



Corporation of the
VILLAGE OF HAZELTON

Due to the current global pandemic and current Public Health Orders and Ministerial Order 192, Public Participation at the April 13th, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council will be conducted online. Please follow the attached link to join the Regular Council Meeting April 13th, 2021 at 6:30pm.

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For more information contact Lina Gasser, Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Hazelton at 250-842-5991 or via email at lgasser@hazelton.ca.



Corporation of the Village of Hazelton

A G E N D A

Regular Meeting of Council

Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 6:30 pm
Council Chambers, "Riverboat Building" – 4265 Government Street

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

THAT the Agenda be approved.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 9, 2021

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 9, 2021 be adopted.

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1. Report from DCO Re: Draft Zoning Amendment Bylaw to Allow Accessory Dwelling Units

That Council provide direction to Administration regarding the Accessory Dwelling Unit Zoning Amendment Draft

6.2. Draft Letter of Support to RDKS Re: UBCM Development Approvals Program

THAT Council endorse the letter.

6.3. Draft Letter of Support to RDKS Re: UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services Program

THAT Council endorse the letter.

6.4. Report From CAO Re: Upper Skeena Housing Needs Report 2020

That Council receive the Housing Needs Report 2020 Upper Skeena Region.

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

7.1. 5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw no. 516, 2021 for Adoption

THAT 5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw no. 516, 2021 be adopted.

7.2. Tax Rate Bylaw No. 517, 2021

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to Tax Rate Bylaw No. 517, 2021.

WHEREAS Ministerial Order M192 Section 12(a)(iv) permits Council to adopt an annual property tax bylaw the same day as it has received third reading;

Therefore be it resolved:

THAT Council adopt Tax Rate Bylaw No. 517, 2021.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. Letter from UBCM Re: Gaming Grant Resolution

THAT Council receive the letter for information.

8.2. Letter From BC Association of Farmers Markets Re: Coupon Program

THAT Council direct administration to write a letter of thanks to the Honourable Adrian Dix, BC Minister of Health for his support of the program;

OR;

THAT Council receive the letter for information.

8.3. Letter From SPARC Re: 2020 Housing Needs Report

THAT Council receive the letter for information.

8.4. Email From RDKS CAO Ron Poole Re: Cultural Training

8.5. Letter from Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall to BCUC Re: Street Lighting Rate Increase

8.6. Letter From Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall to Minister of Health Re: 988 Crisis Line

THAT Council direct Administration to write a letter to federal Minister of Health Patty Hajdu in support of the 988 Crisis Line.

9. DECISIONS RELEASED FROM IN-CAMERA

9.1. Village Acting as Flow-Through for Agricultural Grant Funding

It was duly MOVED and SECONDED and subsequently ADOPTED,

THAT Council release on the April 13th Regular Meeting of Council that the Village has entered into an agreement with the Province to be a flow-through for Agricultural Grant funding for the Upper Skeena Development Centre.

10. LATE ITEMS

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1. Verbal Report From Councillor Maitland Re: Property Purchase

12. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

13. CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING

Council exercises its authority to close this meeting to the Public to consider matters relative to section 90 (1) (c) of the *Community Charter*.

THAT the meeting be closed to the Public to consider matters relative to sections 90 (1) (c) of the Community Charter.

14. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at TIME.

Corporation of the Village of Hazelton

Regular Council Minutes

March 9, 2021

Council Chambers, "Riverboat Building" – 4265 Government Street

Councillors: Mayor Dennis Sterritt
 Councillor Jody Tetreau (Via Teleconference) Joined at 6:50 PM
 Councillor Julie Maitland
 Councillor Wendy Blackstock (Via Teleconference)
 Councillor Charles (Buddy) Smith

Staff: Lina Gasser, Chief Administrative Officer
 Brian Doddridge, Deputy Corporate Officer (Via Teleconference)

One member of the public was present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sterritt called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:30 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Smith
 SECONDED by Councillor Maitland
 THAT the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 9, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Maitland
 SECONDED by Councillor Smith

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 9, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 Presentation from Staff Sergeant Darren Durnin Re: Policing Update

Staff Sergeant Durnin presented on staffing at the detachment and recent crime statistics in the region. Notably, there was a 15% decrease in total number of incidents this year compared to last year. He also provided an overview of major cases in the past 6 months.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Report from DCO Re: Public Comment

MOVED by Councillor Smith

SECONDED by Councillor Blackstock

THAT Council receive the Public Comments.

