

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Monday, January 9, 2023
Council Chambers

Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

(1) CALL TO ORDER:

(2) MINUTES:

- a) Accept minutes of the Dec 5, 2022 regular meeting

(3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: None

(4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

(5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Physician Recruitment Concerns in Northwestern, BC – Does the District also want to provide a letter?
- b) Appointment of Representative to the University of Northern British Columbia Northern Medical Program Trust (NMPT)
- c) Hazelton Trail Society – Request for funding for trail network on Glen Mountain, sustain current trails and plan for future trail networks.

(6) REPORTS: None

(7) BYLAWS:

- a) First and Second reading of District of New Hazelton 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 371, 2023

(8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Council Schedule
 - Lunch & Learn with RCMP January 18, 2023 @ 12:00pm
 - BC Natural Resources Forum January 17-19 – Prince George
 - Regular Council Meeting February 6, 2023
- b) Application for Subdivision

Adjournment

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 5, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: W. Hunt
L. Roe
B. White

2) MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 8149/22

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the minutes of the November 7, 2022 regular meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: None

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Staff provided an update on Council Committee Appointments

- Bulkley Valley Airshed Society was added

RESOLUTION 8150/22

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton accept the Council Committee Appointments.

CARRIED

5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Senior Boys Volleyball Team – Asking for donation for Zones in Victoria, BC

RESOLUTION 8151/22

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton will donate \$1000.00 to the Senior Boys Volleyball team for provincial zones in Victoria, BC.

CARRIED

6) REPORTS:

a) Review the 2022 – 2026 District of New Hazelton Strategic Priorities

- Correction to Strategic Priority #1 adding the word “Addressing” before Aging Infrastructure under the Strategic Objectives.
So, it will read: Addressing Aging Infrastructure.

RESOLUTION 8152/22

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton accept the 2022-2026 Strategic Priorities as corrected.

CARRIED

b) Mayor Lowry gave update on the RDKS meeting, there were a few staffing changes that have occurred.

7) BYLAWS:

Adoption of the Permanent Lane Closure Bylaw No. 368, 2022

RESOLUTION 8153/22

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton adopt the Permanent Lane Closure Bylaw No. 368, 2022.

CARRIED

Adoption of the Zoning Bylaw No. 369, 2022

RESOLUTION 8154/22

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton adopt the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 369, 2022.

CARRIED

Adoption of the New Hazelton Building Bylaw No. 370, 2022

RESOLUTION 8155/22

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton adopt the Building Bylaw No. 370, 2022.

CARRIED

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Trails – Councillor Sturney said we need better signage for trails in the area, after much discussion it was decided that Councillor Sturney and Councillor Hobenshield would form a

committee to decide how many signs are needed, what they want on the signs and come back to Council with a report.

b) Council Schedule – Council reviewed their schedule for the next couple of months

RESOLUTION 8156/22

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton accept the Council Meeting Schedule for 2023.

CARRIED

- c) A Lunch and Learn session with RCMP scheduled for January 18, 2022 @ 12:00pm. Mayor Lowry advised that if there were any other Lunch and Learn sessions that Council wants to let staff know.
- d) Councillor Henwood asked if the update from the Fire Chief would happen in January, it was decided that February or March may be better as the Fire Chief is not back from her medical until January and will need some time to catch up.

9) CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION 8157/22

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the public and staff be excluded from the meeting at 7:35 pm pursuant to Section 90.1(c) of the Community Charter, regarding employee relations.

CARRIED

10) ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 8158/22

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:57pm

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS

DAY OF

, 2022

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CORPORATE OFFICER

MAYOR



December 6, 2022

Honourable Minister Dix
Ministry of Health
PO Box 9050
Stn. Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Dix;

At the August 19, 2022 meeting of the North West Regional Hospital District board it was resolved to write a letter to the Province regarding concerns about the recruitment and retention of physicians in northwestern BC. Since that time, there has been the announcement of a new physician master agreement. This new agreement, when ratified, will address some of the issues around the current physician crisis, particularly compensation for work and the overhead administrative burden felt by many physicians.

Access to primary care remains a concern as an estimated one million British Columbians are without a primary health care provider and this situation is felt more acutely by residents in northwest BC. Resources to support physicians in regions like northwest BC are essential to attract and retain enough physicians to provide services to our communities.

The North West Regional Hospital District Board is concerned about the number of residence spaces for training and the sustainability of BC's health care system. More resources to increase training capacity, particularly in programs such as the Northern Medical Program at UBC and UNBC are essential to ensure there are enough physicians in the future, particularly in northern and rural communities. The North West Regional Hospital District asks that the province consider funding more residence spaces to allow more physicians to be trained and that the province look into internationally trained physicians to fill the gap.

