

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, Nov 4, 2019
Council Chambers

Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

(1) CALL TO ORDER:

(2) MINUTES:

- a) Accept minutes of the October 7, 2019 regular meeting.

(3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: None

(4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Communit Forest Update – Village of Hazelton
- b) FireSmart Community Resiliency Investment Grant Resolution
- c) Municipal Hall and Greenspace Fund

(5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) BC Cattlemen's Association – Request for Support
- b) LOGS – Donation Request

(6) REPORTS: None

(7) BYLAWS: None

(8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Council Schedule:
 - Nov 18 COTW – Budget
 - Dec 2 Regular Council Meeting
 - Dec 6 Winterfest
 - Dec 12 Joint Christmas Dinner
 - Jan 6 Regular Council Meeting
- b) Remembrance Day – Wreath
- c) Erwin Stege Community Center Grand Opening

Closed Meeting, Section 90.1 (c) Community Charter Act, regarding personnel
 Section 90.1 (e) Community Charter Act, regarding land
 Section 90.1 (g) Community Charter Act, regarding potential litigation

Adjournment

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 7, 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 7894/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the minutes of the September 9, 2019 regular meeting be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

- a) Leah Pipe – Presented four conceptual design drawings for the New Hazelton Community Center sign.

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Wood Stove Exchange Program Letter of Support

RESOLUTION 7895/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton write a letter in support of the Bulkley Valley and Lakes District Air Management Society application for funding for the 2020 Woodstove Exchange Program and Education.

CARRIED

b) Youth Parliament of BC Sponsorship

RESOLUTION 7896/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton sponsor up to two Hazelton Secondary School students to attend the 2019 Youth Parliament of British Columbia.

CARRIED

6) REPORTS:

- a) Councillor Burns – Reported the 2019 Woodlot Association of BC's AGM and Conference. He discussed the possible development of a community forest in the Hazeltons.
- b) Councillor Weeber – Reported on the Skeena TV Association meeting. They are currently working on a five-year plan and moving towards remote control of the equipment. This will allow them better access especially during the winter months.
- c) Councillor Hobenshield – Reported on the Hazelton District Public Library board meeting. There are two new board members. Two staff members presented at the 2019 BC Library Conference on their BC Summer Reading Club: Serving First Nations Children and Communities. The BC Library Association awarded a \$3,500 grant to the library for their summer reading program.
- d) Mayor Lowry – Reported on the 2019 UBCM Convention. The highlights of the convention were the keynote speaker Peter Mansbridge and attending a meeting with BC Transit on behalf of the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine.

7) BYLAWS: None

8) NEW BUSINESS:

a) Beautification Fund

RESOLUTION 7897/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton establish a line item in the five-year financial plan for beautification and budget \$20,000 annually.

CARRIED

b) FireSmart Community Resiliency Investment Grant Application

RESOLUTION 7898/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton apply with the Village of Hazelton to FireSmart's Community Resiliency Investment Fund for a FireSmart Awareness Community Engagement Program.

CARRIED

9) CLOSED SESSION (8:43 pm):

RESOLUTION 7899/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 90.1 (e) and Section 90.2 (b) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

9:20 pm – Meeting reopened to the public.

9) ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 7900/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the meeting be adjourned 9:20 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS

DAY OF

, 2019

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MAYOR

Community Forest Update

Community Forest Agreements aim:

- Long-term opportunities for achieving community objectives
- Diversify the use and benefits derived from the community forest area
- Social and economic benefits
- Environmental stewardship
- Community involvement
- Communication and strengthen relationships between indigenous and non-indigenous communities.

Step 1:

Decide on Governance Structure (and partners)

Partnership is formed when two or more persons carry on a business with a common view of profit. A **General Partnership** consist of an equal split between the parties. Each part provides equal number of representative. All aspects of community forest operations are contracted out. **Limited Partnership** can be used between local governments and FN. No separate tax returns. Can run the risk of dissolution. Limited obligation for community engagement. If one partner acts outside of the partnership agreement the other partner may have a defense for legal liabilities. Obligation to act in good faith under a partnership.

Example: Cheaskamus Community Forest. Comprised of Resort Municipality of Whistler, Lil'Wat First Nation and Squamish First Nation each have a one-third share. Each partner appoints two directors to the 6 member board. Management and operations is done under the name of an independent non-profit.

Corporation is common model for either multiple individuals or an individual entity such as local government. Economic, social and environmental considerations can be put in to it's governing documents. Must file a separate tax return. Local government partners would divide shares between them. Each of the shareholders would appoint a director, usually an elected official, and could also appoint a director at large, a community member. If a board is solely comprised of elected officials there could be a perceived impression of limited community involvement. May also result in radical changes come election time if board of directors have no community members. Hired officer's complete day to day tasks, board of directors sets policies and budgets to guide the officers.

