



DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
Regular Meeting - Oct 07 2024 of Council
Monday, October 7, 2024
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01PM

Present: Mayor G. Lowry
Councillor G. Burns
Councillor R. Sturney
Councillor M. Weeber
Councillor B. Henwood
Councillor J. Hobenshield

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer, W. Hunt
Chief Financial Officer, L. Roe
Corporate Officer, B. White

Absent: Councillor A. Berg

2. MINUTES

2.1 Accept Minutes of September 9, 2024 regular meeting.

RESOLUTION 8341/24

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the minutes of the September 9, 2024 regular meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

3.1 Laurie Gallant - MASH update.

Laurie gave an update on the Community Composting Hub pilot project that MASH has been working on. It is a 20-week pilot project ending November 2024. They have had great success with getting material from community members and local businesses and should be getting the results from their first batch of compost in a couple weeks. She is very optimistic about the pending results. The group is looking at the potential of a residential composting pick up pilot project in 2025. This would involve approximately 10% of available households (around 30 households). The pilot is grant dependent and will require support of the local government. It is still in the planning stage at this point. MASH is also looking at a satellite operation at the landfill site. Next steps could involve multiple partners including the District and the Regional District as well as their contractors. Laurie also mentioned if they are to expand their operations, they would need power and water at their site so that they could have a proper washroom/staff room.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Infrastructure Planning Grant.
No action taken, for information only.

4.2 Follow-up Letter to Suskwa-Moricetown FSR Residents from Ministry of Forests.
No action taken, for information only.

4.3 Kaien Trails request for support.

RESOLUTION 8342/24

MOVED & SECONDED

THAT, the District of New Hazelton will write a letter of support for the expansion of the TCT Network in Northern BC and Alberta.

CARRIED

4.4 Letter from City of Merritt - Burden of Delinquent Taxes.
No action taken, for information only.

5. REPORTS

5.1 District of New Hazelton Q3 Financial Update.
No action taken, for information only.

5.2 Council Reports

- Councillor Sturney attended and updated Council on the USDC Annual General Meeting.
- Councillor Weeber added some information about MASH and the Composting Project.
- Mayor Lowry advised that RDKS was having a public meeting online for the subdivision of a property in the Kispiox Valley, also advised that a recent subdivision from the Kispiox was reconsidered and passed. UBCM was overall good and was told Hazelton long term care was a high priority.

6. BYLAWS

6.1 Adoption of the Northwest BC Regional Funding Agreement Statutory Reserve Bylaw 382, 2024.

RESOLUTION 8343/24

MOVED & SECONDED

THAT, the District of New Hazelton adopt the Northwest BC Regional Funding Agreement Statutory Reserve Bylaw 382, 2024.

CARRIED

6.2 First, Second and Third reading of the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 383, 2024.

RESOLUTION 8344/24

MOVED & SECONDED

THAT, the District of New Hazelton give the First, Second and Third readings of the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 383, 2024.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Winterfest

December 6, 2024 - Hotdogs, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Cupcakes, Fireworks, Santa will be invited to attend.

7.2 Council New Business

- Councillor Hobenshield asked about an update on the banner designs.
- Councillor Burns brought up concerns of a noxious weed spreading along the Highway from Terrace.
- There was a further discussion on the merits of being the host community for the residential pilot project for composting. Staff was asked to provide a more fulsome report at a later date.

7.3 Council Schedule – Council reviewed their schedule for the upcoming months.

7.4 Facade Improvement Grant \$20,000.00.

RESOLUTION 8345/24

MOVED & SECONDED

THAT, the District of New Hazelton apply to the 2025 Facade Improvement Program through Northern Development Initiative Trust in the amount of \$20,000.

CARRIED

7.5 Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment & Training

RESOLUTION 8346/24

MOVED & SECONDED

THAT, the District of New Hazelton apply for the 2024 CEFPP Grant Program for Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments as a joint application with the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine and the Village of Hazelton in the amount of \$120,000.00. The District will commit to paying its share of any cost overruns.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 8347/24

MOVED & SECONDED

THAT, the regular council meeting be adjourned at 8:28PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024

Mayor

Corporate Officer