Northern, smaller, and rural communities do not have the options available in larger urban centres; our health care options are fewer and there is less redundancy in the system. With a reduced capacity to deal with increased pressures on health care providers means the northwest faces challenges providing accessible health care to our residents due to geographical isolation, weather, and sometimes limited transportation options. It is an additional challenge to attract physicians to work in our communities, especially when the proportion of patients with complex needs is higher in our region than in the southern part of the province.

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We are concerned about the retention and recruitment of primary care providers to our region and ask that the Province work with Northern Health and physicians to find solutions for our communities to ensure that our residents have continued and timely access to primary care providers.

Yours truly,

The North West Regional Hospital District Executive and Board



Barry Pages
NWRHD Chair
NCRD



Gladys Atrill
NWRHD Vice Chair
RDBN



Bruce Bidgood
NWRHD Vice Chair
RDKS

/AT

cc. North Coast Regional District
Village of Daajing Giids
Village of Masset
Village of Port Clements
District of Port Edward
City of Prince Rupert
Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine
Village of Hazelton
District of New Hazelton
District of Kitimat
District of Stewart
City of Terrace
Nisga'a Lisims Government
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
District of Houston
Village of Telkwa
Town of Smithers

Date

Honourable Minister Dix
Ministry of Health
PO Box 9050
Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Dix,

On behalf of _____ we are writing to express our concerns regarding the recruitment and retention of physicians in northwestern BC. Finding a physician is a challenge for British Columbians across the Province and is particularly challenging in northwest BC. As local leaders are seeking solutions to the physician shortage in our community. Resources to support physicians in regions like northwest BC are essential to attract and retain enough physicians to provide services to our communities.

British Columbia currently has approximately 260 residence spaces for training, which is not sufficient to sustain our health care system. More resources to increase training capacity, particularly in programs such as the Northern Medical Program at UBC and UNBC are essential to ensure there are enough physicians in the future, particularly in northern and rural communities. The North West Regional Hospital District asks that the province consider funding more residence spaces to allow more physicians to be trained and that the province look into internationally trained physicians to fill the gap.

Northern, smaller, and rural communities do not have the options available in larger urban centres; our health care options are fewer and there is less redundancy in the system. Prospective physicians must consider the heavy workload that accompanies a practice in a community with limited primary care physicians and this can be a disincentive to establishing a practice in the northwest. With a reduced capacity to deal with increased pressures on health care providers means the northwest faces challenges providing accessible health care to our residents due to geographical isolation, weather, and sometimes limited transportation options.

We are concerned about the retention and recruitment of primary care providers to our region and ask that the Province work with Northern Health and physicians to find solutions for our communities to ensure that our residents have continued and timely access to primary care providers.

Yours truly,

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Good evening, Abby:

Thank you for the inquiry. May I ask if this is a new position? We have not been asked in the past to appoint a council member to the Board. I am happy to ask Mayor Lowry if she has someone that she would like to appoint. Please advise.

Warm regards,

Wendy



Wendy Hunt
Chief Administrative Officer
Tel 250-842-6571 | Fax 250-842-6077 | Cell 250-842-3121
whunt@newhazelton.ca

From: info <info@newhazelton.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 11:25 AM
To: Wendy Hunt <whunt@newhazelton.ca>
Subject: FW: Northern Medical Programs Trust Board Member

From: Abby Lodge <Abby.Lodge@unbc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 10:04 AM
To: info <info@newhazelton.ca>
Subject: Northern Medical Programs Trust Board Member

Hello New Hazelton Mayor & Council,

I am emailing to inquire who the New Hazelton Council has elected as the Representative to the University of Northern British Columbia Northern Medical Program Trust (NMPT) Board post-election. The mayor and council can elect any council member to the board.

There will be a meeting taking place in Prince George on January 17 in conjunction with the BC Natural Resource Forum and I would like to send an invite to the NMPT board member from New Hazelton.

Thank you,
Abby Lodge
NMPT Admin Assistant
250-960-6800
abby.lodge@unbc.ca

The Northern Medical Programs Trust

Background Document 2022

1. What is the Northern Medical Programs Trust?

The NMPT is a partnership of northern communities and UNBC. Established in late 2002, it aims to increase the number of health care professionals practicing in the North by supporting educational programs and experiences that provide students with exposure to northern communities and rural practice.

