

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 27, 2023  
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office  
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Victor Smith  
Councillor Scott Medlock  
Councillor Angela Skoglund  
Councillor Pauline Newbigging  
Councillor Heather Stewin

**Council Members Absent:** Councillor Zachary Wells

**Staff Present:** John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer  
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services  
Richard Zerr, Acting Director of Community Development  
Mike Olson, Director of Finance  
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer/EA  
Gurvinder Sodhi, Communications and Systems Analysis Advisor

**Others in attendance:** 9 members of the public and 1 media

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING AT 6:31 P.M.**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c) [labour relations or other employee relations] of the *Community Charter* re: collective bargaining and for the purpose of receiving and adopting closed meeting minutes. **CARRIED.**

**3. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Smith reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and opened by acknowledging that the meeting is being held on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Stó:lō people, particularly the Chawathil, Union Bar and Yale First Nations.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the October 23, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED.**

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**(a) Regular Council Meeting**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 14, 2023 be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED.**

## 6. DELEGATIONS

### (a) Enbridge

Representatives from Enbridge's Community and Indigenous Engagement Team were in attendance to present an update to Council on Enbridge's BC operations and an introduction of the Sunrise Expansion Program. In their presentation, the following items were discussed:

- Economic Impacts to BC in 2022
  - 206 BC-based permanent and temporary employees and provisioned contractors.
  - \$67.2 million in property tax across BC, including over \$1.5 million to the District of Hope.
  - \$341.7 million in capital expenditures in BC.
- Pipeline Integrity
  - Since 2018, a comprehensive integrity program has improved pipeline safety.
  - Inspections are completed using high-resolution inline inspection tools.
  - When data indicates a change or detects an anomaly, a maintenance dig is undertaken to physically examine the pipe segment.
- Coquihalla 6 Crossing
  - Debris flow from the 2021 flooding event deposited around the pipeline, no signs of damage were observed but maintenance will take place at the crossing in 2024.
- Sunrise Expansion Program
  - Proposed expansion of the T-South system, driven by demand for natural gas transportation capacity to prevent shortages during peak demand periods.
  - Includes the addition of 42" diameter pipeline looping and additional compression stations to provide up to 300 million cubic feet per day of natural gas transportation.
  - Environmental studies begin in Q2 of 2023, with construction taking place between Q4 2026 and Q4 2028.
  - Addition of an electric-driven compressor unit at the Othello station located 6 km east of Hope.
  - A new 8 km (69 kV) electric power transmission line to power the station, connecting to the BC Hydro grid on the south side of Hope.
  - Plan to follow the existing right-of-way to the greatest extent possible.
- Investigative Field Studies
  - Surveys, environmental studies and archaeological assessments will continue in 2024 to establish routing and construction feasibility.
  - Studies include air and water quality assessments, biodiversity surveys, and habitat evaluations.

- **Socio-Economic and Gender-Based+ Analysis**
  - Enbridge is seeking to obtain any additional baseline information that can support their ability to address and mitigate any direct and indirect socio-economic effects, and the effects to subgroups of the population.
  - Virtual open house is available at [www.sunrise-program.com](http://www.sunrise-program.com).
  - Enbridge welcomes the opportunity to host a community engagement event in Hope this coming Spring.
  - Letters of support for the Sunrise Expansion Program, to support the regulatory application planning for May 2024, are welcomed.

Council inquired as to whether the station will still be able to pump gas in the event of a power failure. The Enbridge representative advised that the gas-powered pumping system that is currently in place will remain, and that the electric compression system is being installed to supplement the current capacity of the station. Council inquired as to what effect the additional load on the electrical grid in the area will have. The Enbridge representative advised that they are aware of the capacity issues, and it will be researched before a plan is put in place. The CAO added that the electrical design will have to go through the provincial utility's approval process with the regulator, and the District will watch for opportunities to provide input.

## **7. STAFF REPORTS**

### **(a) Report dated November 22, 2023 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: 2024 Regular Council Meeting Schedule**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the 2024 Regular Council Meeting schedule be approved.

**CARRIED.**

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports.

## **9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Mayor Smith Reported:**

- He thanked District staff for their work on the 2023 By-Election, and congratulated the successful candidate, Dusty Smith, who will be sworn in as Councillor at the December 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting.
- He noted that Council has begun the second year of their term, and announced that the District has hired a Communications & Systems Analysis Advisor in order to continue improving the District's communications with the public.
- He attended the Fraser Valley Care Foundation Gala on November 17<sup>th</sup> along with Dr. Grover. He noted that \$20,000 was raised to go towards four strap-on heart monitor units.
- He thanked District staff for their work in correcting the recent water issue. He added that there are currently 275 active water advisories in B.C., and thanked Blue Triton for their water donation.
- He announced that Holiday Fest will take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the tree lighting, with Hope Towing and the Lions Club contributing to the event.
- He noted that there is a calendar of community events for the holidays in the Hope Standard.

**Councillor Skoglund Reported:**

- She reminded the public that Kal Tire will be doing a Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Entry is by donation, with Kal Tire matching all proceeds.
- She announced that the Hope Community Choir will be hosting their annual Christmas concert at the Baptist Church on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, with entry by donation.

**Councillor Medlock Reported:**

- He attended the AdvantageHOPE Board meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>, where they decided to begin hiring for a Marketing Director in place of an Executive Director, with the posting to go up soon.

**Councillor Stewin Reported:**

- She attended a Hope Inclusion Project meeting, noting that conversations were had regarding the results of the curriculum in schools, and discussion regarding Pride in 2024 with fundraising taking place throughout the year. She added that they inquired as to whether an additional flagpole will be in the 2024 budget, and that they would like to delegate to Council regarding a flag request for 2024.
- She attended a Purple Lights meeting where they did a wrap-up of events for October, noting that the event was very successful even with limited volunteers. She added that the committee inquired as to whether the District had any more purple paint available for the lamp post in the park.
- She attended the Heart and Soul Child Care Open House at the Silver Creek Elementary School, noting that they received a tour of the classroom they are using for the preschool and after school care. She added that they are at capacity for their preschool in January, but some spaces are available for after school care. They are currently waiting for approval from the School District for an addition at the Silver Creek Elementary School to allow for more spaces for infant and toddler care, as well as an application for a child care space on the C.E. Barry lands.
- She noted that the Hope Fire Department attended the preschool with a fire truck.

**Councillor Newbigging Reported:**

- She attended the Heart and Soul Child Care Open House at the Silver Creek Elementary School.
- She attended a recognition dinner for the Fraser Valley Regional Library on November 18<sup>th</sup> where long term employees were recognized, including two residents of Hope.
- She attended a Fraser Valley Regional Library meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, noting that their budget was finalized for 2024.
- She noted that the Accessibility Committee will be meeting next week to finalize forms and get them out to the public.

**10. PERMITS AND BYLAWS**

**(a) Report dated Nov. 15, 2023 from the Acting Director of Community Development  
Re: Rail & Highway Service Corridor Development Permit – 1040 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue**

Council inquired as to what requirements must be fulfilled by the applicant in order to gain approval from the Canadian National Railway. The Acting Director of Community Development advised that the requirements include either having setbacks in place or an engineered solution to mitigate risks.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT a Rail and Highway Service Corridor Form and Character Development Permit for a five (5) storey, forty-eight (48) unit motel and restaurant be approved for the property legally described as Lot 1 Section 9 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M YDYD Plan EPP122302; PID 032-031-297; 1040 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; Hope, BC subject to the developer complying with all of Canadian National Railway's requirements; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Community Development be authorized to approve minor changes to the Rail and Highway Service Corridor Form & Character Development Permit; and

FURTHER THAT for purposes of the Development Permit validity period, the conditions of the Development Permit shall expire on November 27, 2025; and

FURTHER THAT for the purposes of Section 504 of the *Local Government Act*, "substantially start any construction" shall mean the placement of the building foundation. **CARRIED.**

