

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, March 01, 2021  
Erwin Stege Community Center - Conference Room

Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

(1) CALL TO ORDER:

(2) MINUTES:

- a) Accept the amended minutes the January 11, 2021 meeting
- b) Accept minutes of the February 01, 2021 regular meeting

(3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

- a) Maggie Hall, Economic Development Officer, 2020 Summary

(4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) 2020 Transit Usage Report

(5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs Update

(6) REPORTS: None

(7) BYLAWS:

- a) 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 358, 2021 – Adopt

(8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Council Schedule:
  - April 08 COFI Virtual Conference 8:30 am – 12:00 noon
  - April 12 Regular Council Meeting
  - April 26 Regular Council Meeting
  - May 3 Regular Council Meeting

Closed Session, Section 90.2 (i) Community Charter Act, regarding legal matters.

Adjournment

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 11, 2021  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

REGRETS: Councillor M. Weeber

STAFF PRESENT: W. Hunt  
R. Carlé

2) MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 7999/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the minutes of the November 2, 2020 regular meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: None

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Evacuation Route Planning Grant

RESOLUTION 8000/21

That, the District of New Hazelton supports the Village of Hazelton to submit a regional Evacuation Route Planning application on behalf of both communities, and agrees to the Village of Hazelton managing the grant and receiving all grant funds if the project is approved.

CARRIED

- b) Outdoor Ice Rink Location

RESOLUTION 8001/21

That, the District of New Hazelton staff look into other options for off season of the rink surface.

CARRIED

5) CORRESPONDENCE: None

6) REPORTS:

- a) Councillor Sturney

Will be attending the final Crime Stoppers meeting Jan. 12, 2021 as it moving its services to Prince George.

- b) Councillor Henwood

Advised that the CHIC meetings will begin again on a more regular basis.

- c) Mayor Lowry

Reported on the December RDKS meeting.

7) BYLAWS:

- a) 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 358, 2021

RESOLUTION 8002/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 358, 2021 be given its first and second reading.

CARRIED

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Council Schedule

RESOLUTION 8003/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton Council Meeting Schedule be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- Councillor Sturney would like to be signed up for the Virtual BC Natural Resources Forum

- b) Northern Development Initiative Trust Grant Application – Garbage/Recycling Receptacles Replacement

RESOLUTION 8004/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton make an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for Community Places funding program, Main Street Revitalization stream, in the amount of \$50,000.00. The District of New Hazelton commits to any cost overruns or changes in pricing for the project.

CARRIED

- c) UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant Application

RESOLUTION 8005/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton apply to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness fund – Emergency Support Services grant program in the amount of \$25,000.00. The District commits to any cost overruns or price discrepancies that may arise.

CARRIED

- d) Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream

RESOLUTION 8006/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton apply to the Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream in the amount of up to \$805,000.00 for the purpose of securing a generator to support the community's emergency response in the event of a widespread emergency. The District of New Hazelton commits to any cost overruns for the project.

CARRIED

10) ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 8007/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the meeting be adjourned 7:42 pm.

CARRIED



CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS

DAY OF

, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
February 1, 2021  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

DELEGATION: CN Rail (virtual)  
Staff Sgt. Darren Durnin

STAFF PRESENT: W. Hunt  
R. Carlé

2) MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 8007/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the minutes of the January 11, 2021 regular meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

a) CN Rail – Rail Safety

CN personnel gave a presentation on rail safety in the northern corridor and specifically in regards safety measures within the New Hazelton area. They also discussed working with our fire department to ensure some opportunities for training.

b) NH RCMP – Staff Sargeant Darren Durnin

Staff Sargeant Durnin provided the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter update (Oct-Dec) for the Detachment including updates on vacant positions and transfers completed or scheduled within the next few months. He also provided an update on the on incidents and crime statistics.