The NMPT Constitution states that its purpose is to “create a partnership between UNBC and the communities and citizens of Northern British Columbia for the education of highly qualified health professionals in and for Northern and rural BC to direct funds to provide support for students in degree-granting programs for the education of health professionals offered by UNBC on its own or in partnership with other colleges and universities.”

The following local governments are members of the Trust.

100 Mile House	Prince George
Burns Lake	Quesnel
Chetwynd	Smithers
Dawson Creek	Taylor
Northern Rockies Regional Municipality	Terrace
Fort St. James	Tumbler Ridge
Fort St. John	Valemount
Fraser Lake	Vanderhoof
Gitwinksihlkw	Wells
Hazelton	Williams Lake
Houston	
Hudson's Hope	Cariboo Regional District
Mackenzie	Peace River Regional District
Masset	Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
McBride	Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
Pouce Coupe	

The Trust also has the following corporate members:

Canfor, CN, Rio Tinto Alcan, and West Fraser. Corporate members of the Trust contribute a minimum of \$300,000.

Providing leadership to the Trust are 14 directors comprised of four from UNBC, two from the Northeast region, two from the Northwest, two from the Central Interior, and four “at large” directors elected by the active members. Director terms are two years in length and no director can serve for more than four consecutive years.

2. NMPT Finances and Donors

The Northern Medical Programs Trust is an endowment fund managed by UNBC. Funds received by the University are receipted as per the University’s status as a charitable organization and deposited into the NMPT endowment fund. As per policy of the UNBC Board of Governors, the

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endowment fund produces an annual disbursement of 3.5% of the market value based on a three-year rolling average. At the end of the 2018-19 fiscal year, the market value of the NMPT endowment was approximately \$10.2 million.

In 2019 the NMPT and UNBC signed a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the unique relationship between the University and the regional members that comprise the NMPT. A copy of the MoU is attached to this document.

3. Annual NMPT Disbursements

Since the first NMPT Board meeting in May 2003, a goal has been to ensure that students are not financially disadvantaged from pursuing medical education – especially if they are interested in practicing in rural communities. This has shaped the annual disbursements, which are endorsed at NMPT annual general meetings.

Approved 2022 Disbursement

Rural Medical Grants – \$ 75,000

This category supports the following students:

- 1st & 2nd year Northern Medical Program students who participate in a voluntary rural weekend shadowing opportunity. These include a weekend program (Robson Valley, Vanderhoof, Smithers, Mackenzie, and Williams Lake but accessible to other communities) that annual provide experiences for about 14 (check with Shelley) students.
- 3rd year Northern Medical Program students who complete their entire academic year in an “integrated clerkship” in Terrace (3 students) and Fort St. John (3-4 students). Each of these students receives \$5000 to help offset living and travel expenses.
- 4th year Northern Medical Program students who participate in rural course electives in northern/rural communities outside of Prince George. These placements vary in length from 2-4 weeks and the financial support provided by the Trust is based on a formula that recognizes the duration of the placement and the distance from Prince George. The average award is \$2,000.

Urban Electives – \$15,000

The funds provide support to Northern Medical Program students who undertake an elective at a large, metropolitan healthcare setting that provides a learning experience not available in northern/rural hospitals and clinics. Students cannot receive NMPT funding for more than one Urban Elective and the maximum award is \$1000.

Nurse Practitioner Grants – \$55,000

Similar to the Rural Medical Grants, these funds provide support to Nurse Practitioner students who participate in rural clinical educational experiences and the amount is calculated on a similar formula.

Nurse Practitioner Graduate Awards - \$16,000

Available to FNP graduates who accept a nursing position within the Northern Health Authority/NCLGA region. Two annual \$8,000 awards.

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Undergrad Nursing Awards - \$20,000

Funds are added to an existing endowment established by a private donor. The extra allocation has the effect of tripling the number and doubling the value of the existing awards.

Rural Nurse Certificate Program Travel Support Fund - \$10,000

The RNCP is designed to be completed on a part-time basis through distance education, workshops, and clinical placements. The travel support fund enables up to five students who are not otherwise funded by a health authority, per semester support, and calculated per the current placement funding formula.

Rising Star of Health Service Award – \$5,000

This award is provided to a student in medicine or a graduate-level program in Psychology, Nursing, or Health Sciences. The recipient demonstrates exceptional promise as a future health care practitioner in/for northern BC.

Healthcare Travelling Roadshow – \$28,000

This program involves a multi-disciplinary group of college and university healthcare students (including medicine, nursing, physiotherapy, lab technologies) traveling to rural communities around northern BC to showcase healthcare career opportunities to high school students.

