



DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON

Monday, January 6, 2025

#2 4633 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, New Hazelton – Council Chambers

Public Meeting – 6:45 pm

Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Public Meeting at 6:45PM

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

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

- To discuss the 2025-2029 Financial Plan, no public in attendance.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

**2. CALL TO ORDER:** Regular Meeting at 7:00PM

**3. MINUTES:**

**3.1 Accept Minutes of December 2, 2024 regular meeting**

**RESOLUTION 8366/25**

**MOVED/SECONDED**

THAT, the minutes of the December 2, 2024 regular meeting be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:**

**4.1 Presentation from Monica Simms & Pansy Wright-Simms**

Council received a presentation regarding the Inter-Tribal Education Committee's proposal to the Ministry of Education on proportional representation for First Nations on the Coast Mountain School District Board of Trustees.

#### **4.2 Presentation from Alison Campbell with the Misty Rivers Community Arts Council**

Chair Campbell took the opportunity to thank Council for the continued use of the building for the Art Gallery. She provided an update 2024 operations and their vision for 2025.

### **5. CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **5.1 2025 Business Façade Improvement Funding Approval**

No action taken, for information purposes only.

#### **5.2 Second Community Works Fund Payment for 2024/2025**

No action taken, for information purposes only.

### **6. REPORTS:**

#### **6.1 Q4 Financial Update**

Chief Financial Officer, Laura Roe provided the Q4 update for Council and was available to answer questions as they arose. As this was for information purposes only, no further action was required.

#### **6.2 Council Reports**

- Councillor Weeber gave an update on MASH and their composting project for this year.
- Councillor Berg provided an update on the TV Association.
- Councillor Hobenshield advised Council on the retirement of the Hazelton District Public Library's current Librarian, Brian Butler and the subsequent hire of the new Librarian.
- Mayor Lowry updated Council on the latest Regional District of Kitimat Stikine meeting.

### **7. BYLAWS:**

#### **7.1 Third reading of the 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 384, 2024**

**RESOLUTION 8367/25**

**MOVED/ SECONDED**

THAT, the District of New Hazelton give the Third reading of the 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 384, 2024.

**CARRIED**

### **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **8.1 Annual Review of the Workplace Bullying and Harassment Policy**

- This review was tabled until the February meeting to allow for further updates.

#### **8.2 Council Schedule**

Council reviewed their schedule for the upcoming months.

8.3 Council New Business

- While acknowledging the Ministry of Housing’s requirement for all local governments to complete a Housing Needs Study; Council would like a letter written to the Ministry regarding concerns with the mandated metrics and lack of available data which potentially left many small local governments with a study that does not make sense, is not useful, or a fiscally prudent use of funds.

**RESOLUTION 8368/25**

**MOVED/SECONDED**

THAT, Council authorizes staff to write a letter to the Ministry of Housing regarding concerns with the mandatory Housing Needs Study that was completed by Urban Matters.

**CARRIED**

- Council would like an update on the new proposed flag banners for the next council meeting.

**9. CLOSED MEETING:**

Move into a closed meeting pursuant to S. 90.1(c) of the *Community Charter*, regarding employee relations at 8:12PM.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION 8369/25**

**MOVED/SECONDED**

THAT, the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:40PM

**CARRIED**

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer