

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
Regular Meeting - Jan 08 2024 of Council
Monday, January 8, 2024
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting called to order 7PM

Present:

Mayor Gail Lowry

Councillor Allan Berg

Councillor George Burns

Councillor Braunwyn Henwood

Councillor Jutta Hobenshield

Councillor Ray Sturney

Councillor Mike Weeber

Staff:

Wendy Hunt, Chief Administration Officer

Laura Roe, Chief Financial Officer

Robyn Morrison-Ellis, Acting Deputy Corporate Officer

2. MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of December, 2023 regular meeting

[MIN Dec 04, 2023.docx](#) 

RESOLUTION 8250/24

THAT, the minutes of December 4, 2023 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

3.1 Alexander Howard - BCYP presentation

Alexander Howard presented his experience during the BC Youth Parliament trip that was sponsored by Council. He has a fundraiser that he must complete for the BCYP Camp Phoenix Fundraiser and has a potential mentorship after he ages out of the BCYP eligibility range. He may potentially be the Leader of the Opposition next year, which is a terrific accomplishment. Council asked to be advised if he was attending again as he may be eligible for further sponsorship.

4. Unfinished Business

4.1 Revisit Wage Policy as requested by Council.

[Management Hourly Wage Review - Recommended Compensation Policy.docx](#) 

Council asked for additional clarification to be added regarding their role in the CAO evaluation and wages. This will be brought back to Council for approval at the February meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Ministry of Housing funding - for information purposes only; no action required.

[Ministry of Housing.pdf](#) 

The District will be receiving \$157,792 from the Ministry to assist with making changes to conform with the new housing legislation. This is targeted funding that can be used for upgrades to zoning bylaws, Official Community Plans, housing studies, and more that will be outlined in further correspondence. The funds should be received in late January along with the specifics regarding use and reporting.

5.2 2024 Business Facade Improvement Program Northern Development Project Number 8873-50 - for information purposes only; no action required.

[2024 Business Facade.pdf](#) 

Staff will be working at getting the information out to businesses regarding the Facade Program within the first

quarter of this year.

5.3 Suskwa Bridge update

[Suskwa Bridge Project email.pdf](#) 

[Forest_Policy_Decision-making_\(2\).pdf](#) 

[Correspondence May to Dec MOF \(1\).pdf](#) 

[Suskwa Bridge, November 2023 \(1\).pdf](#) 

RESOLUTION 8251/24

THAT, the District of New Hazelton write a letter restating their position of support for the bridge to remain in the same place, as stated in the correspondence dated June 3, 2020.

Carried

5.4 Ross Lake update

[Ross Lake Concept Sketch_22x34\(1\).pdf](#) 

[Ross_Lake_Project_Memo_2023\(1\).pdf](#) 

RESOLUTION 8252/24

that the concept sketch and project memo update regarding Ross Lake be received for information.

Carried

6. BYLAWS

7. NEW BUSINESS

Council Schedule. [Agenda Meeting Schedule.docx](#) 

Councillor Hobenshield requested that the District consider hosting another First Responders Appreciation evening as we have in the past.

Councillor Burns noted that the demolition on the old Ken Trombley Memorial Arena has begun.

Councillor Weeber noted that many residents have now received their property assessments and they have increased on average 12% however some properties have gone up as much as 40%.

RESOLUTION 8253/24

THAT, the District move in-camera pursuant to S. 90.1(c) and the meeting be closed to the public.

Carried

8. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 8253/24

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

Carried

9. INFOPACKAGE

[INFO Pack Jan 2024.pdf](#) 

CAO/Corporate Officer

Mayor

THAT WE CERTIFY THIS ON 5TH OF FEBRUARY, 2024