

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, September 14, 2020  
Erwin Stege Community Center - Conference Room

Public Meeting – 6:45 pm

- (1) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 356,2020

Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

- (1) CALL TO ORDER:

- (2) MINUTES:

- a) Accept minutes of the August 10, 2020 regular meeting.

- (3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: None

- (4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

- (5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Telus – Letter of Support to increase broadband coverage in rural Canada  
b) NCLGA Advocacy Report Summary – for information only

- (6) REPORTS: None

- (7) BYLAWS:

- a) District of New Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department Service Level Establishment & Fire Regulation Bylaw No. 354, 2020 – Adopt  
b) District of New Hazelton Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 355, 2020 – Adopt  
c) District of New Hazelton Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 356, 2020 – 3rd Reading and Adopt  
d) District of New Hazelton Repealing Bylaw No. 357, 2020 - Adopt

- (8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Council Schedule:
- September 22-24 UBCM Virtual Conference
  - October 5 Regular Council Meeting
  - November 2 Regular Council Meeting
  - December 4 Winterfest

Adjournment

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 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 A. Berg  
Councillor B. Henwood  
Councillor J. Hobenshield  
Councillor M. Weeber

STAFF PRESENT: W. Hunt

2) MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 7968/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the minutes of the July 6, 2020 regular meeting be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: None

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Strategic Planning Session

It was decided to postponed the next Strategic Planning Session until it could take place in person.

5) CORRESPONDENCE: Amber Grimm

CAO Hunt and Mayor Lowry reaffirmed their response to Ms. Grimm's email correspondence.

6) REPORTS:

- a) Councillor Hobenshield – Updated Council on the Hazelton & District Public Library's strategic plan and operations.
- b) Mayor Lowry – Reported on the Wrinch Foundation AGM and Skeena Housing meetings.

7) BYLAWS:

- a) District of New Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department Service Level Establishment & Fire Regulation Bylaw No. 354, 2020.

RESOLUTION 7969/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department Service Level Establishment & Fire Regulation Bylaw No. 354, 2020 be given the first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

- b) District of New Hazelton Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 355, 2020

RESOLUTION 7970/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 355, 2020 be given the first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

- c) District of New Hazelton Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 356, 2020

RESOLUTION 7971/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 356, 2020 be given the first and second readings.

CARRIED

- d) District of New Hazelton Repealing Bylaw No. 357, 2020

RESOLUTION 7972/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton Repealing Bylaw No. 357, 2020 be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) District of New Hazelton 2020 Annual Report

RESOLUTION 7973/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton 2020 Annual Report be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- b) MIABC Voting Delegate

RESOLUTION 7974/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton appoint Mayor Lowry as the MIABC Voting Delegate and CAO, Wendy Hunt as its Alternate Voting Delegate.

CARRIED

Discussion regarding correspondence from Ruth McAfee regarding parking and public washrooms for skate park. CAO Hunt will follow-up.

Councillor Sturney was concerned about yellow loose strife being eradicated and the waterfall looking like there is a shortage of water, CAO Hunt will follow up.

Councillor Weeber informed council on the BVCU Community Support Committee having iKitchen meals being distributed through paramedicine program, Helping Hands, and the Kitwanga Valley Community Association.

Councillor Hobenshield brought forth some possibilities for Winterfest activities in case we are unable to gather due to Provincial Health Orders.

9) CLOSED SESSION (8:00 pm):

RESOLUTION 7975/20

MOVED

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

8:34 pm – Meeting reopened to the public.

10) ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 7976/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the meeting be adjourned 8:35 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS

DAY OF

, 2020

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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MAYOR



**From:** Jennifer Lastiwka <Jennifer.Lastiwka@telus.com> on behalf of Shaye Draper <Shaye.Draper@telus.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020 1:03 PM  
**To:** Shaye Draper  
**Subject:** TELUS COVID-19 Update - Supporting Our Communities and Helping Them Stay Connected



## TELUS COVID-19 Update – Supporting Our Communities and Helping Them Stay Connected

General Manager Shaye Draper, member of the TELUS team

September 9, 2020

To our valued Municipal Partners,

I would like to introduce myself as the new General Manager of Customer Solutions Delivery at TELUS for the region. In my role I support not only the technicians that service your community, but also act as your bridge into the TELUS organization. I look forward to supporting your needs and getting to know you and your community better over time. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

As mentioned in previous communications, at TELUS, the health and safety of our customers, communities and team members remains our #1 priority. As an essential service, we are maintaining our efforts to keep you connected during this challenging time.

