



DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON  
Regular Meeting of Council  
Monday March 2, 2026  
4633 10th Ave - Room #2 Council Chambers  
Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

## 1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING: 7:00PM

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

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

## 2. MINUTES:

2.1 Accept Minutes of February 2, 2026 regular meeting

### RESOLUTION 8471/26

**MOVED/SECONDED**

THAT, the minutes of the February 2, 2026 regular meeting be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 3. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

3.1 Stanley Walker - to discuss widening of pull out on West end of town, and concerns regarding explosive combination of trucks in the same place at the same time within town limits

Mr. Walker gave a presentation to Council and brought up a few concerns:

- First, he noticed a transport truck parked near Wesco that was carrying Dangerous Goods, and if there was a reaction it could have been catastrophic. Mr. Walker is suggesting a time limit for large trucks carrying Dangerous Goods to be parked within town limits, as well as signage to be put up in town regarding Dangerous Goods.
- Second, requested that the traffic lights along Highway 16 be changed from flashing green lights to flashing red lights so that highway traffic must slow down and stop when going through town.
- Third, he suggested some type of truck stop to be put at the pullout at the West end of town that included a vending machine, and showers.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE:

4.1 Request for Support for Hazelton Secondary School Drama Club going to the 2026 National Star Festival in Vancouver

#### RESOLUTION 8472/26

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the District of New Hazelton will contribute \$1000.00 to the Hazelton Secondary School Drama Club going to the 2026 National Star Festival in Vancouver.

CARRIED

#### 5. REPORTS:

##### 5.1 Council Reports

- Councillor Berg reported on the Skeena TV Association – they are having their AGM March 18<sup>th</sup>. They want to advertise their service more this year and will talk about doing a survey to see how many people use the service next year.
- Mayor Lowry reported on Regional District of Kitimat Stikine (RDKS) – Making Agriculture Sustainable in the Hazeltons (MASH) received funding for meetings they are holding. Another update from RDKS was that the owners of The Northern Motor Inn want to turn the Inn into an assisted living facility – it will have 92 beds, a mini mall and housing behind it.

#### 6. BYLAWS: None

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

##### 7.1 PRGT's Social and Economic Effects Management Plan & Health and Medical Services Plan

- Council expressed concerns regarding the “zero tolerance” drug policy, noting that the policy as presented does not appear to function as a true zero-tolerance approach. Council questioned how the policy would be enforced in practice and whether there are clearly defined consequences and procedures to support the claim. Additionally, Council noted that the plan lacks sufficient detail regarding logistics and operational impacts. Specifically, the plan does not adequately address:
  - i. Transportation logistics, including resident access and traffic flow
  - ii. Potential impacts on surrounding infrastructure
  - iii. Whether the site will be gated or secured, and how access will be controlled

Council further observed that the plan appears largely procedural, checking required boxes without providing substantive detail or meaningful explanation of how the project will function in practice.

7.2 Human Right's Commissioner's inquiry into police use of media exclusion zones

**RESOLUTION 8473/26**

**MOVED/SECONDED**

THAT, the District of New Hazelton is not familiar enough with the circumstances surrounding this issue to make an informed decision or comment at this time.

**CARRIED**

7.3 Annual Reporting for Northwest BC Regional Funding Agreement

**RESOLUTION 8474/26**

**MOVED/SECONDED**

THAT, the District of New Hazelton approve the annual reporting for the Northwest BC Regional Funding Agreement for the fiscal year 2025 as presented by Administration.

**CARRIED**

7.4 Local Government Development Approval Permits - Regional Project

**RESOLUTION 8475/26**

**MOVED/SECONDED**

THAT, Council for the District of New Hazelton approve the Village of Hazelton to apply for, receive, and manage the grant funding on behalf of the District of New Hazelton (sub-applicant) for the Local Government Development Approvals Program grant application.

**CARRIED**

7.5 Council New Business

- Councillor Henwood asked about progress on bringing the flags over to the new Municipal Hall. This is still in the works and in discussion with the Public Works Superintendent.

7.6 Council Schedule

- Councillor Burns would like to go to NCLGA.
- Councillor Hobenshield had a question regarding the Northwest Regional Hospital District minutes in the Information Package; she wondered if the positions are paid or not. Mayor Lowry clarified that they are not.

7:43PM Councillor Sturney excused himself from the meeting.

7.7 Donation to Wanda Mason Memorial Scholarship Fund

**RESOLUTION 8476/26**

**MOVED/SECONDED**

THAT, the District of New Hazelton will contribute \$2000.00 for the start up of the Wanda Mason Memorial Scholarship Fund, and it will be added as an item in the budget for next year.

**CARRIED**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION 8477/26**

**MOVED/SECONDED**

THAT, the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:51PM.

**CARRIED**

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer