DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, August 10, 2020 Erwin Stege Community Centre - Conference Room

Public Meeting – 6:45 pm

(1) Presentation of 2020 Annual Report

Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

- (1) CALL TO ORDER:
- (2) MINUTES:
 - a) Accept minutes of the July 6, 2020 regular meeting.
- (3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: None
- (4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - a) Strategic Planning Session review date or postpone?
- (5) CORRESPONDENCE:
 - a) Amber Grimm, Hazelton Community Services rezoning question
- (6) REPORTS: None
- (7) BYLAWS:
 - a) District of New Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department Service Level Establishment & Fire Regulation Bylaw No. 354, 2020 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings
 - b) District of New Hazelton Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 355, 2020 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings
 - c) District of New Hazelton Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 356, 2020 1st and 2nd readings
 - d) District of New Hazelton Repealing Bylaw No. 357, 2020 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings
- (8) NEW BUSINESS:
 - a) Council Schedule:

September 14 Regular Council Meeting

• September 22-24 UBCM Virtual Conference

• October 5 Regular Council Meeting

November 2 Regular Council Meeting

b) 2020 Annual Report

c) MIABC Voting Delegate

Closed Session, Section 90.1 (e) Community Charter Act, regarding land matters.

Adjournment

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 6, 2020 ERWIN STEGE COMMUNITY CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM

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

PRESENT: Mayor G. Lowry

Councillor R. Sturney
Councillor G. Burns
Councillor A. Berg
Councillor B. Henwood
Councillor J. Hobenshield
Councillor M. Weeber

STAFF PRESENT:

W. Hunt

R. Carlé

2) MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 7962/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the minutes of the June 1, 2020 regular meeting be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

- 3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: None
- 4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None
- 5) CORRESPONDENCE: None
- 6) REPORTS:
 - a) CAO Hunt Updated Council on the timeline for the new municipal building.
 - b) Councillor Burns Reported that there is opportunity to receive a higher apportionment for the community forest if we are able to partner with First Nations.
 - c) Councillor Hobenshield Reported that the Hazelton District Public Library will not be reopening in Phase III as repairs are needed to a section of the building.
 - d) Mayor Lowry Reported on the Northern Development meeting and RDKS board meeting. The District's NDIT Business Façade Improvement grant was approved. There was a change in the scope of the grant so that the District is able to assist businesses in restarting after COVID-19 closures.

7) BYLAWS:

a) District of New Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department Service Level Establishment & Fire Regulation Bylaw No. 354, 2020 tabled to the August 10, 2020 Council meeting.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

a) Skeena Housing Coalition Society Letter of Support

RESOLUTION 7963/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton write a letter of support for the Skeena Housing Coalition Society grant application for a potential housing project in New Hazelton.

CARRIED

b) New Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department Service Level Policy

RESOLUTION 7964/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton adopt the New Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department Service Level Policy as presented.

CARRIED

c) City of New Westminster Letter of Support

RESOLUTION 7965/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton receive the City of Westminster's request for a letter of support, regarding the disaggregation of COVID 19 data, for information.

CARRIED

9) CLOSED SESSION (7:42 pm):

RESOLUTION 7966/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 90.2 (c) and (e) of the Community Charter, regarding personnel and land matters.

CARRIED

8:07 pm – Meeting reopened to the public.

10) ADJOURNMENT:		
RESOLUTION 7967/20		MOVED & SECONDED
That, the meeting be adjourned 8:15 pm.		
CARRIED		
CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS	DAY OF	, 2020

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Wendy Hunt

From:

Braunwyn
 braunwyn@citywest.ca>

Sent:

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 9:16 PM

To:

Jutta Hobenshield; Mike Weeber; George Burns; Wendy Hunt

Subject:

Fwd: zoning query

Thought I would forward to those who were missed,

Braunwyn

----- Forwarded Message ------

Subject:zoning query

Date:Tue, 21 Jul 2020 15:51:17 -0700

From: Amber Grimm < hcsamber@gmail.com>

To:glowry@newhazelton.ca, rsturney@newhazelton.ca, bhenwood@newhazelton.ca, aberg@newhazelton.ca

Hello New Hazelton Mayor and Council (those who had email addresses posted on the website - my apologies to those I missed)

My name is Amber Grimm. I am the director of Hazelton Community Services. Our agency supports adults with disabilities with both community inclusion and volunteer work in the skeena bakery. In our building we fill our space with Adults with developmental delays and the support staff. Much socializing, lifeskills, cooking, paperwork and playing boardgames happen within our walls. The style of building that is most suited to our needs is one with a livingroom space for socializing, a kitchen for cooking and a dining room for eating. It also must have office space as my office is in the same building; essentially a house. Nobody actually resides/stays over in our building. We are a day program operating essentially Monday to Friday 8am-6pm.

In a nutshell what has happened is our agency, Hazelton Community Services, is looking for a new place to have our programming. As you are probably well aware there is not much available in the Hazeltons. The most suitable style of space for our program is a house. Most houses are zoned residential and, as I understand it, we would need commercial zoning for a community program.

What I am wondering is if you think New Hazelton might consider a zoning change on a residential home for a community program? I do not have a specific property in mind in New Hazelton, but wondered if I do find a place if you think this is a conversation that New Hazelton might be willing to consider having with myself regarding our agency.

Thank you for taking time to read this. I do not anticipate you can make a firm decision on zoning on a property no yet identified, I am just inquiring if changing zoning is something you might consider for a community program.

Warm Regards, amber

Amber Lea Grimm Hazelton Community Services DIRECTOR (w)250-842-5355



DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON BYLAW NO. 354, 2020

Being a bylaw for service level establishment and fire regulation for the New Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department

THE COUNCIL of the District of New Hazelton, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

Definitions

In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise indicates:

"Authority Having Jurisdiction" or "(AHJ)" means the District of New Hazelton, as the local government legally responsible for the organization and operation of the fire service;

"Apparatus" means any vehicle outfitted with machinery, devices, equipment or materials and used or intended to be used by the Department for firefighting or in response to any other incident, and includes a Department vehicle used to transport personnel or equipment;

"Building" means a structure that is used or intended to be used for supporting or sheltering persons or animals or property, except those prescribed by regulation as exempted from the Building Code;

"Council" means the Council of the District of New Hazelton;

"Equipment" means any tools, contrivances, devices or materials used or intended to be used by the Fire Department to combat an incident or other emergency;

"Fire Chief" means the person appointed by the District of New Hazelton as head of the Fire Department;

"Fire Code" means the BC Fire Code and Regulations adopted thereto, and any amendments as adopted by Order in Council;

"Fire Department" means the New Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department;

"Fire Personnel" means the Fire Chief or any member of the Fire Department;

"Fire Services Act" means the Fire Services Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, C.144 and all Regulations passed thereunder, and amendments thereto as adopted by the Province of British Columbia;

"Incident" means a fire, a situation where a fire or explosion is imminent, or any other emergency situation that may cause harm to persons or property, and to which the Fire Department has a responsibility to respond;

"Incident Commander means the Member in Charge of any incident to which the Fire Department responds. Generally, this would be the senior ranking Officer or Member at an incident;

"Member" means any person who is duly appointed as a member of the Fire Department;

"Officer" means a Member with the rank of Lieutenant or higher, as appointed by the Fire Chief;

"Premises" means a building together with its grounds and appurtenances; and

"Municipality" means the District of New Hazelton.