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) NAV Canada Air Traffic Control Services – Request for Letter of Support

RESOLUTION 8007/21

That, the District of New Hazelton receive for information.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 8008/21

That, the District of New Hazelton write a letter to NAV Canada asking them to reconsider the timing of implementing their recommendations to a post-COVID time.

CARRIED

- b) RDKS – Hazeltons' Regional Transit Amendment Bylaw – Request for Resolution

RESOLUTION 8009/21

That, the District of New Hazelton support the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine in proceeding with adopting the "Hazeltons' Regional Transit Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw #750, 2021."

CARRIED

6) REPORTS:

- a) Councillor Sturney

Reported on the BC Natural Resources Forum, virtual forum.

- b) Councillor Weeber

Reported on TV Association.

- c) Councillor Berg

Reported on Building Inspector situation and legislation.

- d) Mayor Lowry

Reported on NDIT, Mills Memorial's new hospital and the RDKS meeting regarding bylaw amendments.

7) BYLAWS:

- a) 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 358, 2021

RESOLUTION 8010/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 358, 2021 be given its third reading.

CARRIED

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) COFI

Councillor Burns asked to be registered for the conference.

10) ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 8011/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the meeting be adjourned 9:35 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS

DAY OF , 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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MAYOR

Hi Wendy,

See below for some ridership information comparing 2019/2020 for the two highway 16 Hazelton routes (163 and 164)

A few observations

- Despite ridership impacts across the province, these two routes have remained relatively stable in regards to ridership
  - Route 163 is trending at about 17% less ridership from the year previous (provincial average is about 40% right now)
  - There were 2 months of this year (July and August) where we saw more ridership on the route 163 than the year previous
  - Route 164 is trending at about 13% less ridership from the year previous (again provincial average is about 40% less than year previous)
  - There were 4 months of this year (July, August, September, October) where we saw more ridership on the route 164 than the year previous

Hope this is helpful! Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions/concerns or if you require more information.

Thanks,

Lindsay

	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	January	February	March
Route 163 (2019/20)	313	525	498	355	316	357	355	419	544	603	435	506
Smithers												
Route 163 (2020/21)	334	311	424	557	388	349	301	272	301	320		

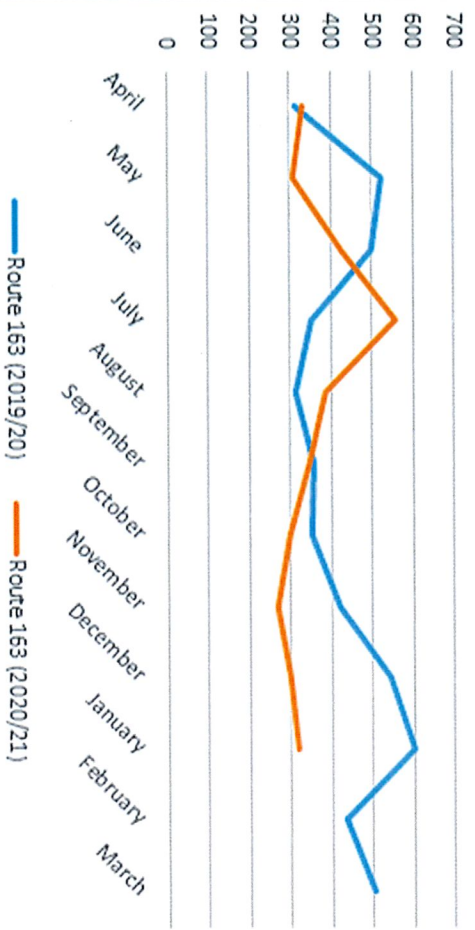
Route 164 (2019/20)	271	264	226	228	164	155	218	314	317	291	359	178
Terrace												
Route 164 (2020/21)	165	243	187	285	294	229	252	178	159	128		