Pathways to Medicine Program - \$82,530

This comprehensive program supports northern and rural undergraduate students throughout their pre-medicine undergraduate program at UNBC to encourage and strengthen their application to medical school.

Community Engagement – \$32,000

This funding supports a position that enhances outreach to communities for the purposes of strengthening public and financial support for the Trust.

4. The NMPT Track Record: Disbursements to Date

Fund disbursement summary:

- \$20,000 in 2006-07
- \$26,050 in 2007-08
- \$57,290 in 2008-09
- \$52,050 in 2009-10
- \$100,800 in 2010/11
- \$99,400 in 2011/12
- \$129,170 in 2012/13
- \$137,000 in 2013/14
- \$169,600 in 2014/15
- \$195,000 in 2015/16
- \$187,000 in 2016/17
- \$282,500 in 2017/18
- \$278,300 in 2018/19

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Over \$1.6 million disbursed to date

Since 2006:

Over 750 student awards have been provided to students participating in northern and rural clinical placements. These have been mostly to Northern Medical Program students but also to Family Nurse Practitioner students since 2010/11 and undergrad nursing students since 2015/16.

5. Educational Programs Supported by the Trust

The Northern Medical Program

The NMP is part of the UBC Faculty of Medicine delivered in partnership with UNBC. The first intake of students was in 2004 and the first graduating class was in 2008. The entire UBC Faculty of Medicine annually receives more than 2100 applications from prospective students and admits only 288 of them. From this group, 32 students are annually admitted into the Northern Medical Program. More than two thirds of NMP students come from northern/rural communities, including about 25% who are UNBC graduates. Students are selected for the NMP partially based on their score in a “rural suitability index” that seeks to identify the students who are predisposed to rural practice based on where they grew up, their experiences in rural communities, etc.

After spending their first semester at UBC with all medical students, NMP students come to UNBC’s Prince George campus in January and have the opportunity to complete the remainder of their medical education in northern BC. This includes participating in lectures and labs via videoconferencing technology that connects sites in Prince George, Victoria, Kelowna, and Vancouver. Practical experiences are also a critical component of medical education. Most students undertake rural clinical experiences as part of their education and each year, up to seven students complete their entire third year of studies at an Integrated Community Clerkship site (which can include Terrace or Fort St. John).

Medicine is a four-year program. After graduation, new doctors complete a residency in Family Practice or any number of specialties. The length of a residency depends on the specialization but is a minimum of two years. Northern BC has 22 residency places: Family Practice in Prince George (15), Terrace (2), and Fort St. John (4), and Psychiatry (2) in Prince George. To date, of the 312 students that have graduated from the NMP, more than 80 are still in their residency training. 144 NMP grads have completed their residency in Family Practice. Approximately 65% of NMP graduates who have permanently settled into practice are working in northern and rural communities.

The Northern Medical Program is accredited in Canada and the United States.

Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program

Graduates from the UNBC Family Nurse Practitioner Program are primary health care providers prepared to provide community-based, primary health care services to patients across the age

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span. Family Nurse Practitioners assess health status, order diagnostic tests, diagnose medical conditions, prescribe medications and treatments, and manage diseases, disorders, and conditions within a professionally regulated scope of practice. At UNBC, the curriculum has a focus on rural and northern primary care practice, Aboriginal health, mental health, substance use, health technologies, and interdisciplinary and collaborative practice.

The UNBC MScN (FNP) is a six-semester graduate degree program. The program has space for approximately 15 students per year. Northern rural and remote clinical experiences are fundamental to the delivery of the program and curriculum.

- Since 2007, 78 students have graduated from UNBC with a UNBC MScN Family Nurse Practitioner degree. UNBC offers the only Master of Science FNP Degree in B.C., with other B.C. NP Programs offered a MN FNP degree.
- Of the 78 UNBC FNP graduates, 30% work in the Northern Health Authority region.
- 60% of all UNBC MScN FNP Graduates work in Canadian communities classified as rural or remote.
- 90% of all UNBC MScN FNP Graduates that work outside of B.C., work in Northern, rural, or remote communities.
- The majority of NPs in BC currently work in Health Authority-funded positions and the availability of these positions is a significant factor in where graduates choose to work.
- The government has announced funding for 200 new NP positions in the province over the next 2-3 years. In addition to the current health authority funding model, the government has created a contract funding model to increase access to funding for NP positions across B.C.
- UNBC and the Northern Health Authority, FNHA, and other health authorities and health service organizations continue to work together closely to link UNBC FNP Graduates with existing FNP positions
- UNBC MScN FNP students are introduced to the local community leadership during their clinical rotations in Northern, rural and remote communities in the Northern region.
- The majority of Program graduates continue to be connected with UNBC MScN FNP Program and the North through acting as clinical preceptors, clinical faculty, sessional course instructors, guest lecturers, and evaluators.