PART I - ADMINISTRATION

Scope and Jurisdiction

- 1. This Bylaw and the provisions contained herein, as may be amended from time to time, shall apply throughout the District of New Hazelton.
- 2. The geographic limits of the jurisdiction of the Fire Chief and Fire Department extend to the boundaries of the District of New Hazelton, and fire apparatus shall only be used beyond the limits of the jurisdiction as specified below:
 - a. Pursuant to Mutual Aid Agreements or other written contracts or agreements with other jurisdictions;
 - b. Where, while outside the District of New Hazelton boundary, the Fire Chief or his/her designate determines that immediate action is necessary to preserve and protect life and/or property;
 - c. With the approval of Council; or
 - d. In an emergency, the approval of the Mayor or Acting Mayor (where timely Council approval is not possible).

Fire Chief Powers and Responsibilities

- 3. The Fire Chief is responsible for the efficient management of the Fire Department including the members, property, apparatus and equipment, and for the provision of fire prevention and protection services to the Municipality.
- 4. The Fire Chief shall ensure that the Fire Department is staffed with trained members in accordance with applicable legislation and regulations.
- 5. The Fire Chief shall establish rules, regulations and policies necessary for the proper organization, administration and operation of the Fire Department including but not limited to:
 - a. The use, care and protection of Fire Department property, apparatus and equipment;
 - b. The safe and efficient operation of the Fire Department; and
 - c. The recruitment, training, conduct, and discipline of members of the Fire Department.
- 6. The Fire Chief is responsible for all fire protection and prevention matters including the enforcement of this Bylaw and of the Fire Services Act, and shall assume the responsibilities of the Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner.
- 7. In accordance with Section 66 of the Community Charter, the Fire Chief is hereby authorized to exercise the following powers:
 - a. Enter on property and inspect premises for conditions that may cause a fire, increase the danger of a fire, or increase the danger to persons or property from a fire;
 - b. Take measures to prevent and suppress fires, including the demolition of buildings and other structures to prevent the spreading of fire;

- c. Require an owner or occupier of real property to undertake any actions directed by the Fire Chief for the purpose of removing or reducing any thing or condition that the Fire Chief considers is a fire hazard or increases the danger of fire; and
- d. Exercise some or all of the powers of the Fire Commissioner under section 25 of the Fire Services Act, and for these purposes that section applies.
- 8. Council hereby delegates to the Fire Chief the duty to provide for a regular system of inspection of hotels and public buildings in the municipality in accordance with Section 26(1) of the Fire Services Act.
- 9. In addition to the inspections required by Section 26 of the Fire Services Act, the Fire Chief may institute and maintain a regular system of inspection of buildings and premises within the municipality in order to discover and order the removal or correction of any conditions constituting a fire hazard.
- 10. Any authority conferred on the Fire Chief under this bylaw may be exercised by a person acting under the authority of the Fire Chief.

Fire Department Service Level

- 11. The Fire Department will provide services at the **Exterior Operations Level** this Service Level includes activities that are undertaken by firefighters trained in the full spectrum of competencies outlined in the NFPA 1001 Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, and any additional capabilities as deemed necessary by the Fire Chief.
- 12. The level of training and equipment required is dictated by the needs of the community. The **Exterior Operations Level** may only be attained after appropriate equipment and training have been provided and documented. Acknowledging the fluctuations in personnel inherent with a primarily volunteer department, the Fire Department will endeavor to maintain a complement of firefighters of which 70% are trained in the **Exterior Operations Level** competencies.
- 13. The Fire Department shall train to and maintain NFPA 1001 Firefighter I and II competencies, in compliance with the provision of Full Service Operations. Officers will be trained to a minimum of NFPA 1021 Fire Officer 1. Records of all training activities for each firefighter will be maintained by the Fire Department.
- 14. As with any incident response, the qualifications and number of personnel present will dictate what actions can be safely undertaken. Notwithstanding the commitment to the **Exterior Operations**Level, if insufficient numbers of trained personnel are initially on scene to affect an **Exterior**Operations Level, the operational mode will be defensive.

PART 2 - FIRE PROTECTION & REGULATION

Control, Direction and Management at Incident

15. The Fire Chief, or the Incident Commander, shall have control, direction and management of all Fire Department apparatus, equipment or manpower assigned to an incident.

Entry and Site Management

- 16. The Fire Chief, or the Incident Commander, is empowered during any incident to enter premises or property, and to cause any member, apparatus or equipment of the Fire Department to enter, as deemed necessary to combat, control or deal with the incident.
- 17. The Fire Chief, or the Incident Commander, is empowered during the incident to enter, pass through or over buildings or property adjacent to an incident, and to cause Fire Personnel and the apparatus and equipment of the Fire Department to enter or pass through or over buildings or property, where deemed necessary to gain access to the incident or to protect any person or property.
- 18. The Fire Chief, or the Incident Commander, may establish boundaries or limits, and keep persons from entering the area within the prescribed boundaries or limits, unless authorized to enter by the Fire Chief or Incident Commander.
- 19. The Fire Chief, or the Incident Commander, may request Peace Officers to enforce restrictions on persons entering within the boundaries or limits outlined in Section 20.
- 20. The Fire Chief may obtain assistance from other officials as deemed necessary in order to discharge their duties and responsibilities under this bylaw.
- 21. The Fire Chief, or the Incident Commander, is empowered to cause a building, structure or item to be pulled down, demolished or otherwise removed if deemed necessary to prevent the spread of fire to other buildings, structures or things.
- 22. The Fire Chief, or the Incident Commander, is empowered to commandeer privately owned equipment which they consider necessary to deal with an incident. Costs would be reimbursed to the property owner using the most current Provincial equipment rates. Permission to exercise this power must be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer (or designate) or the Mayor.
- 23. The Fire Chief, or the Incident Commander, may request persons who are not members to assist in whatever manner the Fire Chief or Incident Commander considers necessary to deal with the incident, including removing furniture, goods, and merchandise from any building on fire, or in danger thereof, and in guarding and securing same, and in demolishing a building or structure at or near the fire or other incident.

Evacuation of Buildings

- 24. The Fire Chief, or the Incident Commander, is empowered to order the evacuation of any building that is directly involved with fire or other risk to life:
 - a. The Fire Chief, or the Incident Commander, is empowered to order the evacuation of any building, structure, property or area which in his/her opinion is endangered by fire or other risk to life; and
 - b. In such case, no person other than the Fire Chief or member of the Fire Department, Peace Officer, or other person authorized by the Fire Chief or Incident Commander, shall remain in or enter such building, structure, property or area.

Obstruction of Fire Department in Performance of its Duties

- 25. No person shall impede, obstruct, abuse, or in any way hinder a member of the Fire Department, or other persons assisting or acting under the direction of the Fire Chief or the Incident Commander in the performance of their duties.
- 26. No person shall obstruct or otherwise interfere with access roads, streets, or other approaches to any incident, fire hydrants, Fire Department connections, cisterns, appliances, or fixed/installed suppression equipment designated for firefighting.
- 27. No person shall damage, destroy, obstruct, impede, or hinder, the operations of any Fire Department apparatus or equipment.
- 28. No person at an incident shall drive a vehicle over any equipment without permission of the Fire Chief or the Incident Commander.
- 29. No person shall refuse to permit the Fire Chief or anyone under the direction of the Fire Chief from entering upon any building or property for the purpose of:
 - a. Making an inspection or investigation for conditions which may cause a fire, increase the danger of a fire or increase the danger to persons; or
 - b. Making an inspection to ensure any flammable matter is rendered harmless or suitably safeguarded against fire.
- 30. No person shall knowingly submit false or misleading information regarding a fire investigation or inspection.
- 31. No person shall falsely represent themselves as a member of the Fire Department.

Duty of Owners or Occupiers

- 32. Every owner shall allow the Authority Having Jurisdiction to enter any building or premise at any reasonable time for the purpose of administering and enforcing this bylaw.
- 33. Every owner or occupier shall allow entry of the Fire Department to fight any fires or address any dangerous conditions that occur on the property.
- 34. The owners or occupiers of any real property shall remove any matter or thing from a building or premises which constitutes a fire hazard and shall maintain and clean chimneys, flues and other apparatus or things in order to reduce the risk of fire.
- 35. The owner of any vacant building in the municipality shall at all times keep the building free from debris and flammable material, and shall keep all openings in the building securely closed and fastened so as to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons.

Other Prohibitions

- 36. No owner or occupier of a public building or hotel, as defined in the Fire Services Act, shall:
 - a. Allow a public building or hotel to be occupied in excess of the maximum occupant load as posted by the Local Assistant Fire Commissioner;

- b. Allow the premise to operate without providing and maintaining proper exit hardware on exit doors in accordance with the Fire Code;
- c. Allow the premise to operate without providing and maintaining exits and emergency lighting in accordance with the Fire Code;
- d. Allow the premise to operate without maintaining and inspecting portable fire extinguishers by qualified personnel in accordance with the Fire Code;
- e. Allow the premise to operate without maintaining and inspecting fire alarm, automatic fire extinguishing, and voice communication systems by qualified personnel in accordance with the Fire Code and forwarding the certificates of inspection and maintenance to the Fire Department forthwith upon receipt;
- f. Allow the premise to operate without maintaining and inspecting private fire hydrants by qualified personnel in accordance with the Fire Code. The owner of a private hydrant shall:
 - Not less than once each year have the private hydrant flushed, drained and all threads of outlets and caps greased with waterproof grease;
 - II. Not less than once each year have all components of the hydrant inspected, serviced and tested;
 - III. Keep the ground surface around the private hydrant clear of shrubs, trees, structures and other obstructions of any kind, in order to facilitate use of the hydrant by the Fire Department; and
 - IV. Ensure the hydrant is installed to District of New Hazelton standards.
- g. Fail to maintain, have inspected, and clean commercial kitchen venting systems;
- h. Allow the premise to operate without maintaining the fire separations and fire stopping in accordance with the BC Building Code;
- i. Allow a fire hazard to exist;
- j. Fail to maintain clear access to a fire hydrant or fire department connection;
- k. Use a fire hydrant unless authorized; and
- I. Allow the premise to operate without a Fire Safety Plan approved by the Fire Department.

Burning

- 37. Burning within the District of New Hazelton is permitted only as it is permitted by the BC Wildfire Service and the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resources office. This includes the burning of residential, construction site, demolition site or land-clearing waste:
 - a. Special permits for fires at community events, such as Halloween, July 1st, etc. may be issued at the discretion of the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer; and
 - b. The Fire Department shall be permitted to use controlled fires for the purposes of training and demonstrations.

Offence and Penalty

- 38. No person shall do, act or suffer, or permit any act or thing to be done in contravention of this bylaw.
- 39. Every person who, without lawful excuse, contravenes this bylaw by willfully doing any act which it forbids, or omitting to do any act which it requires to be done, is guilty of an offense and is liable, on

- summary conviction, to a fine under the Offense Act. A separate offense shall be deemed to be committed upon each day during and on which the contravention occurs or continues.
- 40. The penalties imposed under the previous sub-section, shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other penalty or remedy imposed by this bylaw.

Repeal

41. District of New Hazelton Fire Department and Regulation Bylaw No. 172,1992 and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

This Bylaw may be cited as "District of New Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department Service Level Establishment & Fire Regulation Bylaw No. 354, 2020."

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DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON BYLAW NO. 355, 2020

A bylaw to exempt from taxation certain properties within the District of New Hazelton as authorized by Section 224 of the Community Charter

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

That, the following properties be exempt from land and improvement taxes for the calendar year 2021:

Name	Address	Folio	Legal Description	PIDs
New Hazelton	4562 13 th Ave	1423005	Lot A, District Lot	013-554-021
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Jehovah's			EPP78072,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Witnesses	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Section 2,	
			Cassiar Land	
			District	,
Roman Catholic	4063 9 th Ave	555000	Lots 7-21, Block	014-079-887
Episcopal Corp	,		29, District Lot	014-079-895
of Prince Rupert			863, Plan 968,	014-079-917
			Section 2,	014-083-761
			Cassiar Land	014-083-795
			District	014-083-817
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- 1. District of New Hazelton Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 343, 2018 and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.
- 2. This Bylaw is cited as the District of New Hazelton Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 355, 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 BYLAW NO. 356, 2020

A bylaw to amend District of New Hazelton Zoning Bylaw No. 317, 2014

The Council of the District of New Hazelto	on in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:
That, the following amendments be made	e to Zoning Bylaw No. 317, 2014:
The Council for the District of New Hazelt	ton, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:
1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Zoni	ng Amendment Bylaw No. 356, 2020.
2. District of New Hazelton Zoning Byl	aw No. 317, 2014 is hereby amended by rezoning:
a) Lots 12 – 22, Block 167, Plan PRP Community Services (P-1) to Mul	968, District Lot 882, Section 2, Cassiar Land District from ti-Unit Residential (R-3).
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MAYOR	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON BYLAW NO. 357, 2020

A bylaw to repeal District of New Hazelton Council Assessment Base, Skeena Union Board of Health Confirmation and Fitness Centre Fee bylaws.

WHEREAS it is necessary to repeal previous bylaws;

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

1. REPEAL BYLAW

Upon adoption of this bylaw, the following bylaws are rescinded in their entirety:

District of New Hazelton Council Assessment Base by-law No. 5, 1981 Skeena Union Board of Health Confirmation By-Law No. 27, 1981 Fitness Centre Fee Bylaw No. 296, 2009

2. CITATION

MAYOR

This Bylaw may be cited as the District of New Hazelton Repealing Bylaw No. 357, 2020.

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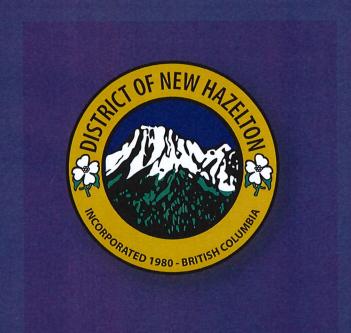
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2020 Annual Report

District of New Hazelton 2020 Annual Report

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

June 30, 2020

I am pleased to present a copy of the District of New Hazelton Annual Report for 2020. I hope that you will find the information presented useful and enlightening.

The District had a busy year in 2019 and were pleased to officially open the Erwin Stege Community Center to the public in July. We were honoured to have Mrs. Hannalore Stege on hand for the official ribbon cutting and sign reveal in November. Our first community event was a dance that took place in August for Pioneer Days and was followed by our first wedding later that month. The annual Senior's Christmas Dinner was the first of many in our new facility and it was enjoyed by all. The community center also has two office spaces, one that is rented to a local small business owner and the other is waiting for the perfect tenant to come along. It also features a conference room and commercial kitchen that are available to rent. The renovations were completed with the assistance of a \$234,000.00 grant from Northern Development Initiative Trust and we are grateful for their contribution.

Another new addition to our services is our partnership with Bulkley Valley Insurance in Smithers which now allows us to offer house insurance to the residents of the Upper Skeena area. Joanne de Vries is a Level II insurance broker and is in the office daily ready to help you with all of your house insurance needs. We are excited to offer this service to our residents.

Our public works crew continue to work hard at maintaining our roadways, upgrading our water distribution system, and adding additional storm sewers throughout various streets in the community. Our snow removal continues to be one of the best around and I continue to be very proud of the work that is done by our crew.

Our annual Canada Day and Winterfest celebrations continue to be a hit with residents and visitors alike. Council is pleased with the support from our suppliers and all the hard work of the staff to make these events "the place to be" in July and December of each year. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are unable to host Canada Day this year but hope to have good news regarding Winterfest as Dr. Henry continues to monitor the situation. We look forward to being back in 2021 and ready to offer our spectacular events for everyone.

As we move through 2020, staff will continue to maintain our infrastructure and work to provide the best service possible for all of our residents.

Thank you for taking the time to read our Annual Report. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to drop by the office and have a chat with the staff.

Gail Lowry Mayor

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THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
Consolidated Financial Statements
As at December 31, 2019

THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON COUNCIL - 2019

MAYOR Gail Lowry

COUNCILORS

Braunwyn Henwood Ray Sturney Jutta Hobenshield Allan Berg George Burns Mike Weeber

APPOINTED OFFICIALS - 2019

Chief Administrative Officer Chief Financial Officer Public Works Superintendent Wendy Hunt Robyn Carle Chris Lawrence

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MANAGEMENT'S REPORT

The management of The District Of New Hazelton is responsible for the integrity of the accompanying consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. The preparation of the consolidated financial statements necessarily includes some amounts which are based on the best estimates and careful judgment of management.

To assist in meeting its responsibility, management maintains accounting, budget and other internal controls. These controls provide reasonable assurance that transactions are appropriately authorized and accurately recorded, that assets are properly accounted for and safeguarded, in order that the integrity of financial records is maintained.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by the independent firm of MNP LLP Chartered Professional Accountants. Their report to the Mayor and Council, stating the scope of their examination and opinion on the consolidated financial statements accompanies this statement.

May 11, 2020

Gail Lowry
Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor and Members of Council of The District of New Hazelton

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of The District of New Hazelton (the "District"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2019, and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net financial assets and cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the District as at December, 31, 2019, and the results of its consolidated operations and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of the report. We are independent of the District in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of the auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the District's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the District or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the District's financial reporting process.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted to accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that
 are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
 effectiveness of the District's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of account and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the District's ability to continue as a going concern. if we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the District to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the District to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statement. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Terrace British Columbia May 11, 2020 MNP LLP
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

	2019	2018
Financial assets		
Cash and short-term investments - (Note 3)	\$ 3,530,604	1,985,822
Accounts Receivable, trade and other - (Note 4)	181,334	230,420
Taxes receivable - current	27,806 8,096	44,723 15,704
Taxes receivable - arrears	8,050	10,704
	3,747,840	2,276,669
Liabilities Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deferred revenue - (Note 5)	243,901	152,639 278,259
	243,901	430,898
Net financial assets	3,503,939	1,845,771
Non-financial assets Inventory - parts and supplies Tangible capital assets - (Schedule 2) Prepaid expenses	68,576 10,170,197 18,874	71,768 9,128,165 20,006
	10,257,647	9,219,939
Accumulated surplus - (Note 7)	\$ 13,761,586	\$ 11,065,710

Commitments and contingencies - (Note 10)
Subsequent events - (Note 13)

Approved by:

Gail Lowry Mayor Wendy Hunt

Chief Administrative Officer

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

		2019		Budget (Note 11)	2018
Revenues					
Net taxes available for municipal purposes - (Note 8)	\$	626,282	\$	620,800	\$ 616,406
Utility usage fees	Ψ.	246,083	Τ.	265,000	248,125
Other fees and sale of goods and services		130,199		141,500	138,662
Government grants and transfers - (Note 9)		3,780,663		2,824,500	1,114,839
ICBC commissions		396,299		375,000	376,904
Investment income		74,062		22,000	32,665
		5,253,588		4,248,800	2,527,601
Expenses					
General government		803,448		914,300	841,279
Protective services		74,482		127,200	66,866
Transportation and transit		658,959		909,500	595,612
Recreation and youth services		54,307		27,600	71,094
Water operations		311,771		140,000	236,170
Sewer operations		117,848		86,500	111,661
Garbage operations		84,397		75,000	77,567
Tourism and community development		452,500		12,500	52,500
		2,557,712		2,292,600	2,052,749
Annual surplus		2,695,876		1,956,200	474,852
Accumulated surplus - beginning of year		11,065,710		11,065,710	10,590,858
Accumulated surplus - end of year	\$	13,761,586	\$	13,021,910	\$ 11,065,710

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

	2019	Budget (Note 11)	2018
Annual surplus Acquisition of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets Changes in other non-financial assets	\$ 2,695,876 (1,536,368) 439,248 (20,010) 75,098 4,324	\$ 1,956,200 3,178,000 350,000 - - -	\$ 474,852 (921,750) 421,392 1,354 51,551 8,220
Increase in net financial assets Net financial assets - beginning of year	1,658,168 1,845,771	5,484,200 1,845,771	35,619 1,810,152
Net financial assets - end of year	\$ 3,503,939	\$ 7,329,971	\$ 1,845,771

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

	2019	2018
Operating transactions		
Annual surplus	\$ 2,695,876 \$	474,852
Non-cash items:		
Amortization	439,248	421,392
Gain (Loss) on the disposal of tangible capital assets	(20,010)	1,354
Changes to financial assets/liabilities:		
Decrease (Increase) in taxes receivable	24,525	(10,432)
Decrease (Increase) in inventory and other	4,324	8,220
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	49,086	154,561
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	91,262	71,303
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	(278,259)	(322,717)
Cash provided by operating transactions	3,026,062	797,179
Capital transactions		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(1,536,368)	(921,750)
Proceeds from the disposal of tangible capital assets	75,098	` 51,551 [′]
	(1,481,280)	(868,845)
Increase (decrease) in cash position	1,544,782	(71,666)
Cash and equivalents - beginning of year	1,985,822	2,057,488
Cash and equivalents - end of year	\$ 3,530,604 \$	1,985,822

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

1. General

The District of New Hazelton was incorporated under the provisions of the British Columbia Municipal Act. Its principal activities are the provision of local government services in the District, as governed by the Community Charter and the Local Government Act.

The notes to the consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements. They provide detailed information and explain the significant accounting and reporting policies and principles that form the basis of these statements. They also provide relevant supplementary information and explanations which cannot be expressed in the consolidated financial statements.

2. Significant accounting policies

The consolidated financial statements of The District of New Hazelton (the District) are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards for municipal governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") of CPA Canada. The significant accounting policies are summarized as follows:

a) Basis of accounting

The basis of accounting followed in these consolidated financial statements is an accrual method and includes revenues in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that gave rise to the revenues and expenses in the period the goods and services were acquired and a liability was incurred.

b) Fund accounting

Funds within the consolidated financial statements consists of the operating, capital and reserves funds. Transactions between funds are recorded as inter fund transfers.

Operating Fund

- This fund, consisting of the general, water and sewer operating funds, comprises the operating costs of the services provided by the District.

