

Table 2

PROPERTY CLASS	% of Property Taxation	Dollar Value
Residential	55.85%	\$ 314,034
Utilities	15.88%	\$ 89,316
Major Industrial	0.00%	-
Light Industrial	0.00%	-
Business & Other	18.77%	\$ 105,528
Recreation/Non-Profit	0.07%	\$ 408
Farmland	0.09%	\$ 510
Grants In Lieu	9.34%	\$ 52,500
TOTAL	100.00%	\$ 562,296

OBJECTIVES

The District wishes to maintain the property tax levy percentages for 2020 at the prior levels plus 2%, adjusted for the impact of non-market changes to assessments. Utility class will be less than the maximum allowable by Provincial statute (BC Reg. 329/96).

POLICIES

The District will continue to maintain and encourage economic development initiatives designed to attract more retail, commercial and industrial businesses to invest in the community.

The District will regularly review and compare the District's distributions of property tax burden relative to other municipalities in British Columbia.

The District will review annually, with a view of lowering both the residential and business property tax rates using new, non-market industrial assessment.

PERMISSION TAX EXEMPTIONS

The District has an existing permissive tax exemption policy which guides the administration and approval of permissive tax exemptions.

OBJECTIVES

The District will continue to provide permissive tax exemptions to non-profit societies and churches pursuant to District policy.

POLICY

The District will accept Permissive Tax Exemption applications from non-profits, charitable organizations, and churches. Permissive tax exemptions will run on a three year cycle. Applications for exemption must be resubmitted at the end of each cycle.

Permissive Tax Exemption

Value of Permissive Exemptions granted by the District under Section 220, 224, or 225 of the Community Charter

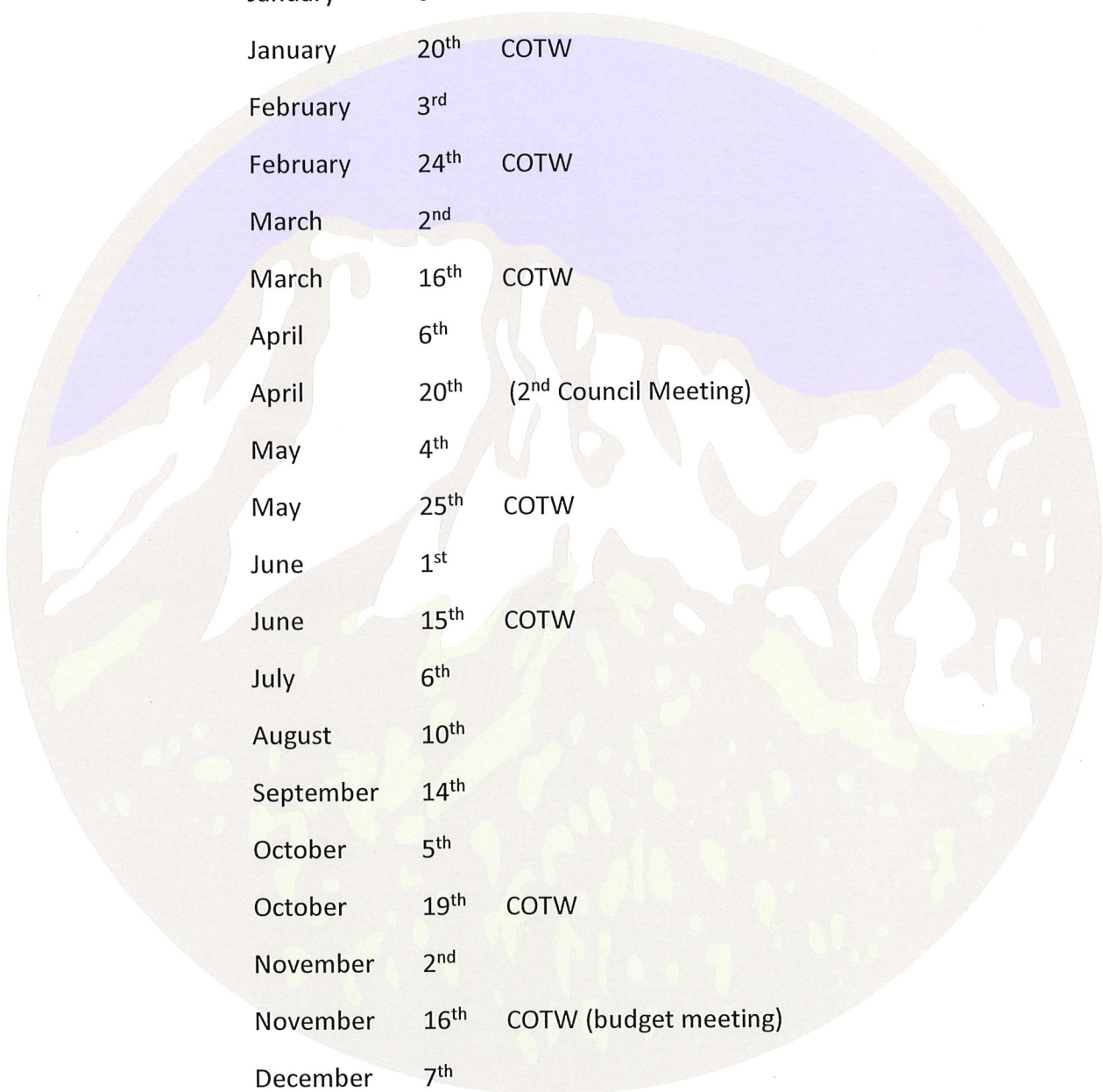
	2020 (est)	2021 (est)	2022 (est)	2023 (est)	2024 (est)
St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church	\$997.20	\$1017.15	\$1037.49	\$1,058.24	\$1,079.40
Skeena Lions Hall	\$3,277.62	\$3,343.17	\$3,410.03	\$3,478.23	\$3,547.80
New Hazelton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses	\$100.19	\$102.20	\$104.24	\$106.33	\$108.45

Note: Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw expires in 2021. Applicants will need to reapply for further years. Numbers are based on the assumption that an application will occur.



District of New Hazelton 2020 Council & COTW Meeting Schedule

Regular Council & Committee of the Whole (COTW) meetings for the District of New Hazelton for 2020 will take place on the following dates:



January	6 th	
January	20 th	COTW
February	3 rd	
February	24 th	COTW
March	2 nd	
March	16 th	COTW
April	6 th	
April	20 th	(2 nd Council Meeting)
May	4 th	
May	25 th	COTW
June	1 st	
June	15 th	COTW
July	6 th	
August	10 th	
September	14 th	
October	5 th	
October	19 th	COTW
November	2 nd	
November	16 th	COTW (budget meeting)
December	7 th	

All council meetings commence at 7:00 pm and Committee of the Whole meetings commence at 12:00 pm except the November 16th COTW meeting which will commence at 10:00 am. Members of the public are welcome to attend these and other periodic meetings of the Council.

Wendy Hunt
Chief Administrative Officer