Undergraduate Nursing Programs

UNBC offers innovative and practice-based programs of study at the undergraduate level in the NCBNP in partnership with the College of New Caledonia and Northwest Community College, a Post-Diploma program, and a provincial practice-driven Rural Nursing Certificate Program (RNCP). Twenty percent of seats are available for First Nations students. Approximately seventy percent of UNBC's graduates obtain employment with Northern Health.

Northern Medical Programs Trust

A PARTNERSHIP OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMUNITIES AND UNBC



Memorandum of Understanding Members of the Northern Medical Programs Trust & the University of Northern British Columbia

Whereas the Parties:

1. Recognize and respect that the University of Northern BC (UNBC) and the members that make up the Northern Medical Programs Trust (NMPT) each have unique responsibilities, authorities and jurisdictions;
2. Contribute to the development and maintenance of sustainable and strong communities
3. Affirm the necessity of mutual respect and collaborative relationships to promote health and education for the advancement of the regions both economically and socially.

Guided by Core Values Including:

- Trust
- Mutual Respect
- Open Listening
- Cooperation
- Understanding
- Inclusion

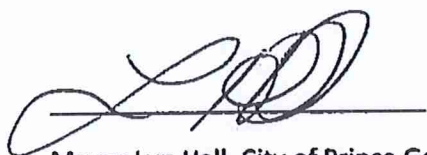
Core of the NMPT:

At the core of the NMPT is the commitment to hold in the highest regard, the importance of the communities and regional members to the conversation of delivering medical and allied health training opportunities in northern BC. While UNBC receives and manages the funds, the entirety of the membership contributes to the spirit of the Trust. UNBC will seek input from the community members when determining appropriate disbursement of Trust funds, heeding the continuing and changing needs, deficiencies, and opportunities of and for highly-qualified health professionals throughout the northern regions of BC.

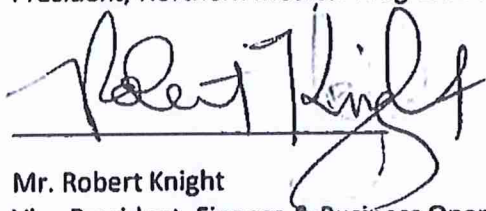
Financial Authority/Practices:

1. The UNBC Medical Fund is the designated fund maintained by UNBC for the Northern Medical Programs Trust. As a registered charity, UNBC receives donations to this fund and manages them in accordance with the Canada Revenue Agency and policies endorsed by the Board of Governors.
2. All applicable policies and procedures, which from time to time are reviewed, updated and approved by the University's Investment Committee, the Board of Governors, and President's Executive Council, will apply to the NMPT funds.
3. The UNBC Development Office will forward to the UNBC Finance Department any gifts and donations accepted by the University on behalf of the NMPT and upon receipt, Finance will place the funds in the appropriate account. The University will provide tax receipts to the donor(s) as permitted by the Canada Revenue Agency.
4. The UNBC Finance Department will account for all gifts and donations received as required by the provisions of the University Act for funds received in trust.
5. UNBC contracts an auditing firm that performs the official audit of the UNBC annual financial statements for the most recent fiscal year, beginning on April 1 and ending on March 31. The University will require the same auditing firm to perform the annual audit on the NMPT fund(s).

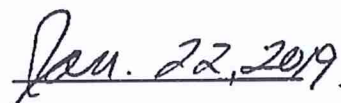
Now therefore the Parties agree to regular, transparent and constructive communication and dialogue on matters of mutual interest, and particularly related to the education of highly-qualified health professionals in and for northern and rural BC.



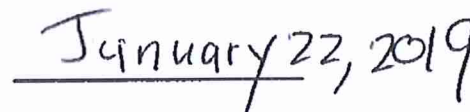
Mayor Lyn Hall, City of Prince George &
President, Northern Medical Programs Trust



Mr. Robert Knight
Vice President, Finance & Business Operations
University of Northern British Columbia



Date



Date

Hazelton Trail Society
3568 Grizzly Rd
Hazelton, BC V0J 1Y1

January 3, 2023

District of New Hazelton
Attn: Wendy Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

Dear Mayor and Council,

Access to trails is important for community vitality and the local economy. Trails provide opportunity to connect with nature, other community members, exercise, and educate, thus increasing quality of life and economic diversification. Hazelton Trail Society has applied for funding from the Provincial Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) to complete several key planning and development activities regarding the trail network on Glen Mountain, and will help us sustain our current trails and plan a future trail network that supports the interests of the local recreational community, increase access to outdoor recreation, and be better prepared for future funding opportunities. These activities include:

- 1) Development of a Trail Master Plan
- 2) Complete an archeological preliminary field reconnaissance of proposed trails
- 3) Upgrading several of our most popular existing trails to meet Provincial trail standards and to increase sustainability and safety.

