



DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 4, 2024
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

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 Administrative Officer

Laura Roe, Chief Financial Officer

Robyn Morrison-Ellis, Acting Deputy Corporate Officer

2. MINUTES

2.1 Accept Minutes of February 5, 2024 regular meeting

[Regular Meeting - Feb 05 2024 - Minutes - Html](#) 

[Regular Meeting - Feb 05 2024 - Minutes - Html](#) 

Recommendation: That the Minutes be adopted as presented.

Resolution 8268/24

THAT, the minutes of February 4, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

3.1 Helene Paranich - Fire Department Update

Fire Chief Paranich will provide an update on the New Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department over the last while.

Helene Paranich, Fire Chief gave a detailed update on the District of New Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department. This included recruitment and retention; truck maintenance; training requirements; and potential partnerships and mutual aid agreements. Chief Paranich will endeavour to provide updates to Council on a more regular basis going forward.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 Letter to President & CEO of Northern Health - for information only

[2024.01.18 Letter to President & CEO of Northern Health.pdf](#) 

Recommendation: No action required however should Council chose, a letter of support requesting information could be written.

Resolution 8269/24

THAT, the letter to the President and CEO of Northern Health from Mayor Bjudas, City of Terrace, be received for information.

Carried

- 4.2 City of Port Alberni - AVICC 2024 Resolution Submissions

[AVICC 2024 Resolution Submission Full Package.pdf](#) 

Recommendation: For information purposes only. No action required.

RESOLUTION 8270/24

THAT, the AVICC Resolution Package be received for information.

Carried

- 4.3 City of Quesnel - Mayor Paull

[City of Quesnel - Mayor Paull.pdf](#) 

Recommendation: Consider writing a letter in support of the Highway 97 re-routing project.

RESOLUTION 8271/24

THAT, the District of New Hazelton write a letter to the Province of BC in support of the Highway 97 re-routing known as the Ministry of Transportation's North-South Interconnector Project.

Carried

- 4.4 Support our Troops - BC License Plate Program

[SOT British Columbia Presentation.pdf](#) 

[Veterans and Families Community Covenant.pdf](#) 

[NCLGA SOT Letter.pdf](#) 

Recommendation: Write a letter of support to the Province with regard to specialty license plates for the Save Our Troops program.

RESOLUTION 8272/24

THAT, the District of New Hazelton write a letter to the Province of BC in support of the Province's participation in the Support Our Troops License Plate Program.

Carried

4.5 Gitxsan Torchmen Basketball Club - Request for Sponsorship

[Basketball tournament - request for sponsorship.pdf](#) 

Recommendation: Consider request for donation. Council has spent \$2,500.00 of their sponsorship money to date. Donation amount remaining for the year is \$3,500.00.

RESOLUTION 8273/24

THAT, the request for support be received for information.

Carried

4.6 Short Term Accommodation Act

[Short Term Accommodation Act.docx](#) 

Recommendation: To opt in with resolution

RESOLUTION 8274/24

THAT, Council receive the staff briefing note on short term accommodations, for information. Further, the District opts to take no further action at this time.

Carried

5. REPORTS

Councillor Weeber updated Council on his recent attendance at the MASH AGM. There was an update on the Composting Project which should be operational by May with the first salable product available approximately 3 months later.

Mayor Lowry reported on the RDKS meeting. A 3 year temporary operating permit was granted on the old sawmill site in South Hazelton.

MASH received a 30,000.00 grant from Area B Gas Tax Funds. The Resource Benefits Alliance as received a 5 year, \$250,000,000 agreement with the Province after 10+ years of negotiation. More information will come at a later date. Work on the sewer line at the USRC will begin at the end of the month and should be done by June, 2024.

6. BYLAWS

- 6.1 Adopt Bylaw No. 377 2024-2028 Financial Plan, 2024.

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

Recommendation: That Bylaw No. 377, 2024 by adopted as presented.

RESOLUTION 8275/24

THAT, Bylaw No. 377, 2024; the 2024-2028 Financial Plan, be adopted as presented.

Carried

- 6.2 Asset Retirement Obligation Policy

[Asset Retirement Obligation Policy DRAFT.docx](#) 

[2023.ARO TRANSITION ACCOUNTING NEW HAZELTON.pdf](#) 

Recommendation: That the Asset Retirement Obligation Policy be adopted as present.

RESOLUTION 8276/24

THAT, the Asset Retirement Obligation Policy be adopted as presented.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

Council Schedule

Mayor Lowry reviewed the amended Council schedule for the next couple of months.

Councillor Weeber left the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Councillor Burns inquired as to whether the property on the highway that was recently logged would be worth considering for purchase to use as housing. CAO advised that this property is in the ALR and it would not likely be approved for subdivision.

Mayor Lowry suggested speaking to the Ministers at UBCM regarding the large amount of Crown owned land that is located within the District's boundaries that would be suitable for housing however not available to the District at this time.

Mayor Lowry reminded Council that there will be community gathering at the USRC from 1:30 -3:00 pm. This will be a discussion with MLA Cullen regarding long term care in the area.

7.1 Hagwilget to New Hazelton walking trail

[Hagwilget Village Council.pdf](#) 

Council asked Administration to reach out to Hagwilget for more information on this project and report back.

8. ADJOURNMENT

REOSLUTION 8277/24

THAT, the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:35 pm.

9. MARCH INFO PACKAGE

[MARCH INFO PACKAGE.pdf](#) 

CAO/Corporate Officer

Mayor

CERTIFY THIS 8TH OF APRIL, 2024