Capital Fund

- This fund, consisting of the general, water and sewer capital funds, comprises property, plant and equipment expenditures and related financing.

Reserves Fund

The reserves fund has been established to hold assets for specific future purposes as approved by Council. Allowable transfers to and from these funds are defined in reserve fund establishment bylaws.

c) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets, comprised of capital assets and capital work-in-progress, are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization and are classified according to their functional use. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset commencing the year the asset is put in to service. Donated tangible capital assets are reported at fair value at the time of donation. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Land improvements	15 years
Buildings	20 to 50 years
Furniture, equipment and technology	5 to 20 years
Motor vehicles	5 to 20 years
Transportation infrastructure	15 to 40 years
Water infrastructure	10 to 100 years
Sanitary sewer infrastructure	25 to 85 years

d) Inventory

Inventory of supplies is recorded as a non-financial asset and is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined by the first-in, first-out method. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less estimated costs of completion and selling costs.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

e) Revenue recognition

Taxation revenues are recognized at the time of issuing the property tax notices for the fiscal year. Fees and charges revenue are recognized when services are rendered. Investment income is accrued as earned.

Other Revenues are recognized when earned in accordance with the terms of the agreement when the amounts are measurable and when collection is reasonably assured.

The District of New Hazelton recognizes a government transfer as revenue when the transfer is authorized and all eligibility criteria, if any, have been met. Grants and donations are recognized in the financial statements in the period which the events giving rise to the transfer occur, eligibility criteria are met, and reasonable estimates of the amount can be made. A government transfer with stipulations giving rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability is recognized as a liability (deferred revenue). In such circumstances, the District recognizes the revenue as the liability is settled.

Deferred revenue represents user charges and other fees which have been collected, for which the related services have yet to be provided. These amounts will be recognized as revenue in the fiscal year the services are provided

f) Basis of segmentation

Municipal services have been segmented by grouping services that have similar service objectives (by function). Revenues that are directly related to the costs of the function have been attributed to each segment.

g) Non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the excess of revenue over expenses, provides the consolidated change in net financial assets for the year.

h) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. It is reasonably possible that circumstances may arise that cause actual results to differ from management estimates, however, management does not believe it is likely that such differences will materially affect the District's financial position. Adjustments, if any, will be reflected in operations in the period of settlement.

Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to amortization of tangible capital assets, the collectibility of accounts and taxes receivable.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

i) Financial instruments

The District's financial instruments consist of cash and short-term investments, accounts receivable, trade, and other and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the District is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

i) Cash and short term investments

Cash and short term investments are comprised of amounts held in the District's bank accounts including cash deposits, short term investments with maturity of 1 year or less and Municipal Finance Authority of B.C. money market funds.

k) Liability for contaminated sites

A liability for remediation of a contaminated site is recognized at the best estimate of the amount required to remediate the contaminated site when contamination exceeding an environmental standard exists, the District of New Hazelton is either directly responsible or accepts responsibility, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount is determinable. The best estimate of the liability includes all costs directly attributable to remediation activities and is reduced by expected net recoveries based on information available at December 31, 2019.

At each financial reporting date, the District of New Hazelton reviews the carrying amount of the liability. Any revisions required to the amount previously recognized is accounted for in the period revisions are made. The District continues to recognize the liability until it is settled or otherwise extinguished. Disbursements made to settle the liability are deducted from the reported liability when they are made.

There are no liabilities recorded for contaminated sites at December 31, 2019 as the District has not identified any contaminated sites.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

3. Cash and short-term investments

Cash and short-term investments are comprised of cash on deposit and investments as follows:

	2019	2018
Municipal Finance Authority of B.C. investments: - Money market fund Cash	\$ 222,440 3,308,164	\$ 218,376 1,767,446
	\$ 3,530,604	\$ 1,985,822

4. Accounts receivable, trade and other

		2019		2018
Government grants receivable: Provincial Canacity Fund	¢	20.694	\$	21,250
Northern Development Initiative Trust - Economic Capacity Fund 13th Avenue Water Line Upgrade Project	\$	29,684 50,190	Φ	116,434
UBCM - Asset Management Grant		-		11,170
GST rebate		53,887		53,560
Other		47,573		28,006
	\$	181,334	\$	230,420

5. Deferred revenue

Included in deferred revenue is the following:		2019		2018
UBCM Federal Gas Tax Community Works Fund reserve - balance at	Φ.	070.050	•	600.076
beginning of year	\$	278,259 164,092	\$	600,976 84,553
Amount received during the year Interest revenue		104,032		4,374
Regional District USRC contribution		(40,000)		(40,000)
Community hall		(402,351)		(371,644)
Balance - end of year	\$	-	\$	278,259

UBCM Federal Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund

Gas tax funding is provided by the Government of Canada. The use of the funding is established by a funding agreement between the Municipality and the Union of B.C. Municipalities. Gas tax funding may be used towards designated public transit, community energy, water, wastewater, solid waste and capacity building projects, as specified in the funding agreements.

6. Equity in tangible capital assets

Equity in tangible capital assets represents the net book value of total capital assets less long term obligations assumed to acquire those assets. The change in consolidated equity in tangible capital assets is as follows:

		2019		2018
ncreases:	\$	1,536,368	\$	921,750
Capital acquisitions	Ф	1,536,366	φ	321,730
Decreases: Dispositions at net book value		(55,088)		(52,90
Amortization		(439,248)		(421,39
		1,042,032		447,45
Change in equity in tangible capital assets Equity in tangible capital assets - beginning of year		9,128,165		8,680,71
Equity in tangible capital assets - beginning of year		0,120,100		
Equity in tangible capital assets - end of year	\$	10,170,197	\$	9,128,16
Alated expolue				
Accumulated surplus		2019		2018
Ou susting fund	\$	1,248,202	\$	1,076,18
Operating fund Reserves fund (Schedule 3)	Ψ	2,343,187	*	861,35
		10,170,197		9,128,16
Equity in fanding capital assets - tivote of		10,170,102		0,,
	\$	13,761,586	\$	11,065,71
	\$		\$	
Net taxes available for municipal purposes	\$	13,761,586	\$	11,065,71
Taxes:	\$	13,761,586 2019	\$	11,065,71 2018 874,45
Net taxes available for municipal purposes Taxes: Property		2019 880,011 61,198		2018 874,48 61,30
Net taxes available for municipal purposes Taxes: Property Frontage		2019 880,011 61,198 52,610		2018 874,45 61,30 52,44
Net taxes available for municipal purposes Taxes: Property		2019 880,011 61,198		2018 874,45 61,30 52,44
Net taxes available for municipal purposes Taxes: Property Frontage Revenue in lieu of taxes		2019 880,011 61,198 52,610		2018 874,45 61,30 52,44 12,73
Net taxes available for municipal purposes Taxes: Property Frontage Revenue in lieu of taxes Penalties and interest on taxes		2019 880,011 61,198 52,610 13,023 1,006,842		2018 874,44 61,30 52,44 12,73
Net taxes available for municipal purposes Taxes: Property Frontage Revenue in lieu of taxes Penalties and interest on taxes Less taxes on behalf of: School District		2019 880,011 61,198 52,610 13,023 1,006,842 215,268		2018 874,44 61,30 52,44 12,73 1,000,94
Net taxes available for municipal purposes Taxes: Property Frontage Revenue in lieu of taxes Penalties and interest on taxes Less taxes on behalf of: School District North West Regional Hospital District		2019 880,011 61,198 52,610 13,023 1,006,842 215,268 34,924		2018 874,45 61,30 52,44 12,73 1,000,94 220,95 35,30
Net taxes available for municipal purposes Taxes: Property Frontage Revenue in lieu of taxes Penalties and interest on taxes Less taxes on behalf of: School District North West Regional Hospital District Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine		2019 880,011 61,198 52,610 13,023 1,006,842 215,268 34,924 127,026		2018 874,45 61,30 52,44 12,75 1,000,94 220,99 35,31 124,7
Net taxes available for municipal purposes Taxes: Property Frontage Revenue in lieu of taxes Penalties and interest on taxes Less taxes on behalf of: School District North West Regional Hospital District Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine B.C. Assessment Authority		2019 880,011 61,198 52,610 13,023 1,006,842 215,268 34,924 127,026 3,331		2018 874,44 61,30 52,44 12,73 1,000,94 220,99 35,31 124,71 3,4
Net taxes available for municipal purposes Taxes: Property Frontage Revenue in lieu of taxes Penalties and interest on taxes Less taxes on behalf of: School District North West Regional Hospital District Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine		2019 880,011 61,198 52,610 13,023 1,006,842 215,268 34,924 127,026		2018

