

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2021
ERWIN STEGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
CONFERENCE ROOM

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: Maggie Hall, Economic Development Officer (phone)

STAFF PRESENT: W. Hunt
R. Carlé

2) MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 8014/21

MOVED & SECONDED

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

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 8015/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the minutes of the February 1, 2021 regular meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

a) Maggie Hall, Economic Development Officer

Maggie presented an overview of the work that took place during 2020 within the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine followed by more focused information on work done specifically for New Hazelton. The District and the Regional District work collaboratively whenever possible to maximize the opportunities for the Upper Skeena area. There were a number of collaborative projects including a connectivity study and Workforce and Resident Attraction initiative. 2021 will see projects such as working

with ISPs on a new Regional Connectivity Knowledge Network, completing the Business Retention and Expansion Plan, producing a bi-weekly business newsletter, and continuing with the Business Walks once provincial health protocols allow it.

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) 2020 Transit Usage Report

Council was presented with the 2020 ridership numbers for all of the routes. Administration has requested a meeting with BC Transit and all of the stakeholders.

b) Letter from Chicago Creek Community Enhancement Society – Request for Letter of Support

RESOLUTION 8016/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the November letter from Chicago Creek Community Enhancement Society be received for information.

CARRIED

5) CORRESPONDENCE: None

6) REPORTS:

a) Councillor Burns - Reported that on an email he received regarding registering wells. There are residents in New Hazelton that have wells and it would be good to make them aware that wells can be registered.

b) Councillor Weeber – Reported that the Upper Skeena has a high rate of COVID 19 currently. He has heard that we have the highest rate of COVID 19 per capita currently in BC.

d) Mayor Lowry – Reported on the RDKS board meeting. The Housing Needs Reports have been completed. The 3rd reading of the zoning amendment bylaws for South Hazelton and Two Mile have been passed.

7) BYLAWS:

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

RESOLUTION 8017/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 358, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

8) NEW BUSINESS:

a) COFI

Councillor Burns asked to be registered for the conference.

10) CLOSED SESSION (8:16 pm):

RESOLUTION 8018/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 90.2 (i) Community Charter Act, regarding legal matters.

CARRIED

8:39 pm – Meeting reopened to the public.

11) ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 8019/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the meeting be adjourned 8:41 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS

DAY OF

, 2021

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MAYOR