I am writing you to solicit interest in partnering with us on this project. Should our proposal be successful, we are looking for matching funds of 10% (\$9000) of our total project budget from the District of New Hazelton, the Village of Hazelton, and the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine to support this work. Any contribution would go a long way toward helping our small organization continue to provide trails on Glen Mountain for our community.

I have attached the Project Proposal for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us if you would like detailed information about the budget or to discuss this request in more depth.

Thank you for your time, and happy trails.

Sincerely,



Allison Oliver
Director, Hazelton Trail Society



**DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
BYLAW NO. 371, 2023**

A bylaw to adopt the 2023-2027 Financial Plan

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, 2027;
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 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 371, 2023.**"

Read a first time this	day of January, 2023
Read a second time this	day of January, 2023
Read a third time this	day of February, 2023
Adopted this	day of March, 2023

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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 2022. 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

Revenue Source	% of Total Revenue	Dollar Value
Taxation	14.151%	\$ 593,000
User Fees & Charges	10.514%	\$ 440,600
Other Sources	9.999%	\$ 419,000
Grants	55.505%	\$ 2,326,000
Borrowing	0%	-
Reserves & Surplus	9.832%	\$ 412,000
TOTAL	100%	\$ 4,190,600

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	55.89%	\$ 331,417
Utilities	16.11%	\$ 95,541
Major Industrial	0.00%	-
Light Industrial	0.00%	-
Business & Other	19.10%	\$ 113,285
Recreation/Non-Profit	0.08%	\$ 487
Farmland	0.05%	\$ 271
Grants In Lieu	8.77%	\$ 52,000
TOTAL	100.00%	\$ 593,000

OBJECTIVES

The District wishes to maintain the property tax levy percentages for 2023 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

	2023 (est)	2024 (est)	2025 (est)	2026 (est)	2027 (est)
St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church	\$ 754.19	\$ 769.27	\$ 784.66	\$ 800.35	\$ 816.36
BC Conf Mennonite Brethren Churches	\$ 441.09	\$ 449.91	\$ 458.91	\$ 468.09	\$ 477.45
New Hazelton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses	\$ 70.64	\$ 72.05	\$ 73.49	\$ 74.96	\$ 76.46

Note: Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw expires in 2024. Applicants will need to reapply for further years. Numbers are based on the assumption that an application will occur.



Provincial Agricultural Land Commission - Applicant Submission

Application ID: 67174

Application Status: Under LG Review

Applicant: 1333364 B.C. Ltd

Agent: 1333364 B.C. Ltd

Local Government: District of New Hazelton

Local Government Date of Receipt: 12/20/2022

ALC Date of Receipt: This application has not been submitted to ALC yet.

Proposal Type: Subdivision

Proposal: The Applicant is applying to subdivide the Property into two parcels of approximately 12 and 51.42 Ha as divided by the Yellowhead Highway (#16)

Agent Information

Agent : 1333364 B.C. Ltd

Mailing Address :

5463 Wallace Ave.,

Delta, BC

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Canada

Primary Phone : (604) 948-0434

Mobile Phone : (604) 230-3484

Email : richil04@telus.net

Parcel Information

Parcel(s) Under Application

1. **Ownership Type :** Fee Simple

Parcel Identifier : 015-766-551

Legal Description : SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF LOT LOT 885

Parcel Area : 63.44 ha

Civic Address : TBD

Date of Purchase : 11/23/2021

Farm Classification : Yes

Owners

1. **Name :** 1333364 B.C. Ltd

Address :

5463 Wallace Ave.,

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Canada

Applicant: 1333364 B.C. Ltd

Phone : (604) 948-0434
Cell : (604) 230-3484
Email : richil04@telus.net

Current Use of Parcels Under Application

1. Quantify and describe in detail all agriculture that currently takes place on the parcel(s).

Currently there are no agricultural activities under way.

2. Quantify and describe in detail all agricultural improvements made to the parcel(s).

Access installed, interior road cleared, cleared of trees in preparation for farming originally contemplated.