### **Partnering for a Healthier Future**

See a locally licensed doctor fast from your smartphone, including evenings and weekends and at no cost: TELUS Health has partnered with Babylon Health, a global leader in digital health that combines the power of AI with the medical expertise of doctors. Together, we created Babylon by TELUS Health which allows British Columbian's and Albertan's to see a locally licensed doctor fast from their smartphone, including evenings and weekends and at no cost to them. The app is free to download and video consultations with doctors are covered by provincial healthcare.

We encourage you to let your community members know that if they don't have a family doctor or need healthcare after hours, Babylon by TELUS Health is here for them. The service can also be used to check symptoms – including those of COVID-19 – book appointments and get prescriptions and referrals for diagnostic tests or

specialists. Download the free app from the App Store or Google Play, register and it's ready to use. For more information, visit [telus.com/babylon](https://www.telus.com/babylon)

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### **Connectivity Programs for Low-Income Families, Vulnerable Youth and People with Disabilities**

Low-cost, high speed internet and an affordable computer: We have expanded our Internet for Good program to make it easier for both Canadian families and people with disabilities to access low-cost, high speed internet. Principals at any school in B.C. and Alberta can now reach out to us directly for Internet for Good codes for families at their schools that they deem in-need, and who may not have met our regular criteria for the program. Moreover, people with disabilities that receive the Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefit, or provincial equivalent are now eligible to access our Internet for Good program.

Broadening the reach of this initiative will ensure that more people have access to low-cost, high speed internet and an affordable computer. Eligible families and people can apply at [telus.com/internetforgood](https://www.telus.com/internetforgood).

Access to a free smartphone and free data plan for two years: Moreover, in partnership with the Children's Aid Foundation of Canada, we are expanding our Mobility for Good program nationally, ensuring vulnerable youth aging out of foster care can stay connected to the people, resources and information that matter most, particularly during the pandemic. By providing access to a free smartphone and free data plan for two years, we are helping ensure this underserved demographic has the opportunity to realize their full potential. You will soon be able to donate your old devices to be refurbished and provided to a youth in need! Eligible youth can apply at [telus.com/mobilityforgood](https://www.telus.com/mobilityforgood).

### **TELUS Supports Communities During COVID-19**

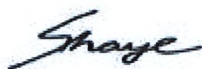
Since the pandemic, over 150 communities throughout Alberta and British Columbia have reached out for support on both community and business continuity needs. We want to assure you that we are here for your community. Please don't hesitate to reach out for any support you may need. We have proactively extended supporting our communities for their TELUS provided business continuity needs until the end of 2020.

### **Letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau: Prioritization of Rural Connectivity Across Canada**

Now more than ever, we have learned from COVID-19 that connectivity infrastructure plays an important role in the daily lives of Canadians. I will be reaching out to you shortly with a draft letter that you can customize as you see fit, to ask you to send to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, to request that his government prioritizes rural connectivity in the upcoming Speech from the Throne on September 23.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



**Shaye Draper**

General Manager, Customer Solutions Delivery  
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**From:** Jennifer Lastiwka <Jennifer.Lastiwka@telus.com> on behalf of Shaye Draper <Shaye.Draper@telus.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020 3:07 PM  
**To:** Shaye Draper  
**Subject:** Prioritization of Rural Connectivity Across Canada  
**Attachments:** Letter to PM from municipalities - Rural connectivity.docx  
**Importance:** High



## Prioritization of Rural Connectivity Across Canada

General Manager Shaye Draper, member of the TELUS team

September 9, 2020

Good afternoon,

As a follow up to the update I sent earlier today, I'm reaching out to gauge your interest in sending a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to request that his government prioritizes rural connectivity in the upcoming Speech from the Throne on September 23. Municipalities of all sizes play a role in representing rural and remote communities and know too well the essential role connectivity infrastructure plays in the daily lives of Canadians.

