

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
Regular Meeting - Feb 05 2024 of Council
Monday, February 5, 2024
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MINUTES

2.1 Accept Minutes of January 8, 2024 regular meeting

[Regular Meeting - Jan 08 2024 - Minutes - Html](#) 

RESOLUTION 8254/24

That, the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Council Meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Emergency and Disaster Management Act Implementation -
Indigenous Engagement Requirement Funding Program

[Emergency and Disaster Management Act
Implementation.pdf](#) 

RESOLUTION 8255/24

That, Council authorize the CAO to sign the Contribution Agreement for the Emergency & Disaster Management Indigenous Funding Program, The focus of this grant will be relationship building.

Carried

4.2 Regional District of Nanaimo - Legislative Reform Initiative Update

[Chair Craig letter - Legislative Reform Initiative Update, 19 Jan 2024.pdf](#) 

[What We Heard - Sept 21 2023 Legislative Reform Session.pdf](#)



[MUNIProposedresponsetoRDNforUBCM presentation_final.pdf](#)

[PPT_16-9 - UBCM Legislative Reform Initiative Workshop Sept 21 2023.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION 8256/24

That, the District of New Hazelton write a letter of support to UBCM regarding the formation of a working group to address the Provincial Government's Legislative Reform Initiative.

Carried

4.3 Hazelton Cross Country Skiing - Letters of Support

[Pacific Economic Development Canada - XCS Hazelton.pdf](#)

[Prince Rupert Port Authority - XCS Hazelton.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION 8257/24

That, Council ratify the email approval for letters of support for the Hazelton Cross Country Ski Society.

Carried

4.4 BC Hydro - North Coast Electrification [North Coast Electrification Letter January](#)

[2024_New_Hazelton.pdf](#)

Recommendation: For information purposes only. No action required at this time.

Carried

4.5 Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training 2024

[Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training 2024.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION 8258/24

That, the District of New Hazelton support the Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training grant application for the 2024 fiscal year.

Carried

- 4.6 BC Emergency Health Services Open House Invitation - No Action Required, drop by if you wish

[Open House Invite Hazelton 2024.docx](#) 

Recommendation: For information purposes only. No action is required.

Carried

- 4.7 Minister Cullen Response - Suskwa Bridge

[277189 - response.pdf](#) 

CAO provided Council with a recap of her phone call with from the Ministry staff.

Carried

- 4.8 MASH Compost Pilot Project

[2024.01.28 DoNH Hazelton Compost Pilot Project](#)

[Memo.docx\(1\).pdf](#) 

Councillor Weeber recused himself for this discussion and voting due to a conflict of interest.

RESOLUTION 8259/24

That, the District of New Hazelton write a letter to MASH in support of a composting facility within the local service area.

RESOLUTION 8260/24

That, the District of New Hazelton does not enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with MASH in regard to a Class A composting facility, at this time.

Councillor Weeber returned to the meeting once the discussion and voting had been concluded.

Carried

Councillor Berg opposed Resolution No. 8259/24.

4.9 Sensory Room NHE Funding Request

[Sensory Room NHE Funding Request January 2024.pdf](#) 

RESOLUTION 8261/24

That, the request for funding for a Sensory Room at New Hazelton Elementary School be received for information.

Carried

4.10 Policy Manual - Management & Hourly Staff Compensation Policy

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

RESOLUTION 8262/24

That, Council approve the updates to the Management Hourly Wage Review Policy as presented.

Carried

4.11 Toboggan Creek request for support

[Toboggan Creek request for support.pdf](#) 

[Toboggan Creek information.pdf](#) 

RESOLUTION 8263/24

That, the District of New Hazelton write a letter of support for increased funding for the Toboggan Creek Fish Hatchery.

Carried

5. REPORTS

Councillor Sturney reported on the Bulkley Valley - Lakes District Airshed Management Society and Upper Skeena Development Center meetings.

Councillor Burns advised Council that the Timber Supply Review for the Kispiox is almost complete and it is expected that the AAC will be reduced by a substantial amount however, it should not affect current operations too much.

Mayor Lowry provided updates from the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine, the Northwest Regional Hospital Board, Northern Development Initiative Trust, and Wrinch Memorial meetings. Mayor Lowry will be meeting with Mayor Atrill, Town of Smithers, and Mayor MaGuire, Village of Granisle to discuss crown land in our communities.

RESOLUTION 8264/24

That, the District write a letter to the Northwest Regional Health Board and Ministry of Health inquiring as to the status of the long term care facility that was planned for Smithers and Hazelton.

Carried

6. BYLAWS

6.1 Third reading of Bylaw 377 2024-2028 Financial Plan 2024

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

RESOLUTION 8265/24

That, Bylaw No. 377, 2023 be given its third reading.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

Council Schedule

[Agenda Meeting Schedule.docx](#) 

Hazelton Farmer's Market

Councillors Henwood, Hobenshield, Berg, and Weeber received a phone call from Jim Fowler, Interim Chair for the Farmers' Market, wishing to discuss the possibility of erecting a permanent structure at the Visitor Center site to store their market supplies. He also wished to convey their desire to expand the market and to have electricity provided at the site. Mr. Fowler called the office to be put on the agenda for this meeting however it was past the deadline for the agenda. Councillors Sturney and Burns, and Mayor Lowry were not contacted regarding this request.

Administration was not contacted by the Farmers' Market regarding this request. The CAO provided their input into these requests noting that the request for electricity and expansion could be addressed by the Market moving to Allen Park where there is plenty of room for expansion, highway visibility, and electricity already provided. The Farmers' Market had made a request to staff in January, 2022 regarding a permanent structure for storage after discussion, Administration felt that such a structure would provide a liability to the District of New Hazelton and declined their request for a permanent structure.

Councillor Henwood will contact Mr. Fowler to advise him that Council discussed his requests regarding expansion, electricity, and a permanent structure and have made the decision not to move forward with these requests.

8. IN-CAMERA

RESOLUTION 8266/24

That, the regular meeting be closed to the public pursuant to S. 90.1(g) of the Community Charter.

Carried

9. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 8267/24

That, the meeting be adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Carried

CAO/Corporate Officer

Mayor

CERTIFIED THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024