

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2021
ERWIN STEGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
CONFERENCE ROOM

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

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

REGRETS: Councillor G. Burns

STAFF PRESENT: R. Carlé
R. Smith

STAFF REGRETS: W. Hunt

2) MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 8052/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the minutes of the July 5, 2021 regular meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

- a) Earl Sargent & Peter Schopfer – Presented a petition to Council requesting changing the intersection of 13th Avenue and Pugsley Street from a 2 way stop to a 4 way stop to address speeding on Pugsley Street. A small number of individuals are responsible for the majority of speeding occurring along the street.
- b) Staff Sargent Durnin – Presented the quarterly update to Council. The Detachment is currently a 14-member detachment with 2-members dedicated to First Nations Community Policing and 2.5 administrative staff. He is currently lobbying for an additional First Nations Police officer. The Detachment lost over half of its members during the first half of the year due to transfers. He utilized short term placements to help address the staffing shortage during this period. Several cadets and experienced officers will be transferring to the detachment over the next few months which will help to address the staffing shortage. Had a limited plan for the quarter due to the staffing shortages. Applied for a grant and was approved to purchase bikes and a bike rack for members to ride around communities during their shifts. Increased toxicity of drugs is a

significant factor in the increasing opioid crisis. A prolific offender has been charged but hasn't been remanded into custody while awaiting trial.

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Chicago Creek Community Environmental Enhancement Society – Request for Support

RESOLUTION 8053/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton write the Honourable Omar Alghabra requesting the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure initiate an independent risk assessment under the Railway Safety Act of the proposed increase in flammable hazardous shipments on the Northwest BC rail corridor.

CARRIED

6) REPORTS:

- a) Mayor Lowry – Reported on the Skeena Housing Coalition Society AGM. The Society would like to know if the District of New Hazelton would still consider selling 11 lots on 9th Avenue, if the current location for a proposed 10-unit supportive housing development falls through.
- b) Public Works Superintendent Smith – Provided an update on the municipal hall. The under-slab foundations have been completed. They are planning to pour the actual slab by the end of this week and will be starting the framing the following week.

7) BYLAWS:

- a) 2021-2025 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 361, 2021

RESOLUTION 8054/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton 2021-2025 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 361, 2021 be given its third reading.

CARRIED

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) MIABC Voting Delegate

RESOLUTION 8055/21

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

b) Prolific Offender – Letter to Crown Prosecution

RESOLUTION 8056/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton write a letter to the Crown Prosecution regarding prolific offenders in the Hazeltons.

CARRIED

9) ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 8057/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the meeting be adjourned 8:52 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS

DAY OF

, 2021

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MAYOR