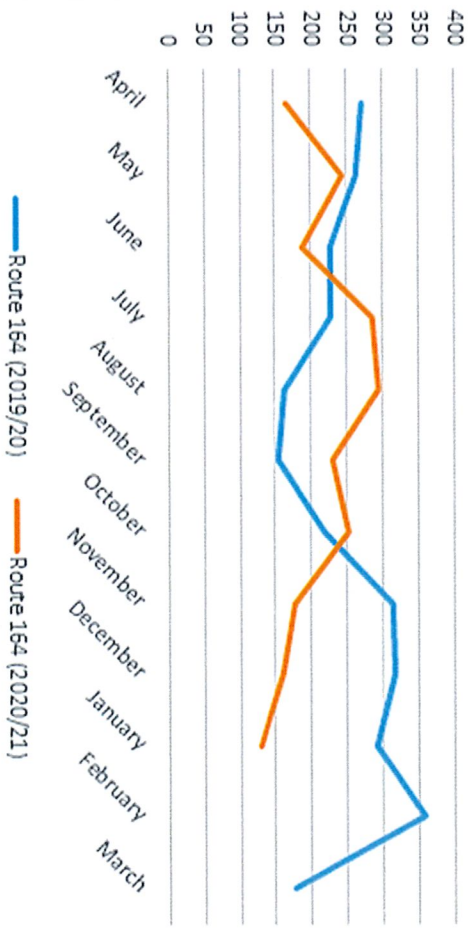
# SMITHERS

# TERRACE

## 163 Ridership Comparison



## 164 Ridership Comparison





February 17, 2021

Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia  
Attendees of January 2021 Regional Calls with Minister Josie Osborne

Dear Mayors and Chairs,

Thank you for taking the time to join Minister Josie Osborne and UBCM President Brian Frenkel for the first round of regional calls in the new year. Hearing from UBCM directly on some of its key interests and issues was very much appreciated. As Minister Osborne and President Frenkel said during the calls, these calls continue to be a great opportunity to hear from you about the key issues and opportunities you are working on in your communities for 2021 (in addition to COVID-19).

There were a number of themes that came up during the calls including connectivity, reopening of BC parks in the spring and roll out of vaccine distribution. This email sets out links and resources on some of the topics raised.

As well, on specific issues such as grant applications or questions particular to your community, please remember that your staff can reach out to Ministry of Municipal Affairs staff for assistance (see the [Local Government Division staff finder](#) for the appropriate staff person for your area).

#### **COVID-19 update**

The state of emergency is extended to March 2, allowing health and emergency management officials to continue to use extraordinary powers under the Emergency Program Act. On February 5th, Minister Dix and Dr. Henry announced that the province-wide restrictions, put in place to significantly reduce COVID-19 transmission related to social interactions and travel, would continue until further notice based on direction from the PHO.

Although the COVID-19 immunization plan is in effect, Dr. Henry reminded us that gatherings of any size, in our homes or elsewhere, are high risk and non-essential travel should not be happening right now. Please stay tuned for more announcements from Dr. Henry and check the provincial government COVID-19 website regularly for updates.

### **Vaccine distribution**

The Provincial Health Officer appreciates the willingness of local governments to support vaccine distribution at the local level and has informed those planning vaccine distribution logistics about the potential for local governments to assist in this regard. The organizers of the immunization roll out recognize the important role that local governments have in this process and are aware that the earlier local governments are involved in the planning, the better the outcomes will be.

Currently, it is planned that vaccinations for the general population will run March to September 2021 and will start in March with people over the age of 80, who will be receiving information in the weeks ahead on when and how to get their vaccinations. The vaccination roll out hinges on vaccine availability and may be subject to change. Immunization clinics are being organized in 172 communities in BC and will be overseen by local health authorities.

The clinics will be held at large centres, including school gyms, arenas, convention halls and community halls. Mobile clinics will be available for some rural communities and for people who are homebound due to mobility issues. More information about the roll out and registration process will be available in late February.

The best source of COVID-19 vaccine information is the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC).