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

9. Government grants and transfers

The following government grants and transfers have been included in revenues:

•	2019	2018
Unconditional grants and transfers Provincial Regional District / Other	\$ 454,123 8,006	\$ 436,777 31,397
	462,129	468,174
Conditional grants and transfers Provincial	2,876,184	235,021
Deferred revenue - UBCM Federal Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund	442,351	411,645
	\$ 3,780,663	\$ 1,114,839

10. Commitments and contingencies

a) Capital requirements

District Council has approved a 2019 - 2023 tangible capital expenditure financial plan of \$3,178,000. The 2019 requirement of \$202,500 is to be funded from an allocation of surplus funds.

b) Pension plan

The District and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (a jointly-trusteed pension plan). The board of trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for administering the plan, including investment of the assets and administration of benefits. The plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Basic pension benefits provided are based on a formula. As at December 31, 2018, the plan has approximately 205,000 active members and approximately 101,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 40,000 contributors from local government.

Every three years, an actuarial valuation is performed to assess the financial position of the plan and adequacy of plan funding. The actuary determines an appropriate combined employer and member contribution rate to fund the plan. The actuary's calculated contribution rate is based on the entry-age normal cost method, which produces the long-term rate of member and employer contributions sufficient to provide benefits for average future entrants to the plan. This rate may be adjusted for amortization of any actuarial funding surplus and will be adjusted for the amortization of any unfunded actuarial liability.

The most recent valuation for the Municipal Pension Plan as of December 31, 2019, indicated a \$2.866 billion funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis.

The District of New Hazelton paid \$54,284 for employer contributions to the plan in fiscal 2018 (\$46,731 in 2018).

The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2021, with results available in 2022.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

10. Commitments and contingencies (continued)

Employers participating in the plan record their pension expense as the amount of employer contributions made during the fiscal year (defined contribution pension plan accounting). This is because the plan records accrued liabilities and accrued assets for the plan in aggregate, resulting in no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, assets and cost to the individual employers participating in the plan.

c) B.C. Assessment Authority appeals

Due to the uncertainty of the outcome of appeals to the B.C. Assessment Authority, it is not possible to accurately estimate any liability to repay taxes or any asset for taxes receivable. It is the policy of the District to record the effect of any tax adjustments relating to outstanding appeals in the year the taxes are repaid or received.

d) Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Agreement

The District of New Hazelton is a subscribed member of the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia (The "Exchange") as provided by Section 3.02 of the Insurance Act of the Province of British Columbia. The main purpose of the Exchange is to pool the risks of liability so as to lessen the impact upon any subscriber. Under the Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Agreement the District is assessed a premium and specific deductible for its claims based on population. The obligation of the District of New Hazelton with respect to the Exchange and/or contracts and obligations entered into by the exchange on behalf of its subscribers in connection with the Exchange are in every case several, and not joint and several. The District of New Hazelton irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes and agrees to indemnify and save the other harmless subscribers against liability losses and costs which the other subscriber may suffer.

e) Contingent liabilities

The District, as a member of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, is jointly and severally liable for their net capital liabilities.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

11. Annual Budget

Fiscal plan amounts represent the Financial Plan Bylaw adopted by Council on March 4, 2019.

The Financial Plan anticipated the use of surpluses accumulated in previous years to balance against current year expenses in excess of current year revenues. In addition, the Financial Plan anticipated capital expenses rather than amortization expense.

The following shows how these amounts were combined:

Financial Plan approved by Council	\$ -
Add Back:	
Amortization	(350,000)
Transfers to/from own funds	(871,300)
Less:	
Capital expenditures per budget	3,178,000
Transfer to/from reserve	(500)
Annual Surplus per Statement of Operations	\$ 1,956,200

12. Segmented Information

The District is a diversified municipal government institution that provides a wide range of services to its citizens such as roads, water, sewer and drainage infrastructure, fire protection, police protection (RCMP), cemetery, recreation centre, garbage collection and parkland. Distinguishable functional segments have been separately disclosed in the segmented information. The nature of the segments and the activities they encompass are as follows:

General Government Services

The City Manager is the liaison between Council and the District departments and staff. The Corporate Services Department supports the legislated activities of Council, and provides information to citizens with respect to Council/Committee processes, reporting procedures and decisions, and District activities.

Protective Services

Protection is comprised of fire protection, policing, dog control officer and building inspection.

Bylaw enforcement administers, monitors, and seeks compliance with the bylaws enacted by the Mayor and Council to regulate the conduct of affairs in the District of New Hazelton.

Fire protection is provided by the fire department, whose volunteer members receive compensation for each callout in which they take part.

Policing is provided under contract with the RCMP operating from a detachment building located in the District of New Hazelton.

THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

12. Segmented Information (continued)

The District of New Hazelton's Management and Public Works Department work together to regulate all construction within the District. This is achieved through the use of the District of New Hazelton's Building and Plumbing Bylaw, the British Columbia Building Code, the British Columbia Fire Code and other related bylaws and enactments with the District of New Hazelton.

Transportation and Transit Services

The Transportation and Transit Services (Public Works) Department is responsible for the infrastructure of the District:

Ensuring clean and safe water to the District, supplied through underground pipes and reservoirs,

Maintaining a separate system of underground pipes to collect sewer or waste water for proper treatment prior to discharging it,

Providing and maintaining the District's roads, sidewalks, street lights, signage and line markings, storm drainage and hydrants.

Cemetery (Public Works) Department provides cemetery services including the maintenance of the cemetery grounds.

Recreation and Youth Services

The Recreation and Youth Services Department contribute to the quality of life and personal wellness of the community through the provision of a variety of special events, programs, services and facilities.

Water Operations

Water includes all of the operating activities related to the treatment and distribution of water throughout the District.

Sewer Operations

Sewer includes all of the operating activities related to the collection and treatment of waste water (sewage) throughout the District.

Garbage Operations

Garbage Services (Public Works) is responsible for the garbage collection and compost and recycling programs operating in the District of New Hazelton. Garbage collection is performed by a contractor.