**(b) Report dated Nov. 17, 2023 from the Acting Director of Community Development  
Re: Intensive Residential Development Permit and Geotechnical Hazard  
Development Permit – 65741 Gardner Drive**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT a Hope Intensive Residential Development Permit (form and character) be approved for the property legally described as Lot A Section 11 TWP 5 RGE 26 YDYD W6M Plan KAP55361; PID 023-172-118; 65741 Gardner Drive for the proposed seven (7) Single Family Residential with Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S) zoned subdivision; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Community Development be authorized to endorse the Hope Intensive Residential Development Permit; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Community Development be authorized to approve minor amendments to the Hope Intensive Residential Development Permit; and

FURTHER THAT for purposes of the Hope Intensive Residential Development Permit validity period, the conditions of the Development Permit shall expire on November 27, 2025; and

FURTHER THAT for purposes of any associated building permit, that "substantially start of any construction" shall mean the completion and successful registration of the subdivision. **CARRIED.**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT a Geotechnical Hazard Development Permit be approved for the property legally described as Lot A Section 11 TWP 5 RGE 26 YDYD W6M Plan KAP55361; PID 023-172-118; 65741 Gardner Drive for the proposed seven (7) Single Family Residential with Secondary Dwelling (RS-1S) zoned subdivision subject to the District of Hope receiving an acceptable signed and sealed certified report from a professional engineer determining safe building sites for each of the dwellings; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Community Development be authorized to endorse the Geotechnical Hazard Development Permit; and

FURTHER THAT for purposes of the Geotechnical Hazard Development Permit validity period, the conditions of the Development Permit shall expire on November 27, 2025; and

FURTHER THAT for purposes of any associated building permit, that “substantially start of any construction” shall mean the completion and successful registration of the seven (7) lot subdivision of the property at 65741 Gardner Drive. **CARRIED.**

- (c) **Report dated Nov. 21, 2023 from the Acting Director of Community Development Re: Geotechnical Hazard Development Permit – 63450 Flood Hope Road**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT a District of Hope Geotechnical Hazard Development Permit be approved for the property legally described as Lot B Section 5 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M YDYD Plan EPP85897, PID 030-631-416, 63450 Flood Hope Road, in order to upgrade and expand an existing structure subject to the District of Hope receiving a satisfactory certified report from a qualified professional confirming a site-specific safe building envelope; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Community Development be authorized to endorse the Geotechnical Hazard Development Permit and required covenant document; and

FURTHER THAT for purposes of the Development Permit validity period, the conditions of the Development Permit shall expire on November 27, 2025; and

FURTHER THAT for the purposes of Section 504 of the *Local Government Act*, “*substantially start any construction*” shall mean the issuance of a valid District of Hope Building Permit. **CARRIED.**

- (d) **District of Hope Sanitary Sewer Regulation Bylaw No. 1563, 2023**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Sanitary Sewer Regulation Bylaw No. 1563, 2023*, be adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023. **CARRIED.**

- (e) **Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1566, 2023**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1566, 2023*, be adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023. **CARRIED.**

**(f) Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1567, 2023**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1567, 2023*, be adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023. **CARRIED.**

**(g) Report dated November 21, 2023 from the Director of Finance  
Re: Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1568, 2023**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1568, 2023*, be read a first, second, and third time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023. **CARRIED.**

**(h) Report dated November 22, 2023 from the Director of Corporate Services  
Re: Fraser Valley Inter-Municipal Business Licence Bylaw No. 1569, 2023**

Council inquired as to whether any feedback has been received from the community regarding the inter-municipal business licence. The Director of Corporate Services advised that there has been an increase in uptake in usage of the inter-municipal licence.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *Fraser Valley Inter-Municipal Business Licence Bylaw No. 1569, 2023*, be read a first, second and third time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023. **CARRIED.**

**11. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) For Information Correspondence**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated November 27, 2023 be received. **CARRIED.**

**12. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS**

There was no other Pertinent Business.

**13. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions raised.

**14. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**15. ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:39 p.m. **CARRIED.**

*Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 27, 2023 in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.*

Original Signed by Victor Smith  
Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham  
Director of Corporate Services