### **Home Owner Grant Centralization**

Effective 2021 all home owner grant applications must be submitted directly to the BC provincial government through a secure online application. **Municipalities no longer need to and should not accept any applications.** As of February 16, 2021, homeowners can apply for their current year or their retroactive home owner grants online at [gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant). Homeowners can find information about this change at [gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) or they can call toll free: 1-888-355-2700 to speak with an agent. **We encourage you to share this information with your residents.** Should you have any questions, please reach out to Kally Khaira, Director, Property Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance, by phone at 778 698-9536 or email [Kally.Khaira@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kally.Khaira@gov.bc.ca).

### **Local Business Support - Launch Online Grant Program**

The recently announced new Launch Online Grant Program will provide business owners, including those in hard-hit sectors such as retail, tourism and restaurants, with up to \$7,500 to build or strengthen their online store and promote BuyBC at a local, national and international level. The Province is contributing \$12 million to support about 1,500 eligible BC businesses to build, maintain and market their products and services online. The grant will pay for up to 75% of eligible expenses up to \$7,500 per business to develop or enhance their online store. Applications for this program are now open and businesses can visit [launchonline.ca](http://launchonline.ca) to apply. **We encourage you to promote this opportunity** directly with your business communities and Chambers of Commerce.



### **Strengthening Communities Funding**

The Strengthening Communities Funding is a component of the Safe Restart Fund that will provide support to local governments to address the needs of vulnerable populations. This funding program is currently in development. More information will be available in the coming weeks and we will reach out with these details as soon as we can.

### **Infrastructure Funding**

Local governments can access **infrastructure funding** through a variety of grant programs. If you have questions about local government infrastructure grants, you may also contact the Ministry directly by email at: [infra@gov.bc.ca](mailto:infra@gov.bc.ca). **At this time, intakes are closed and programs are moving into reviews of the applications submitted.**

**Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP):** The application window for CERIP is closed; **notifications will occur in February 2021**. If you have any specific questions about this program, contact the Ministry by email at: [infra@gov.bc.ca](mailto:infra@gov.bc.ca). See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/economic-recovery/cerip> for more details.

**Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia – COVID 19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS):** The application window for CVRIS is now closed. **Notifications are planned for this Spring**. Program details can be found at: [www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program](http://www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program)

**Adaptation, Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Program (ARDM):** The application window for ARDM is now closed. **Notifications are planned for this Spring**. Program details can be found at: [www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program](http://www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program). Questions can be emailed to [EMBCDisasterMitigation@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EMBCDisasterMitigation@gov.bc.ca).

**Infrastructure Planning Grant Program: Intake is open year-round.** Local governments can apply for grants that support projects related to the development of sustainable community infrastructure through the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program. The program is open for applications year-round with regular processing deadlines. See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/grants-transfers/grants/infrastructure-planning-grant-program> for more details.

### **BC Parks**

BC Parks is finalizing plans to open camping reservations for the 2021 season. An announcement will be coming soon that will provide details for the upcoming camping season and information related to the Discover Camping reservation service. BC Parks will be working with partners and stakeholders to ensure the season is a safe and successful one.

**Connectivity**

Minister Osborne appreciates you raising the issue of connectivity in the recent calls, recognizing that working to connect all people in BC – regardless of where they live – is a priority for our government. The Internet is embedded into all aspects of our day-to-day lives as it enables a broad spectrum of possibilities including healthcare, education, culture, public safety, and economic activity. Providing the same level of access, quality and affordability in rural areas as seen in urban areas is a key priority for the Province.

Provincial connectivity work is led by the Ministry of Citizens' Services, and Minister Osborne has an upcoming meeting with Minister Lisa Beare on the province's ongoing work on this file, in conjunction with the federal government.

The next regional calls will be at the end of February and the topic will be on COVID-19 and mental health, as this is a topic that many of you have raised. Minister Osborne will be joined by her colleague, Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, on these calls. Invitations for this meeting were sent February 12, 2021 from Minister Osborne's office.

