



DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
Regular Meeting of Council
Monday July 7, 2025
Rm#2 – 4633 10th Ave – Council Chambers
Regular Meeting: 7:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER: Regular Meeting at 7:00PM

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

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

Absent: Councillor A. Berg
Councillor M. Weeber

2. MINUTES:

2.1 Accept Minutes of the June 2, 2025, regular meeting.

RESOLUTION 8408/25

MOVED/SECONDED

That, the minutes of the June 2, 2025, regular meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

3.1 Chris Rempel from Urban Systems presented to Council the key findings of their in-person engagement sessions held in the Hazeltons May 25th-28th regarding the updates for our Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw. Council would like it noted in the OCP that the metrics used to establish the amount of houses needed in the next 5 and 20 years were skewed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

4.1 Request for letter of support for NDIT funding to construct ski trail at Rossvale Lake – Phase 2

RESOLUTION 8409/25

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the District of New Hazelton write a letter of support to Northern Development Initiative Trust in support of the Hazelton Cross Country Ski Club funding request to construct Phase 2 of the Rossvale Lake Ski Trail.

4.2 Request from the RDKS regarding Municipal Participation in a Regional Parks and Trails Service

RESOLUTION 8410/25

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the District of New Hazelton support the creation of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Regional Parks and Trails Conversion and Service Establishment Bylaw No. 811, 2025 and would like to participate in the service.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS:

5.1 Council Reports

- Councillor Sturney reported that Upper Skeena Development Center had their AGM. A copy of the report will be sent to all Council members after the meeting.
- Councillor Hobenshield had a Hazelton Public Library meeting.
- Mayor Lowry reported on the Northern Development Initiative Trust and RDKS meetings.

6. BYLAWS: NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 2025 Q2 Financial Update

Chief Financial Officer, Laura Roe provided the 2025 Q2 Financial update for Council and was available to answer questions as they arose. As this was for information purposes only, no further action was required.

7.2 Release minutes from closed meeting discussion regarding operating funds for Upper Skeena Recreation Centre

RESOLUTION 8411/25

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the District of New Hazelton's decision to allocate \$100,000.00 in 2026, 2027 and 2028 to the Upper Skeena Recreation Center operations and send a letter to the RDKS Board requesting a contribution from them be released in the public portion of the July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

7.3 Council New Business

- Councillor Burns brought forward concerns about the lack of coverage the TV Association has been providing. Councillor Burns would like his concerns brought forward, as it is a service that is being paid for on taxes. He would like reliable coverage, or have it removed from the taxes.
- Councillor Henwood asked if there has been any progress for childcare. Many people are looking for childcare, especially now the school is out. Staff confirmed that our zoning

allows for home-based childcare, although there are none set up in the community right now that we know of.

7.4 Council Schedule

Council reviewed their schedule for the upcoming months.

8. CLOSED MEETING:

Moved to exclude the public and enter a closed meeting pursuant to S. 90(1)(g) of the *Community Charter*, regarding litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality and S. 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter*, regarding labour relations or other employee relations at 8:13PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 8412/25

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:53PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025

Mayor

Corporate Officer