3. Quantify and describe all non-agricultural uses that currently take place on the parcel(s).

Land is dormant of any activities

Adjacent Land Uses

North

Land Use Type: Civic/Institutional

Specify Activity : none/dormant

East

Land Use Type: Civic/Institutional

Specify Activity : none/dormant

South

Land Use Type: Civic/Institutional

Specify Activity : none/dormant

West

Land Use Type: Civic/Institutional

Specify Activity : none/dormant and one residential homestead

Proposal

1. Enter the total number of lots proposed for your property.

12 ha

51.44 ha

2. What is the purpose of the proposal?

The Applicant is applying to subdivide the Property into two parcels of approximately 12 and 51.42 Ha as divided by the Yellowhead Highway (#16)

3. Why do you believe this parcel is suitable for subdivision?

Background

Property was purchased in 2021 with the intention of clearing and farming the residual land. The property was purchased and once the property was cleared, it was evident that our original commercial farming concept was not much of an option. As indicated by the ALRs own site description, steepness is not only an issue, but undulating within the steepness is also complicating our view of commercial farming.

Access

The best access location, given curves and road hillside, has been granted a permit for residential use by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. When traveling from New Hazelton towards Smithers, it is in a location where traffic accelerates to speeds of 90 KMs while ascending, combined with a passing lane. Further, coming into New Hazelton from the east / Smithers, traffic is 90 KMs and about to slow down, but only once one is at the access intersection. It will be outright challenging for slow moving farm vehicles to be cutting across the road at this juncture. Please see attached Road Study for speed sign locations.

Ministry of Transportation and Highways has made it clear that any access points to the highway must remain free and clear of all mud and debris. Therefore it would be unlikely that farm vehicle(s) would be permitted to travel the road without further difficulties. Having farm vehicles traveling from the Highway 16 Access, 1.05 KMs to the intersection of 9th and Laurier and up 9th 1.05 KMs or vice versa will be a burden on the Owner, Community and to thoroughfare highway traffic.

An application was submitted to Ministry of Highways and Transportation for farming activities, but currently, Residential Use was only granted. Therefore, the access permit does not allow for farming and or large equipment as we understand it, for the reason(s) herein. Therefore, subdivision may be the only way that any farming could even be contemplated on the south block. Access to the north 12 hectare block has not been applied for it has access off 9th Ave already. As further described above, it would not be reasonably safe for slow moving farm vehicles to be crossing 3 lanes of highway at 90 degrees.

4. Does the proposal support agriculture in the short or long term? Please explain.

Yes, we feel a subdivision will support and provide incentive for agriculture. It may be the only way to get equipment onto the property initially, to start farming. Then by keeping equipment on site to prevent (un)necessary ingress and egress. This would keep the access permit in good standing and the highway and streets clear from mud, rocks and slow moving vehicles.

By each lot being its own entity, it should reduce the opportunity of any access complaints. Subdividing will mitigate the risk of having the access permit revoked, which would end all farming on the South 51.42 Ha. In turn, this would also mitigate risk of any farm development being lost, by having the access revoked at a later date.

It may be deemed uneconomic to expect an owner to wash down all farm machinery in order to transport to the other side of the highway, in the event that a farm equipment access could be achieved. Unlikely all of the risk involved outweighs any economic value thereby leaving at least one parcel dormant.

It is also anticipated that it will keep costs down for the Owner where they will not require any special insurance or extra equipment to move from one location to the other location.

5. Are you applying for subdivision pursuant to the ALC Homesite Severance Policy? If yes, please submit proof of property ownership prior to December 21, 1972 and proof of continued occupancy in the "Upload Attachments" section.

No

Applicant Attachments

- Agent Agreement - 1333364 B.C. Ltd null
- Proposal Sketch - 67174
- Other correspondence or file information - ALR 4MT
- Other correspondence or file information - ALR 4PT
- Other correspondence or file information - Zoning
- Professional Report - ALR File 54154
- Professional Report - ALR File 54234
- Professional Report - ALR File 54723
- Professional Report - ALR File 54828
- Site Photo - Property Boundaries
- Professional Report - McElhanney
- Site Photo - Access looking W
- Other correspondence or file information - Typical Spd Zn Chrt
- Other correspondence or file information - RofW Plan
- Certificate of Title - 015-766-551

ALC Attachments

None.

Decisions

None.