Example: Creston Valley Forest Corporation. Five shareholders including Town of Creston, Wildsight, Erickson Community Association, the Regional District of Central Kootenay and Kitchener Valley Recreation and Fire Protection Society. Each holds 20% or a \$1.00 share. Ten member board, one from each shareholder and 5 directors at large. Full-time forest manager reports to the board on all forestry business.

Society is a non-profit organization. Must be incorporated under the Society Act for a useful purpose. Must be organized and operated exclusively for social welfare, civic improvement, pleasure or recreation, or for any other purpose except profit. Can receive tax exemptions. Must have 5 founding members and three directors at time of incorporation. Community Forest Societies can make a profit

from harvesting, but must distribute back to the community. Societies allow for greater access to membership by the community which can bring with it its own challenges. The elected board of directors has the power to hire management and to provide a policy framework for the forest's day to day operations. Public annual financial statements are presented to the board and society members.

Example: Babine Lake Community Forest Society. Shareholders are the Village of Granisle and Lake Babine Nation are equal partners. Two elected officials from each partner and two directors at large from each partner.

Co-operative Association is a corporate enterprise jointly owned by members who use its services. Minimum of three individuals or eligible organizations, or combination of both. Can be local governments and First Nations as long as there is at least three. One member one vote, membership can be purchased by those who use the services. Start up capital usually comes from membership shares. To be eligible for tax exemptions a co-op must be organized and operated exclusively for social welfare, civic improvement, pleasure or recreation. Decisions are made by members, day to day operations undertaken by directors who are elected by the membership. Allows for greater access by the community.

Example: Harrop-Procter Community Co-operative. Village of Harrop and Procter. Shareholders are co-op members; all members have 1 share. Eleven directors are elected from membership. Management committee oversees forest manager and office manager.

Municipality operated community forests are an extension of normal municipal government duties. The board is the municipal council. Limited community engagement. Transparency is ensured with public access to municipal documents.

Example: Prince George Community Forest. Currently 100% owned by City of Prince George, proposed partners with the city, first nations and the regional district. Board consists of mayor and council will change if other partners buy in. Managed under the Environmental Department at the City.

First Nations operated community forests are an extension of the First Nations government. The First Nation holds the license and administration is done under a separate limited company. Lots of flexibility for this model. Unclear if partnership can occur under this model.

Example: Westbank First Nation. Three directors appointed by the chief and council. Heartland Economics LP is a subsidiary of the Westbank Development Corporation and reports to the board on business and operations and to the full council on license issues.

Step 2:

Administrative Authority

- Mission Statement
- History of the intended holder(s) of the Community Forest
- Accessibility to the community/ transparency
- Reporting process
- Policies and objectives of what community forest revenue will fund
 - Example: Upper Skeena Recreation Centre operations

Step 3:

Develop a business plan

- Need to address financial risks
- What is the reasonable chance of operating successfully from business perspective
- Short, medium and long-term objectives for the business

Step 4:

Management Plan

- Must be submitted with application to the province
- Inventory of the timber
- Proposed AAC
- Management objectives regarding harvesting, management and charging of fees for prescribed products
- Social, economic and broad resource management goals proposed by the Community Forest
- Declares the community's expectations

Step 5:

Forest Stewardship Plan

- Required before harvesting can begin
- Provide result strategies to achieve each of the 10 objectives set by government
- Legally enforceable results or strategies and measures

Step 6:

Map of proposed Community Forest

- Historical description of proposed area
- Environmental considerations
- Cultural considerations

Step 7:

Application

- Must have Confirmation letter of District Manager
- Community Support
- Management Plan

Step 8:

Agreement

- Can range from 25-99 years

Wendy Hunt

From: Peter Ronald <cri-swpi@ubcm.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 10:43 AM
To: Lina Gasser; Wendy Hunt
Cc: Karen Borden
Subject: Re: 2020 CRI - Hazelton & New Hazelton

Dear Wendy & Lina,

We are very nearly there! I have to ask for a revised New Hazelton council resolution, unfortunately.

As per Sec. 8 Application Requirements and Process of the 2020 CRI Program & Application Guide:

For regional projects only: Council, Board or Band Council resolution from each partnering community that clearly states approval for the applicant to apply for, receive and manage the grant funding on their behalf

The provided resolution of October 15, 2019, doesn't have this language, stating only support for the District and the Village to apply together. You will note the important language regarding the Village receiving and managing funds on behalf of the District.

