

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON  
Regular Meeting - Jun 03 2024 of Council  
Monday, June 3, 2024  
Council Chambers

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order 7:00 pm

**Present**

Mayor Gail Lowry

Councillor Ray Sturney

Councillor George Burns

Councillor Allan Berg

Councillor Braunwyn Henwood

Councillor Jutta Hobenshield

Councillor Mike Weeber

Staff:

Wendy Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

Robyn Morrison-Ellis, Acting Deputy Corporate Officer

**2. MINUTES**

2.1 Accept Minutes of the May 6, 2024 regular meeting

[MIN May 6, 2024.docx](#) 

Resolution No. 8304/24

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the May 6, 2024 meeting be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**3. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

None

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1 Banners 2025

[Banners for 2025.pdf](#) 

Resolution 8305/24

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, this discussion is tabled until July or August after the display at the Visitor Center is complete and there may be more images available to decide on.

**Carried**

4.2 Economic Development Strategic Plan

[Hazeltons EcDev Strategic Plan - DRAFT.pdf](#) 

Resolution 8306/24

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the draft Economic Development Strategic Plan for the Hazeltons be accepted as presented.

**Defeated**

Resolution 8307/24

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, staff contact the Village of Hazelton and Economic Development Officer to see if they are able to meet again to discuss the draft plan.

**Carried**

4.3 Community Action Initiative - Local Leadership United

[Community Action Initiative-LLU.pdf](#) 

Councillor Burns asked to be registered for this event. CAO Hunt is also registered to attend at this time.

4.4 Ratification of E-Mail - SAR

This is a ratification of the email vote to include the Burns Lake Search and Rescue Team in the donations for the recent search and rescue event in the area. The email vote was 6 to 1 in favour of the addition.

Resolution 8308/24

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the email vote to include Burns Lake in the search and rescue donations be ratified.

**Carried**

Councillor Henwood voted against this motion.

**5. REPORTS**

Councillor Weeber provided an update on the MASH Composting Project. It is scheduled to open in June. MASH will be providing communication to the public on the events happening and collection plans.

Councillor Hobenshield noted that Annual Report for the library has been completed and should be available in the near future.

Mayor Lowry reported on meetings with BC Hydro and Northern Health while attending NCLGA. At the most recent RDKS meeting Directors were able to tour the LNG Terminal in Kitimat and the new hospital in Terrace.

## **6. BYLAWS**

None

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor Burns and Mayor Lowry reported on the awarding of the District's scholarships to Autumn Mann and Amy Snider. CAO will have the letters written to the recipients in time for the graduation ceremony.

Councillor Berg noted that some of the channels on the TV are not working and he will hopefully be able to provide an update at the next meeting.

Councillor Burns inquired as to whether or not the Council had a Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct will be added to the Councillor's Library on their iPads for their use.

Councillor Weeber asked about the new road work in the Village of Hazelton. CAO Hunt was able to provide some information on what was taking place.

Councillor Berg asked for confirmation that the new trail is on town right of way. This was confirmed by the CAO.

Councillor Hobenshield inquired about a name for the new trail. It was suggested that Council think of name's they would like to call it and bring them to the next meeting for discussion.

Mayor Lowry reminded Council that they have the option of requesting further information from staff when they are presented with briefing notes or bylaws. They can always be sent back to staff for clarification or further information.

Council had questions regarding the Farmers Market Coupon Program. Staff was asked to find out:

- Why did the Provincial Government cut back funding?
- Who's administrating the program?
- How do people get the coupons?
- Do they have to be used each week or can customers accumulate them?

Staff will report back either via email or at the next meeting.

The CAO provided Council with an update on staffing. Nick Koldewijn has been hired on full-time in public works and has recently started. We have received one application so far for the Animal Control Officer however the posting has not yet closed. Council will be updated as the search progresses. The new trail is almost completed and is looking really great. The next phase will be smaller in width and meander down along the creek coming out at the front of the office by the EV charging station.

[2024-05-27 New Hazelton Water Model Work Program.pdf](#) 

Resolution 8309/24

MOVED/SECONDED THAT, Mayor and Council support the District of New Hazelton's application for the Infrastructure Planning Grant to undertake a water assessment for the purposes of asset management and water conservation.

**Carried**

7.2 Council Schedule

[Agenda Meeting Schedule.docx](#) 

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution 8310/24

MOVED

THAT, the regular meeting adjourn at 8:50PM.

**Carried**

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer/Chief Administrative Officer