As Dr. Henry said recently, we are making progress in our efforts to push back on the COVID-19 virus and get to days of fewer restrictions. We can keep this positive, forward momentum going and help keep our province safe through the small efforts we make every day.

Thank you for your continued leadership and collaboration. Staying connected and supporting one another are still important priorities in these challenging times.

Sincerely,



Okenge Yuma Morisho  
Deputy Minister



Tara Faganello, CPA CGA BA Ec.  
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Chief Administrative Officers  
Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM  
Nancy Taylor, Executive Director, LGMA  
Todd Pugh, Executive Director, CivicInfo





**DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON  
BYLAW NO. 358, 2021**

A bylaw to adopt the 2021-2025 Financial Plan

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

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

1. Schedule "A", attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted as the Financial Plan for the 5 years ending December 31, 2025;
2. Schedule "B", attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted as the Statement of Objectives and Policies; and
3. This Bylaw may be cited as "**District of New Hazelton 2021-2025 Financial Plan No. 358, 2021.**"

Read a first time this                      11<sup>th</sup>       day of January, 2021

Read a second time this                      11<sup>th</sup>       day of January, 2021

Read a third time this                      1<sup>st</sup>       day of February, 2021

Adopted this                                      day of

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON  
FINANCIAL PLAN (CONSOLIDATED)  
FOR THE FIVE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025  
SCHEDULE "A"**

	BUDGET 2021	BUDGET 2022	BUDGET 2023	BUDGET 2024	BUDGET 2025
<b>REVENUE:</b>					
Residential, Class1	\$ 314,595	\$ 320,887	\$ 327,305	\$ 333,851	\$ 340,528
Utilities, Class 2	\$ 92,663	\$ 94,516	\$ 96,406	\$ 98,334	\$ 100,301
Major Industry, Class 4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Light Industry, Class 5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Business, Class 6	\$ 111,798	\$ 114,034	\$ 116,315	\$ 118,641	\$ 121,014
Rec/Non-Profit, Class 8	\$ 416	\$ 424	\$ 433	\$ 441	\$ 450
Farm, Class 9	\$ 520	\$ 530	\$ 541	\$ 552	\$ 563
Grants in Lieu	\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500
<b>TAXATION REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 572,492</b>	<b>\$ 582,892</b>	<b>\$ 593,500</b>	<b>\$ 604,320</b>	<b>\$ 615,356</b>
Frontage Taxes	\$ 62,500	\$ 62,500	\$ 62,500	\$ 62,500	\$ 62,500
Services Provided for Other Agencies	\$ 493,000	\$ 495,000	\$ 497,000	\$ 499,000	\$ 501,000
Utility Rates and Fees	\$ 256,100	\$ 256,100	\$ 256,100	\$ 256,100	\$ 256,100
Other Revenue	\$ 79,100	\$ 86,100	\$ 86,100	\$ 86,760	\$ 86,760
Non capital grants	\$ 458,000	\$ 535,000	\$ 535,000	\$ 535,000	\$ 535,000
Capital grants	\$ 477,000	\$ 1,133,334	\$ 600,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 766,667
Conditional Transfers	\$ 1,121,500	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000
Collections for Other Governments	\$ 404,000	\$ 404,000	\$ 404,000	\$ 404,000	\$ 404,000
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,923,692</b>	<b>\$ 3,575,926</b>	<b>\$ 3,055,200</b>	<b>\$ 3,268,680</b>	<b>\$ 3,248,383</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
General Municipal	\$ 1,893,200	\$ 1,849,200	\$ 1,838,025	\$ 1,883,766	\$ 1,932,520
Water	\$ 151,000	\$ 354,400	\$ 357,970	\$ 161,719	\$ 165,654
Sewer	\$ 478,600	\$ 59,600	\$ 59,600	\$ 59,600	\$ 59,600
Collections for other governments	\$ 404,000	\$ 404,000	\$ 404,000	\$ 404,000	\$ 404,000
Amortization of Assets	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 3,276,800</b>	<b>\$ 3,017,200</b>	<b>\$ 3,009,595</b>	<b>\$ 2,859,085</b>	<b>\$ 2,911,774</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 646,892</b>	<b>\$ 558,726</b>	<b>\$ 45,605</b>	<b>\$ 409,595</b>	<b>\$ 336,609</b>
<b>Adjust for non-cash items</b>					
Amortization	\$ (350,000)	\$ (350,000)	\$ (350,000)	\$ (350,000)	\$ (350,000)
<b>Adjust for cash items non-PSAB</b>					
TCA expenditures	\$ 4,068,000	\$ 1,870,000	\$ 1,130,000	\$ 1,575,000	\$ 1,665,000
Transfer to (from) reserve	\$ (2,581,100)	\$ (732,166)	\$ (469,070)	\$ (372,818)	\$ (362,087)
Transfer to (from) Operating surplus	\$ (490,008)	\$ (229,108)	\$ (265,325)	\$ (442,587)	\$ (616,304)
	<b>\$ 646,892</b>	<b>\$ 558,726</b>	<b>\$ 45,605</b>	<b>\$ 409,595</b>	<b>\$ 336,609</b>
<b>Financial Plan Balance</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Cumulative Operating Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 162,556</b>	<b>\$ (66,552)</b>	<b>\$ (331,878)</b>	<b>\$ (774,465)</b>	<b>\$ (1,390,769)</b>