Please provide this resolution when it is available, ideally within the next few weeks.

Regards,

Peter Ronald, Programs Officer

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Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program
Local Government Program Services / Union of BC Municipalities
250-356-2947 – cri-swpi@ubcm.ca – <https://www.ubcm.ca/cri>

From: Karen Borden <kborden@ubcm.ca>
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 11:43 AM
To: Lina Gasser <lgasser@hazelton.ca>, "ddsgrantservices@gmail.com" <ddsgrantservices@gmail.com>
Cc: Peter Ronald <cri-swpi@ubcm.ca>, "whunt@newhazelton.ca" <whunt@newhazelton.ca>
Subject: Re: 2020 CRI - Hazelton & New Hazelton

Good morning Lina,

Thank you – we received the resolution of support as noted below.

Regards,

Karen Borden
BC FireSmart Committee Coordinator and
LGPS Program Assistant
250-356-7123 | fax: 250-356-5119
Union of BC Municipalities | ubcm.ca
525 Government Street, Victoria BC V8V 0A8

c) Board of Variance Bylaw No. 348, 2019

RESOLUTION 7831/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton Board of Variance Bylaw No. 348, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

d) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 349, 2019

RESOLUTION 7832/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 349, 2019 be given the third reading and adopted.

CARRIED

8) NEW BUSINESS:

a) Young Street Water Expansion Project Grant Application

RESOLUTION 7833/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton supports the \$1,525,619.00 grant application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Rural and Northern Communities as submitted for the Young Street Watermain Project. Council further commits to its share of ineligible costs and overages of the 100% funded project.

CARRIED

b) Municipal Hall and Greenspace Account

RESOLUTION 7834/19

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton create a Municipal Hall and Greenspace account to set aside up to \$200,000.00/year commencing in 2019 to build a new municipal hall and develop the surrounding greenspace.

CARRIED



BRITISH COLUMBIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Representing the Beef Cattle Industry of British Columbia

AGRI CENTRE - #4 - 10145 DALLAS DRIVE, KAMLOOPS, B.C. V2C 6T4 PHONE (250) 573-3611 FAX (250) 573-5155

October 4, 2019

ATTN: Mayor / Regional District Chair

Our File: 2019-035
SENT BY MAIL

RE: Request to Improve High-Speed Internet in Rural Communities

The BC Cattlemen's Association is a provincial organization comprised of 56 local and regional cattlemen's organizations. We represent almost 1,200 rancher members many of whom operate in rural and remote regions throughout the province.

There have been advancements in technology and society has grown accustomed to having high-speed internet access at their finger tips at all times. Ranchers face a much different reality. Most areas not have high-speed internet, satellite internet is expensive and often the topography in rural areas limits the signal quality. Cell coverage is also intermittent in rural areas.

At the same time, the province is moving toward a paper-less, digital system for authorizations that affect our daily activities for grazing, water licences, woodlots etc. In some cases, the province isn't even creating paper applications, a good example of this is the recent implementation of groundwater licensing requirements. Ranchers cannot be expected to operate in digital world for their daily business, if they are not given the tools to do so.

Rural resident need high-speed internet access.

There are only a few months left in this decade, let's help the agricultural community move out of the 90s and into 2020 with improved access to internet.

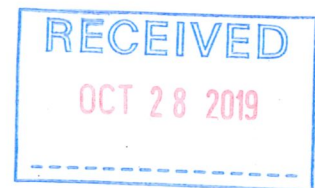
The BC Cattlemen's Association asks the regional district to work to improve rural connectivity and immediately apply for a grant from the CRTC Broadband Fund (<https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/internet/internet.htm>).

Best regards,

Larry Garrett,
BCCA President



cc: Hon. Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture
Arjun Singh, Chair UBCM



L.O.G.S . (Learners Opportunity Group Society)

Date October 28,2019

District of New Hazelton
New Hazelton, BC
V0J 2N0

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to solicit your support for the annual Gift of Literacy program.

This program provides a free book for Christmas for each child in Hazelton and New Hazelton areas every year. These books go to nursery, pre-school and elementary school children. Santa brings an elf and comes to each school on the Book Bus, going into each classroom to give every child an age appropriate book for Christmas. Children love this and, years later, remember their books from LOGS and how happy they felt to receive them.

We are asking community organizations and municipalities for a small contribution to this project. Please consider our request of a \$100 donation to the LOGS Gift of Literacy program this year.

If you are able to give, please contact Bev Busby at any of the contact methods listed below.

Thank you in advance for caring so much about our children and literacy in our area.

In community spirit,

Bev Busby and LOGS members
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2019 To Date
\$4,052.00

2018
\$500.00