AGENT AUTHORIZATION LETTER

I (we) 1333364 B.C. Ltd
Printed/typed name(s) of landowner(s)

hereby appoint Richard Hill to
Printed/typed name of agent

make application to the Agricultural Land Commission as agent on my/our behalf with respect to
the following parcel (s): *Insert legal description for each parcel under application below*

PID 015-766-551

Southwest 1/4 of Lot 885

I Richard Hill understand that as
Printed/typed name of agent

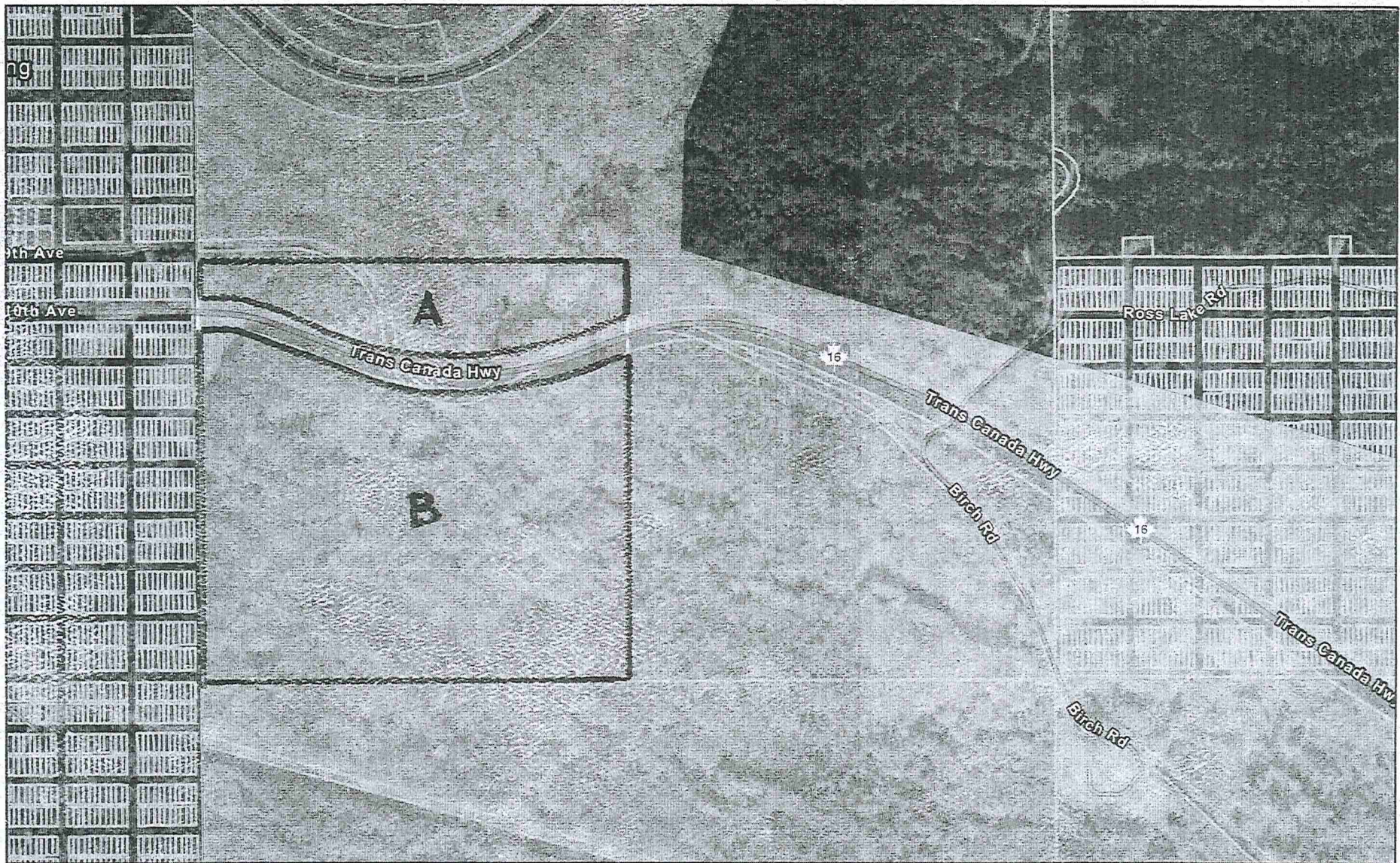
agent, I am required to ensure that all landowners are provided with information being
submitted to and received from the Agricultural Land Commission.

Signature(s) of landowner(s):



 <i>Richard Hill</i>	Richard Hill	12/18/22
Signature	Printed Name	Date

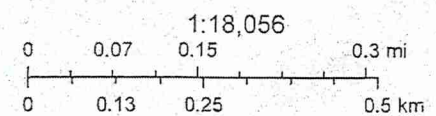
_____ Signature	_____ Printed Name	_____ Date
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12/19/2022, 6:56:22 AM

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