## **SCHEDULE 'B'**

### **STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

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

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

### **FUNDING SOURCES**

Table 1 shows the proportion of total revenue proposed to be raised from each funding source in 2021. As a revenue source, property taxation offers a number of advantages, for example, it is simple to administer and it is fairly easy for residents to understand. It offers a stable and reliable source of revenue for services that are difficult or undesirable to fund on a user-pay basis. These include services such as general administration, fire protection, and street lighting.

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

**Table 1**

<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>% of Total Revenue</b>	<b>Dollar Value</b>
Taxation	9%	\$ 572,492
User Fees & Charges	7%	\$ 397,700
Other Sources	8%	\$ 493,000
Grants	34%	\$ 2,056,500
Borrowing	0%	-
Reserves & Surplus	42%	\$ 2,600,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 6,119,692</b>

### **OBJECTIVE**

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

## POLICY

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

## DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAXES

Table 2 outlines the distribution of property taxes among the property classes. The residential and business property classes provide the largest portions of property tax revenue. This is primarily due to no industrial classes within the District.

**Table 2**

PROPERTY CLASS	% of Property Taxation	Dollar Value
Residential	54.95%	\$ 314,595
Utilities	16.19%	\$ 92,663
Major Industrial	0.00%	-
Light Industrial	0.00%	-
Business & Other	19.53%	\$ 111,798
Recreation/Non-Profit	0.07%	\$ 416
Farmland	0.09%	\$ 520
Grants In Lieu	9.17%	\$ 52,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 572,492</b>

## OBJECTIVES

The District wishes to maintain the property tax levy percentages for 2021 at the prior levels plus 2%, adjusted for the impact of non-market changes to assessments. Utility class will be less than the maximum allowable by Provincial statute (BC Reg. 329/96).

## POLICIES

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

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

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



## PERMISSION TAX EXEMPTIONS

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

## OBJECTIVES

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

## POLICY

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

### Permissive Tax Exemption

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

	2021 (est)	2022 (est)	2023 (est)	2024 (est)	2025 (est)
St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church	\$1,037.48	\$1,058.23	\$1,079.40	\$1,100.99	\$1,126.00
New Hazelton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses	\$104.23	\$106.32	\$108.44	\$110.61	\$112.83

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