COVID-19 has reinforced the importance of access to high speed internet and wireless services not only to stay in touch with loved ones, but to enable telecommuting, virtual health care services, and remote learning. While many Canadians and businesses have been able to adapt to this new reality, there are still too many rural Canadians that are being left behind.

That is why we need your help to urge the Government of Canada to prioritize policies that encourage private sector investment in connectivity for rural and remote communities, including a new approach to spectrum policy.

To assist, we've taken the liberty of providing a proposed draft letter (**attached**) to the Prime Minister, that can be customized as you see fit.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shaye'.

**Shaye Draper**

General Manager, Customer Solutions Delivery

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September XX, 2020

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Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of [INSERT NAME OF MUNICIPALITY], I am writing to you to raise the urgent need for increased rural connectivity, and to ask that you **prioritize rural connectivity in the upcoming Speech from the Throne** on September 23. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced the essential role connectivity services play in the daily lives of Canadians, not only to stay in touch with loved ones, but to telecommute, access virtual health care services, and enable remote learning. While many Canadians and businesses have been able to adapt to the new reality we find ourselves in, there are still too many rural Canadians that are being left behind.

As you prepare to lay out the Government of Canada's priorities in the Speech from the Throne, we urge you to prioritize policies that **encourage private sector investment in connectivity for rural and remote communities**. The need for new or improved broadband connectivity in [MUNICIPALITY], and communities like ours, is urgent.

To deliver better connectivity to our communities – and all of rural Canada – we ask that the federal government encourage rural network investment and deployment by:

1. **Expediting the 3500 MHz and 3800 MHz spectrum auctions** so that this spectrum can be put to use for all Canadians, sooner;
2. Imposing meaningful deployment conditions across accelerated timelines to all spectrum holders. For example, a **“use it or lose it” spectrum policy** that requires greater rural deployment within five years of a license grant, where failure to build results in forfeiture of that license;
3. **Ending the use of spectrum set asides**, particularly for rural areas, as set-aside eligible telecoms companies do not have a track record of deploying in rural Canada, and that spectrum goes unused; and
4. Continuing to invest in rural connectivity programs by launching the Universal Broadband Fund, supporting the CRTC Broadband Fund, and identifying opportunities to match or **coordinate funding programs with the provinces**.

We can no longer afford delays to the roll out of wireless connectivity. We hope that you will include rural connectivity as a key priority in the Speech from the Throne. We ask that these commitments be reflected in new ministerial mandate letters, reflecting your government's commitment to **encourage private sector investment in connectivity for [INSERT NAME OF MUNICIPALITY]**, and all of rural Canada.

I look forward to hearing from you on how your government is going to prioritize rural connectivity to ensure equal access for all Canadians to reliable wireless services and high speed internet.

Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME]



## Advocacy Letters to Provincial and Federal Ministers

As outlined in the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, advocacy is a key priority for NCLGA. Our goal is to provide member input into informed provincial and federal government decision-making. While NCLGA members were unable to discuss member resolutions and other important topics at NCLGA's annual convention in May, advocacy remains important to members. Therefore, NCLGA recently forwarded letters to several BC and federal Ministers regarding resolutions submitted by members in advance of NCLGA's planned 2020 AGM and Convention.

In the fall, NCLGA plans to request delegation meetings with several Ministers to discuss the issues raised in the letters and member resolutions. In advance of any meetings, NCLGA will contact members regarding their resolutions to discuss key messages for these sessions. In the meantime, NCLGA would be pleased to support members in any Minister meetings at the UBCM Convention in September, if needed.

The following list summarizes the Ministers who received advocacy letters and the related resolutions that fall within their authority. The individual Minister letters are available to view on [Dropbox](#) (click on hyperlink).

### **Provincial Government**

#### *Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*

- R2 Legislative Clarification on Temporary Use Permits
- R20 Minimal Barrier Shelter Standards
- R25 Assistance with Step Code Implementation
- L1 BC Gaming Grant

#### *Bruce Ralston, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources*

- R1 Geothermal Exploratory Drilling Regulations
- R5 Vegetation Control along Powerlines
- R26 BC Hydro Service Provisions

#### *Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development*

- R11 Maintenance of Forest Service Roads
- R18 Forestry Economic Downturn

*Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture*

R4 New ALC Regulation

*George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy*

R27 Engaging Northern and Remote Communities on New Programs  
R31 Municipal Solid Waste – ICI EPR Program  
R32 Invasive Species Funding  
R33 Invasive Species Act  
R34 Sustainable Funding for Watershed Stewardship

*Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General*

R6 Expanded Role for RCMP Auxiliary Program  
R7 Funding for Rural Crime Reduction/Prevention Group  
R8 Funding for Rural Community Policing Resources  
R9 Emergency Interagency Communication System  
R29 Extending Life of Fire Apparatus

*David Eby, Attorney General*

R23 Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuits  
R30 Private Liquor Store Moratorium

*Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure*

R10 Transportation Services for Rural and Remote Communities  
R12 EV Charging Stations

*Adrian Dix, Minister of Health*

R10 Transportation Services for Rural and Remote Communities  
R22 Ambulance Services

*Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions*

R19 Re-Evaluation of Outpatient Model  
R21 Needle Retrieval and Disposal Program  
R23 Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuits  
R24 Mental Healthcare Services

*Rob Fleming, Minister of Education*

R28 Library Funding  
R37 Provincial Support for Libraries

*Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training*

R35 Post-Secondary in Rural Communities  
R36 Early Childhood Education Labour Force Shortage



*Harry Bains, Minister of Labour*

- R22 Ambulance Services
- R36 Early Childhood Education Labour Force Shortage

*Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care*

- R36 Early Childhood Education Labour Force Shortage

*Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction*

- R3 Accessible Parking Campaign

*Carole James, Minister of Finance*

- R7 Funding for Rural Crime Reduction/Prevention Group
- R8 Funding for Rural Community Policing Resources
- R14 Grant-in-lieu of Taxes Revision
- R15 Brownfield Taxation
- R17 Enumeration and Consideration of Seasonal Populations
- R24 Mental Healthcare Services
- R28 Library Funding
- R32 Invasive Species Funding
- R34 Sustainable Funding for Watershed Stewardship
- R37 Provincial Support for Libraries
- L1 BC Gaming Grant

**Federal Government**

*Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance*

- R14 Grant-in-lieu of Taxes Revision
- R16 Gas Tax Funding

*Navdeep Singh Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry (for Statistics Canada)*

- R17 Enumeration and Consideration of Seasonal Populations



## **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

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**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:
  - I. 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
- l. 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.**"

Read a first time this                      10<sup>th</sup>      day of August, 2020

Read a second time this                      10<sup>th</sup>      day of August, 2020

Read a third time this                      10<sup>th</sup>      day of August, 2020

Adopted this                                      day of

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER





## 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

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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 Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses	4562 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave	1423005	Lot A, District Lot 882, Plan EPP78072, Section 2, Cassiar Land District	013-554-021
Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp of Prince Rupert	4063 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave	555000	Lots 7-21, Block 29, District Lot 863, Plan 968, Section 2, Cassiar Land District	014-079-887 014-079-895 014-079-917 014-083-761 014-083-795 014-083-817 014-083-833 014-083-850 014-083-876 014-083-892 014-083-914 014-083-922 014-083-949 014-083-965 014-083-981

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            10<sup>th</sup>    day of August, 2020

Read a second time this        10<sup>th</sup>    day of August, 2020

Read a third time this         10<sup>th</sup>    day of August, 2020

Adopted this                        day of

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## DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON BYLAW NO. 356, 2020

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

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

**That,** the following amendments be made to Zoning Bylaw No. 317, 2014:

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

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 356, 2020.
2. District of New Hazelton Zoning Bylaw No. 317, 2014 is hereby amended by rezoning:
  - a) Lots 12 – 22, Block 167, Plan PRP 968, District Lot 882, Section 2, Cassiar Land District from Community Services (P-1) to Multi-Unit Residential (R-3).

READ A FIRST TIME THIS            10<sup>th</sup>    day of August, 2020

READ A SECOND TIME THIS       10<sup>th</sup>    day of August, 2020

READ A THIRD TIME THIS                day of

ADOPTED THIS                                day of

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MAYOR

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## 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.

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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

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

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	10 <sup>TH</sup>	DAY OF AUGUST, 2020
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	10 <sup>TH</sup>	DAY OF AUGUST, 2020
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	10 <sup>TH</sup>	DAY OF AUGUST, 2020
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