



DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2025
Council Chambers Rm #2 - 4633 10th Ave

Public Meeting - 6:45pm
Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC MEETING - 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 District of New Hazelton Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 388, 2025, there was one member of the public in attendance.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

2. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING - 7:00PM

3. MINUTES

3.1 Accept Minutes of the September 8, 2025 regular meeting

RESOLUTION 8426/25

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the minutes of the September 8, 2025 regular meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. REVISED AGENDA

4.1 Request for Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) Application – Letter of Support

RESOLUTION 8427/25

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, Council approves the addition of late agenda item 10.6 REDIP Application – Request for Support.

CARRIED

5. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

5.1 Kispiox Valley Community Centre Association, represented by Graeme Pole, Alf Brady & Kathy Clay gave a presentation Council to raise awareness of the potential socio-economic and health effects of PRGT pipeline construction.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1 Business Arising from previous minutes – Revision of Resolution 8419/25 as requested by UBCM

RESOLUTION 8428/25

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, Council approves the amendment to Resolution No. 8419/25 for the Young Street Watermain Project to include: *The District of New Hazelton will be responsible for the overall management of the project and any cost overruns that may occur.*

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

8. REPORTS

8.1 Council Reports

- Councillor Sturney attended UBCM and was involved in Minister meetings with the Village of Hazelton regarding the Community Forest, Ross Lake and Seeley Lake. There were many sessions throughout the week and overall a good conference.
- Councillor Burns attended UBCM and participated in Minister meetings with the Village of Hazelton on the Community Forest, Ross and Seeley Lakes, alternate emergency routes for the communities. He also attended many interesting sessions throughout the week.
- Mayor Lowry attended UBCM and Minister meetings with the Village of Hazelton and the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine, mainly focused on long-term care centre for the area and the Upper Skeena Recreation Centre. Mayor Lowry also attended the Mayors' dinner and the MIABC Annual General Meeting.
- CAO, Hunt:
 - advised Council of when the Dawson Stakeholder's meeting would be and to let staff know if they would like to attend or have any concerns brought forward by the Public Works Superintendent as he will be attending;
 - advised Council that we are still working on the property clean up and have cleaned up the trailer on 9th Ave.;
 - advised Council that we are handling animal control complaints as they arise, and we are writing letters to owners; and
 - has asked the RCMP to do more patrols on Mosquito Way Trail and the Waterfall Trail, as there has been some reports of loud noise and cans and needles being left behind. Public Works Staff will clean up needles ASAP, just need to let us know.

9. BYLAWS: NONE

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Winterfest

- Council would like to do hotdogs, cupcakes and fireworks again this year. This year we are going to try to move the PA system near the washrooms. No major changes.

10.2 Management & Hourly Staff Compensation Policy

RESOLUTION 8429/25

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, Council approves the changes to the Management & Hourly Staff Compensation Policy.

CARRIED

- Councillor Burns would like to add on pg. 6 that we do provide PPE to staff. This is a requirement of WorkSafe BC and will be added to the next update.

10.3 Q3 Financial Update

Chief Financial Officer, Laura Roe provided the Q3 update for Council and was available to answer questions as they arose. As this was for information purposes only, no further action was required.

10.4 Council New Business

- Councillor Burns would like the Firefighter Remuneration Policy to be taken out of the Information Package and added to the next agenda for updates. Councillor Burns also advised that the Skeena Roundtable meeting was postponed.
- Councillor Weeber asked about downloading apps onto the iPad, CAO Hunt advised that the iPads could be used but reminded everyone that any items on them are subject to a FOI request and to be mindful of what is added. Councillor Weeber advised that he is taking lots of new photos, using a drone.
- Councillor Henwood asked for small zoning maps they can refer to.
- Councillor Hobenshield asked about the Residential Land Sale Policy that is in the Information Package. She thought that this was rescinded a while ago; staff will look into this and report back.

Councillor Hobenshield also asked that the Long-Term Service Policy be taken out of the Information Package and added to the next agenda for updates.

10.5 Council Schedule

Council reviewed their schedule for the upcoming months.

10.6 Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program Application – Request for Support

RESOLUTION 8430/25

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, Council authorizes staff to write a letter of support for the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program Application.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 8431/25

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:24PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025

Mayor

Corporate Officer