Tourism and Community Development

Tourism and Community Development contribute to community organizations providing services to benefit community members.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

13. Subsequent Events

Subsequent to year-end, there was a global outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus), which has had a significant impact on businesses through the restrictions put in place by the Canadian, provincial and municipal governments regarding travel, business operations and isolation/quarantine orders. At this time, it is unknown the extent of the impact the COVID-19 outbreak may have on the District as this will depend on future developments that are highly uncertain and that cannot be predicted with confidence. These uncertainties arise from the inability to predict the ultimate geographic spread of the disease, and the duration of the outbreak, including the duration of travel restrictions, business closures or disruptions, and quarantine/isolation measures that are currently, or may be put, in place by Canada and other countries to fight the virus.

THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON Consolidated Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets Year Ended December 31, 2019

		Land	函	Buildings	Equipment, furniture and motor vehicles	Water infrastructure	Sewer infrastructure	I ransportation and transit services	Tax sale land	nd 2019
Cost Opening balance Additions - purchased	₩.	683,707	€9	4,521,231	\$ 2,376,826 610,151	\$ 3,618,982	\$ 1,133,405 25,925	\$ 3,456,794	\$ 78,551 1,504	31 \$ 15,869,496 34 1,536,368
Additions - donated Disposals Writadowns					(128,296)					(128,296)
Ending balance		683,707		5,195,444	2,858,681	3,843,557	1,159,330	3,456,794	80,055	55 17,277,568
Accumulated amortization Opening balance Amortization Acc. amortization on disposals				1,575,771 102,445 -	1,581,192 135,722 (73,210)	1,326,160 61,382	90,706 36,605	1,657,505 103,094 -		6,741,334 439,248 (73,210)
Ending balance				1,678,216	1,643,704	1,387,542	637,311	1,760,599	1	7,107,372
Net book value	€9	683,707	€9	3,517,228	\$ 1,214,977	\$ 2,456,015 \$	\$ 522,019	\$ 1,696,195	\$ 80,055	55 \$ 10,170,197
		Land	В	Buildings	Equipment, furniture and motor vehicles	Water infrastructure	Sewer infrastructure	Transportation and transit services	Tax sale land	nd 2018
Cost Opening balance	69	559,207	69		\$ 2,330,032	2,330,032 \$ 3,434,426 \$ 1,122,948	\$ 1,122,948	& &	· 69	81,497 \$ 15,005,736
Additions - purchased	•	124,500		381,360		184,556	10,457	119,039		921,750
Additions - donated Disposals Writedowns			٠.		(55,043)				(2,945)	(57,988)
Ending balance		683,707		4,521,231	2,376,827	3,618,982	1,133,405	3,456,794	78,552	52 15,869,498
Accumulated amortization Opening balance Amortization Acc. amortization on disposals				1,476,737 99,034 -	1,459,951 126,324 (5,083)	1,267,505 58,655	562,209 38,497 -	1,558,623 98,882 -		6,325,025 421,392 (5,083)
Ending balance		,		1,575,771	1,581,192	1,326,160	902'009	1,657,505		6,741,334
4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	U	683.707	69	2.945.460 \$		795,635 \$ 2,292,822 \$	\$ 532,699 \$	\$ 1,799,289 \$	\$ 78,552	52 \$ 9,128,165

THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON Consolidated Schedule of Segmented Revenue and Expenses Year Ended December 31, 2019

	General government services	Protective services	Transportation and transit services	Recreation and youth services	Water operations	Sewer operations	Garbage operations	Tourism and community development	Other	2019	2019 Budget
Revenues											
Net taxes available for district purposes	69	· ·	· •	· •			· •	•	\$ 626,282 \$	626,282	\$ 620,800
Utility usage fees	ı		1		136,619	40,959	68,505			246,083	265,000
Services	86,943	17,250	2,025	9,005	1				14,976	130,199	141,500
Government grants and transfers	3,780,663			ı	•				- 00	3,780,663	2,824,500
ICBC Commissions Investment income									396,299 74,062	396,299 74,062	22,000
	3,867,606	17,250	2,025	9,005	136,619	40,959	68,505		1,111,619	5,253,588	4,248,800
Expenses											
Salaries, wages and benefits	425,098	18,286	337,504	000	54,407	- 1	- 04 004	ı	•	835,295	846,500
Goods and services	228,822	43,381	245,689	26,978	13/,219	19,376	84,397			4757	000,7,0,1
Interest and bank charges	4,757							452.500	. ,	432,550	12.500
Amortization	164,721	12,815	75,766	27,329	120,145	38,472		-		439,248	350,000
	803 448	74.482	658.959	54.307	311.771	117.848	84.397	452,500		2,557,712	2,292,600
	\$ 3,064,158 General government	\$ (57,232)	\$ (656,934) Transportation and transit	۳. ۳	_		\$ (15,892) Garbage	& Jo 8	9	\$ 2,695,876	\$ 1,956,200
	services	services	services	services	operations	operations	operations	development	Other	2018	
Revenues											
Net taxes available for district				•			•	•		946 406	
purposes User fees and sale of goods and	ı У	·	·	ı	· •	·	· +	·	\$ 010,400 \$		
services	86,195	17,000	325	14,865	137,156	42,644	68,325			366,510	
Government grants and transfers	1,114,839	•	1		1	,			276 004	1,114,839	
ICBC Commissions			1		1				376,904	32,665	
Investment income Building rentals and other revenue							1		20,277	20,277	
	1,201,034	17,000	325	14,865	137,156	42,644	68,325		1,046,252	2,527,601	
LApellaca	010	0.0	****							754 973	
Salaries, wages and benefits Goods and services	378,662	19,532 34,519	306,644 214,397	46,783	50,135 62,904	71,298	77,567			817,565	
Interest and bank charges	4,965									4,965	
Other	1,354					,		52,500		53,854	
Amortization	146,201	12,815	74,571	24,311	123,131	40,363				421,392	
	841,279	998'99	595,612	71,094	236,170	111,661	77,567	52,500		2,052,749	
F	359 755	(49,866)	(595 287)	(56 229)	(89 014)	(69,017)	(9.242)	\$ (52.500)	\$ 1.046.252	\$ 474.852	
Pa	200	,	(220,500)	,	(410,00)	(20,00)	١			ı	

THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON Consolidated Schedule of Reserve Fund Activities Year Ended December 31, 2019

		Machinery and equipment	×	Water capital	Sewer capital	١	Cemetery fund	Tax sale reserve	Build	Building fund	Northern Capital and Planning		. 5019	20	2018
Balance - beginning of year	69	\$ 667.68	69	(163.539) \$	\$ 325.194 \$	69	3.857 \$	90.844 \$	69	515,201	•	69	861,356 \$	ő	959,582
Transfers in	•			\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\							2,580,000		2,580,000		
Transfers out							,		~	(515,201)	(419,315)		(934,516)		1
Investment income (expense)		868		(4.286)	3,252		39	806			38,036		38,847		5,274
Contributions				(101,000)	(101,500)	_							(202,500)	Ξ	03,500)
Balance - end of vear	69	90.697	69	90.697 \$ (268.825) \$	\$ 226,946 \$	69	3,896 \$	91,752 \$ -	€9		\$ 2,198,721 \$ 2,343,187 \$ 861,356	8	2,343,187 \$	88	51,356

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON

Permissive Tax Exemptions

2019

Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 343, 2018 provided the following Permissive Tax Exemptions in 2019. Municipal taxes which were not imposed are:

1.	Skeena Lions Society Lots 6-11, Block 100, Section 2, Plan 968 District Lot 882, Cassiar Land District	\$ 2,517.71
2.	New Hazelton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses Lots 7-9, Block 148, Section 2, Plan 968 District Lot 882, Cassiar Land District	\$ 607.54
3.	Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp of Prince Rupert Lots 7-21, Block 29, Section 2, Plan 968 District Lot 863, Cassiar Land District	\$ 3,282.34

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Municipal Services and Operations -2019-

The District of New Hazelton provides many services to citizens and visitors to the community. These include:

- Curbside Collection
- Streets and roads
- Street lighting
- Potable water supply
- Sanitary sewer
- Storm/runoff drainage
- Parks and trails
- Recreational services
- ICBC Agency
- Motor Vehicle Licensing
- Building inspection services
- Firefighting and prevention
- Highway rescue services
- First Responder services
- Tourism information and promotion
- Planning
- Administration
- House insurance
- Meeting center
- Erwin Stege Community Centre

The District of New Hazelton operated with a full-time staff of ten (10) persons during 2019. The full-time public works crew of five (5) was assisted by two (2) summer students. The full-time administration staff of five (5) was assisted by one (1) summer student.

Our Volunteer Fire Department consists of a Fire Chief and nine (9) volunteer members. The Fire Department members are also responsible for the delivery of service for our Jaws of Life, costs of which are partnered with the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine and the Village of Hazelton.

Our Visitor Centre is staffed from May – September each year and employs up to four (4) staff members, usually high school/university students. This centre is partnered on a cost sharing basis between the District of New Hazelton, the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine, the Village of Hazelton, and Destination BC.

During the summer, the Public Works department, with the assistance of a local paving company completed various hand patching throughout the District. Overlays were applied on 9th Ave from Laurier St. to Graham St; 7th Ave from Laurier St. to Graham St.

The major emphasis of Council and administration continues to be to preserve existing services and assets without significantly increasing the cost to taxpayers.

Declaration of Disqualifications

2019

No member of Council was disqualified from holding office under Section $111\ of$ the Community Charter.

2020 Statement of Objectives and Measures

Service/Department	Objective	Strategy	Measure
Administration	Work to reduce costs and generate additional revenue	Continue to systematically evaluate operations to reduce costs or increase revenue	Add to operating surplus
		Continue to market ICBC/House Insurance to increase sales	Commission revenues will increase
Economic Development	Market New Hazelton	Work with Economic Development Officer to find new ways to attract & retain businesses	New investment occurs
	Continue to promote local businesses with a buy local campaign	Promote Love Northern BC/Love the Hazeltons website	Local businesses see an increase in profits
	Engage local businesses	Collaborate with the RDKS & Village of Hazelton to carry out surveys with local business	Opportunities and challenges facing local businesses will be identified

2020 Statement of Objectives and Measures

Service/Department	Objective	Strategy	Measure
Downtown Revitalization	Replace flower	Purchase new flower	New flower baskets
	planters and hanging	planters and hanging	and planters placed
J	baskets	baskets from vendor	throughout
			downtown core
Water Distribution	Young Street	Receive grant for	Received grant.
System	waterline upgrade	funding.	. T
		Work and restoration	Work will be
		to be completed by	completed by
	46	contractor	contractor
Waste Water Collection	Annual cleaning of	Work to be	Work will be
	waste water	completed by	completed by
	distribution lines	contractors to	contractor
		maintain efficient	
	,	operation of lines	
	Lagoon desludging	Work to be	Work will be
		completed by	completed by
		contractor and public	contractor and public
	l	works staff	works staff
Road Upgrades	Overlay on 13 th Ave	Work to be	Work will be
	from Bowser St to	completed by paving	completed by
	McLeod St; 14 th Ave	contractor and public	contractor and public
	from Bowser St to	works staff	works staff
	McLeod St, McLeod		
	St from 14 th Ave to	50 set	
	15 th Ave		
		z	
Public Works	Install storm sewer	Work will be	Work will be
FUMIL WOLKS	along Templeman St	completed by public	completed
	from Hwy 16 to 9 th	works staff	
	Ave, 9 th Ave from		
	Templeman St to		
	Laurier St, and Laurier	A	
	St from 13 th Ave to		
	14 th Ave		

2021 Statement of Objectives and Measures

Service/Department	Objective	Strategy	Measure
Administration	Work to reduce costs and generate additional revenue	Continue to systematically evaluate operations for new opportunities to reduce costs or increase revenue	Add to operating surplus
	Construct new municipal office and greenspace	Work to be completed by contractor	Work will be completed by contractor
	Asset Management Plan Completion	Work with Urban Systems to finalize an Asset Management Plan that includes staff training	Completed Asset Management Plan that can be maintained by staff
Economic Development	Market New Hazelton	Continue to utilize the website & advertise opportunities	New investment occurs
Waste Water Collection	Annual cleaning of waste water distribution lines	Work to be completed by contractors to maintain efficient operation of lines	Work will be completed by contractor
Roadways	Continue to improve paved and gravel road surfaces throughout the community	Continue to improve services offered to our residents	Work will be completed
Public Works	Continue to improve storm sewer system throughout the community	Work will be completed by public works	Work will be completed

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Progress Report 2019

Service/Department	Objective	Strategy	Measure	Outcome
Administration	Work to reduce costs and generate additional revenue	Continue to systematically evaluate operations to reduce costs or increase revenue	Add to operating surplus instead of drawing on it	Operating surplus of \$2,695,876 for 2019
		Partnered with Bulkley Valley Insurance Services in Smithers to offer house insurance services to residents of the Hazeltons	Commission revenues will increase	First full year of house insurance created \$21,474.36 in commission.
		Marketing ICBC Broker Agency more consistently to increase business	Commission revenues will increase	ICBC/Motor vehicle commission revenue increased by \$7,472 from 2018
Economic Development	Market New Hazelton	Continue to utilize the website & advertise opportunities	New investment occurs	Receiving inquiries regarding property
	Continue to promote local businesses with a buy local campaign	Promote Love Northern BC/Love the Hazeltons website.	Local businesses see an increase in profits	Economic Development Officer continues to look for ways to market & promote local business

Progress Report 2019

Service/Department	Objective	Strategy	Measure	Outcome
Economic Development	Engage local businesses	Collaborate with the RDKS and Village of Hazelton to carry out surveys with local business	Opportunities and challenges facing local business will be identified	Staff, council, and Economic Development Officer carried out business walk in mid- summer with local businesses
Downtown Revitalization	Community Center	Finish renovating Community Centre	Community Center will provide rental space resulting in opportunities for revenue generation	Work was completed. Rentals of facility began in July, 2019; currently one (1) long- term tenant
Water Distribution System	Laurier Street waterline upgrade from 13 th Ave to 14 th Ave	Work and restoration to be completed by contractors	Work will be completed by contractor	Work was completed
Waste Water Collection	Annual cleaning of waste water distribution lines	Work to be completed by contractors to maintain efficient operation of lines	Work will be completed by contractor	Work was completed

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		Progress Report 2019		
Service/Department	Objective	Strategy	Measure	Outcome
Roadways	Overlay on 9 th Ave from Laurier St to Graham St; 7 th Ave from Laurier St to Graham St	Work to be completed by contractor and public works crew	Work will be completed	Work was completed
	Base work on Community Center parking lot	Work to be completed by paving contractor and public works crew	Work will be completed by contractor	Work was completed
	Apply crush to Brewster St North			Work was completed
Public Works	Install storm sewer along 14 th Avenue from Pugsley St to Fielding St and Laurier St from 11 th Ave to 12 th Ave	Work will be completed by public works	Work will be completed	Work was completed