

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 3, 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

STAFF PRESENT: W. Hunt
R. Carlé
R. Smith

2) MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 8030/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the minutes of the April 12, 2021 regular meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

- a) MNP LLP Erin Reimer & Alyssa Bjorgaard - Presented the District of New Hazelton 2020 Audited Financial Statements and answered questions from the Council.

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

5) CORRESPONDENCE: None

6) REPORTS:

- a) Councillor Burns – Updated Council on the Timber Supply Review process taking place in our region. There was a chance for submissions which Councillor Burns responded to as a Registered Professional Forester rather than on the District's behalf.
- b) Mayor Lowry – Reported on the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine's April meeting. She also attended the Gitxsan cultural presentation with Dr. Jane Smith.

7) BYLAWS:

- a) 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 359, 2021

RESOLUTION 8031/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 359, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Water & Sewer Reserve Transfers

RESOLUTION 8032/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton not transfer the budgeted funds from the water and sewer reserve funds as outlined in the 2020-2024 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 352, 2020.

CARRIED

- b) Audited Financial Statements

RESOLUTION 8033/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton accept the Audited Financial Statements as presented by MNP LLP.

CARRIED

- c) Auditor Appointment

RESOLUTION 8034/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton appoint MNP LLP as the District's auditors for the 2021 fiscal year.

CARRIED

- d) Canada Day

It was decided that there will not be a formal Canada Day celebration due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

- e) CAO Hunt provided Council with information regarding the changes taking place within the BC Emergency Health Services which will have a deep impact on the level of services that will be provided to residents of the Upper Skeena region.

RESOLUTION 8035/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, District write a letter in support of the paramedics for fair wages and to maintain the current levels of services as they are critical to the health and well-being of our residents. Further that, the District encourage all northern local governments to write to Minister Dix and BC Emergency Health Services in support.

CARRIED

9) CLOSED SESSION (7:57 pm):

RESOLUTION 8036/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 90.1 (j) and 90.2 (b) of the Community Charter, regarding contract negotiations and negotiations with Provincial Government

CARRIED

8:14 pm – Meeting reopened to the public.

10) RISE AND REPORT:

RESOLUTION 8037/21

MOVED AND SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton rise and report on closed meeting resolution 913/IC.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 913/IC

MOVED & SECONDED

That, Mayor and Council for the District of New Hazelton approve the 2021 project budget of \$2,850,000.00 as presented by Administration. It is further resolved that Mayor and Council authorize Wendy Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer to sign a Letter of Intent with Alfred Horie Construction Co. Ltd and subsequent CCDC2 construction contract provided it is within the parameters of the total project budget.

CARRIED

11) ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 8038/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the meeting be adjourned 8:14 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS

DAY OF

, 2021

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MAYOR