

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
December 6, 2021  
ERWIN STEGE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
CONFERENCE ROOM

1) CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

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

STAFF PRESENT: W. Hunt  
R. Carlé

2) MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 8076/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the minutes of the November 1, 2021 regular meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

- a) FireSmart Coordinator Rachel Doddridge – FireSmart is living with and managing for wildfire in your area and on your property. It is an all-encompassing program, extending from the individual homeowner level up to a landscape land management level. The principles promoted by the program have shown that they are effective at reducing the risk to life and property in the most extreme wildfire conditions. The Hazeltons FireSmart program is focused on individual homeowners. The coordinator provides access to FireSmart literature and performs personalized home assessments to help home owners or tenants identify their next steps in protecting their home from wildfire.
- b) New Hazelton USRC Advisory Committee Representative Peter Newbery – Reported on the Upper Skeena Recreation Center. The facility has been up and running for two years. COVID has had a major impact on the running of the facility. The facility has provided a number of programs including: youth leadership programs, youth programs, summer and spring day camps, pro-d camps, dance programs, cardio fitness, pound classes, basketball, volleyball, hockey, skating, fitness, indoor football and lacrosse. The building has received three provincial architectural awards. However, there are still several significant

issues including the need for a dehumidifier, sewer line issues, completing the kitchen and paving the parking lot. The RDKS is working on finding funding and addressing these shortfalls. The building is fully funded until the end of 2022. There is an estimated shortfall of \$660,000 for 2023. Need to engage and secure ongoing funding to address these shortfalls. The original plan was for the bands to contribute on a per capita basis in the same manner as local governments, which would help address the shortfall. COVID and staff turnover at the RDKS have played a role in this. Reaching out to Nathan Cullen and Taylor Bachrach to see if the USRC can secure funding from the provincial or federal levels.

#### 4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Indigenous Court Erwin Stege Community Center Rental

RESOLUTION 8077/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton will not rent out the Council Chambers and it will only be used for Council purposes.

CARRIED

- Councillor R. Sturney opposed this resolution.

#### 5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) City of Terrace Social Issues Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION 8078/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton appoint Councillor Weeber and Councillor Burns as the alternate to the Social Issues Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

#### 6) REPORTS:

- a) Councillor Henwood – Reported that next year is the Diamond Jubilee for the Hazelton District Public Library.
- b) Mayor Lowry – Reported on the RDKS’s open house for the South Hazelton rezoning application for Tammy Hayden.

7) BYLAWS:

- a) Curbside Collection Amendment Bylaw No. 363, 2021

RESOLUTION 8079/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton Curbside Collection Bylaw No 363, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

- b) 2022-2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 364, 2022

RESOLUTION 8080/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton Financial Plan Bylaw No 364, 2022 be given the first and second readings.

CARRIED

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) 2022 Council Schedule

RESOLUTION 8081/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton adopt the 2022 Council schedule as presented.

CARRIED

9) ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 8082/21

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the meeting be adjourned 8:31 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS

DAY OF

, 2022

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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MAYOR