

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
Regular Meeting - Dec 04 2023 of Council
Monday, December 4, 2023
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting called to order 7:00PM

Present:

Mayor Gail Lowry

Councillor Allan Berg

Councillor George Burns

Councillor Braunwyn Henwood

Councillor Jutta Hobenshield

Councillor Ray Sturney

Absent:

Councillor Mike Weeber

Staff:

Wendy Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

Laura Roe, Chief Financial Officer

Robyn Morrison-Ellis, Acting Deputy Corporate Officer

2. MINUTES

2.1 Accept Minutes of November 6, 2023 regular meeting

[Regular Meeting - Nov 06 2023 - Minutes - Html](#) 

RESOLUTION 8243/23

THAT, the minutes of November 6, 2023 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

3.1 BC Parks, David Brown, David Innes & Craig Paulson - Update on Ross Lake Provincial Park

Representatives from the Ministry provided Council with an updated information on the current status on issues with the lake, presented the new development plan for Ross Lake picnic and park side. The Gitksan Environmental Services group has been hired to do the monitoring on the area in 2024. The Ministry will provide an update to Council on the environmental assessment with the report released by the consultants. Council voiced concern that the woods frogs are suffering and will continue to do so with the new lake elevations. Council also expressed its frustration with how the project was handled. Instead of fixing the dam, which was expected, the lake level was lowered.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. REPORTS

Councillor Sturney will attend the Air Monitoring meeting coming up. Councillor Hobenshield reminded everyone of the celebration for the Library's 75th anniversary at the Anglican Church hall at 7:00 pm this Friday.

Mayor Lowry attended the first Meet and Greet for businesses sponsored by the Economic Development team and the Visitor Center. It was a great turn out and much appreciated by the business community.

Mayor Lowry and CAO Hunt attended our long awaited meeting with BC Hydro. It was not a fruitful discussion at all. There are plans to set up a further meeting in the New Year.

6. BYLAWS

6.1 First and Second Reading of Bylaw No. 377, 2024-2028 Financial Plan

[BL 377 2024-2028 Financial Plan.doc](#) 

RESOLUTION 8244/23

THAT, we accept the first and second reading of Bylaw No. 377, 2024-2028 Financial Plan as presented.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

Council Schedule and Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2024

Councillor Henwood - would like to have an update from the Fire Department as part of a lunch and learn session.

Councillor Burns - many have been having issues with their Ipad log-ins. Staff will take them and see if they can be fixed.

7.1 Council Discussion on Donations

RESOLUTION 8245/23

THAT, we split the remaining donations funds in our budget between South Hazelton Women's Institute, Chicago Creek Community Enhancement Society and the Salvation Army Food Bank for 2023.

Carried

7.2 Dave Webster - Councillor Hobenshield

Our first Mayor, David Webster passed away recently and Council would like to recognize his contributions to our community in some way. CAO Hunt reached out to the family and is proposing a memorial bench at the cemetery in his honour. Administration will take care of this and send a letter of condolence to the family.

RESOLUTION 8246/23

THAT, we do a bench and plaque in honour of our 1st Mayor; to be placed where determined.

Carried

7.3 Council Schedule

[2024 Meeting Schedule.pdf](#) 

[Agenda Meeting Schedule.docx](#) 

RESOLUTION 8247/23

THAT, we accept the 2024 Council Meeting Schedule as presented.

Carried

7.4 City of Fort St. John

CAO Hunt presented a letter from the City of Fort St. John that was written to the Province regarding the shelving of the Community Safety Act due to advocacy by special interest groups. This letter urged the Province to take a closer look at reinstating the Act to help many community who are struggling with keeping their communities safe.

RESOLUTION 8248/23

THAT, District of New Hazelton write a letter to the Province in support of the City of Fort St. John's letter.

Carried

8. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 8249/23

THAT, the regular meeting be adjourned 8:15 PM.

Carried

CAO/Corporate Officer

Mayor

CERTIFIED THIS 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.