CARRIED

6.2 Report from CAO Re: Accessory Dwelling Units Zoning Amendment

The CAO provided an overview of the report and next steps. Council asked about utility billing for ADUs.

MOVED by Councillor Smith

SECONDED by Councillor Maitland

THAT Council direct administration to draft a Zoning Bylaw amendment to include Accessory Dwelling Units.

CARRIED

6.3 Recommendation: Council Appointment to Recycling Committee

The CAO clarified the appointee's responsibilities.

MOVED by Councillor Smith

SECONDED by Councillor Blackstock

THAT Councillor Maitland be appointed to the Hazelton Recycling Action Committee.

CARRIED

6.4 Recommendation: Resolution of Support for Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

The CAO outlined that the Village's contribution will be minimal and contingent on grant approval.

MOVED by Councillor Maitland

SECONDED by Councillor Smith

THAT Council of the Village of Hazelton supports the \$150,000 funding application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Program under the Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping, and Flood Mitigation Planning Stream;

AND;

THAT Council will cover the municipal contribution and any cost overruns should they occur with this project.

CARRIED

6.5 Report from CAO Re: Amendment to Financial Plan Bylaw

MOVED by Councillor Smith

SECONDED by Councillor Tetreau

THAT Council receive the report on proposed amendments to the 2021-2025 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 516, 2021.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

7.1 2021-2025 5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 516, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Smith

SECONDED by Councillor Blackstock

THAT Council give third reading to the 2021-2025 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 516, 2021 as amended.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Letter From Province of BC Re: CERIP Funding Denied

The CAO clarified this funding was to be for Bastion Park upgrades.

8.2 Letter From Northern Health Re: Immunization Update

8.3 Letter From LOGS Re: Proposal for Outdoor Shelter

Council discussed LOGS's request and the regular procedure for funding requests.

MOVED by Councillor Tetreau
SECONDED by Councillor Smith

THAT Council direct Administration to write a letter to LOGS expressing general support of the project concept but declining funding.

CARRIED

8.4 Letter from Cathy Peters Re: Be Amazing Campaign

MOVED by Councillor Tetreau
SECONDED by Councillor Blackstock

THAT Council direct Administration to write a letter to Cathy Peters expressing support and recommending she speaks with the local Band Councils.

CARRIED

8.5 Letter of Support for Crime Reduction and Gang Outreach

The CAO provided background on the Village's correspondence with the project's administrators. Councillor Tetreau expressed her support for the project.

MOVED by Councillor Tetreau
SECONDED by Councillor Maitland

That Council direct Administration to write a letter of support for the creation of a situation table in the Hazeltons.

CARRIED

8.6 2020 Village of Hazelton Housing Needs Report

Council expressed their dissatisfaction with the report.

MOVED by Councillor Tetreau
SECONDED by Councillor Maitland

THAT Council direct Administration to write a letter to Sparc BC requesting changes to the document

CARRIED

9. DECISIONS RELEASED FROM IN-CAMERA

9.1 2021 Community Enhancement Grant Recipients

It was Duly MOVED and SECONDED and subsequently ADOPTED,

THAT \$300 be granted to LOGS for the Christmas Gift of Literacy Project;

AND;

THAT \$200 be granted to Upper Skeena Community Learning Society for the Backyard Volunteer Work Bee and Open House;

AND;

THAT \$500 be granted to the Misty River Community Arts Council for the Kids' Art Workshop Series.

10. LATE ITEMS

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor Smith attended the last CHIC meeting.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

13. CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Maitland

SECONDED by Councillor Smith

THAT the meeting be closed to the Public to consider matters relative to sections 90 (1) (e) (f) and 90 (2) (b) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Maitland

SECONDED by Councillor Smith

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:34 PM.

CARRIED

Lina Gasser

Chief Administrative Officer

Dennis Sterritt

Mayor

Village of Hazelton

COUNCIL REPORT

Date: April 13, 2021

File: 3900-02

From: Brian Doddridge, Deputy Corporate Officer

SUBJECT: Zoning Amendment- Accessory Dwelling Units

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provide direction to Administration regarding the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Zoning Amendment Draft

REASON FOR REPORT:

To provide Council with an overview of the Draft amendment to the Zoning Bylaw regarding Accessory Dwelling Units.

DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS:

In March 9th, 2021 Regular Meeting, Council directed Staff to draft an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

Attached to this report is the Draft Zoning Amendment Bylaw and includes the following:

- One ADU per property is allowed in Residential and Rural Residential Zones;
- Maximum size of an ADU is 958ft²;
- Maximum building height is limited to 19.0ft.
- Development Permits are not required for ADUs;
- All ADUs must be connected to municipal water and sewer. The resident is responsible for costs of extending servicing lines, but do not need new connections, will be charged additional utilities;
- No ADU will be strata titled;
- ADUs must be on a permanent foundation (no trailers or mobile homes);
- ADUs must not be used for short-term rentals (Bed and breakfast, Air BnB, etc.);
- ADUs must not include a secondary suite;
- Maximum lot coverage does not change – 20% for Rural Residential, 50% for Residential;
- All ADU's must have an access path or driveway for emergency use;
- Distance from road or lane to ADU can not be more than 98ft
- ADUs must be in the rear yard;
- ADUs have to conform with the Building Bylaw and all other bylaws, regulations, and codes;

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Accessory Dwelling Unit Zoning Amendment Bylaw

CONCLUSION:

If Council is satisfied with the draft amendment it will be brought forward for first reading in May. As this is a zoning bylaw amendment there is a need for public consultation. Administration is proposing that the Public Hearing take place In June followed by second and third reading and adoption in July. This timeline will allow Administration time to draft a How To Guide.

The amendments proposed are in line with general regulations used by other municipalities that allow ADU's. Special considerations have been included to better suit Hazelton, this includes keeping maximum lot coverage as is. Administration is also proposing that ADU's not be used as short term rentals to promote long term rentals which we know are in short supply in the Hazeltons.



Brian Doddridge,
Deputy Corporate Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF HAZELTON

BYLAW NO. ___, 2021

A Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 478, 2015

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Hazelton has adopted Zoning Bylaw No. 478, 2015;

AND WHEREAS the Council deems it necessary to amend Bylaw No. 478, 2015 to include Accessory Dwelling Units;

NOW THEREFORE the Council, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. THAT Section **1.0 Definitions** be amended by adding the following:

Accessory Dwelling Unit means a detached structure that contains one dwelling unit as its primary purpose and which is incidental and ancillary to the principal building, structure or use on the lot and is located on the same lot or site as the principal building or structure. Accessory Dwelling units are subject to Section 3.17;

Short Term Rental Unit means any dwelling unit intended to be rented for periods of less than 30 days. These include rentals listed on online platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO.

2. THAT Section **3.0 General Provisions** be amended by adding the following, to immediately follow subsection 3.16:

3.17 Accessory Dwelling Units

Accessory Dwelling Units, where permitted, shall comply with the following:

- (a) An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be strata titled;
- (b) An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall have a maximum gross floor area of 89 m² (958 ft²);
- (c) An accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be used as a short-term rental unit;
- (d) No lot shall have more than one Accessory Dwelling Unit;
- (e) An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be sited on a permanent foundation;
- (f) An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not include a secondary suite;
- (g) An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be sited within a required rear yard;
- (h) An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall satisfy the requirements of Building Bylaw no. 501, 2019 and all other associated bylaws, regulations, and codes;
- (i) Primary access for an Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be constructed no farther than 30 m (98 ft) from an operational public street or laneway and must have a path to that street or laneway that is lighted and clear of obstructions;
- (j) Operational Accessory Dwelling Units shall be connected to municipal water and sewer systems.

3. THAT Section **5.1.1 Residential (R) Zone – Permitted Uses** be amended by adding the following:

- g) Accessory Dwelling Units

4. THAT Section **5.1.2 Maximum Building Height** be amended by adding the following:

- c) Accessory Dwelling Units 5.8 metres (19.0 feet)

5. THAT Section **5.2.1 Rural Residential (RR) Zone – Permitted Uses** be amended by adding the following:

- g) Accessory Dwelling Units

6. THAT Section **5.2.2 Maximum Building Height** be amended by adding the following:
c) Accessory Dwelling Units 5.8 metres (19.0 feet)
7. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Village of Hazelton Zoning Amendment (Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulation) Bylaw No. _____, 2021".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Corporation of the
VILLAGE OF HAZELTON

April 13, 2021

File:

Attention: Ron Poole, Chief Administrative Officer

Re: RDKS Application to UBCM's Development Approvals Program

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Village of Hazelton for the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine's (RDKS) application to UBCM's Development Approvals program to support a review of development bylaws and procedures.

The Village of Hazelton supports this project as we believe there will be great benefit for residents in Area B of the RDKS and our own residents in the Village of Hazelton. By working regionally to ensure all development bylaws are current, and review processes conform to policies the RDKS and Village will be able to build relationships, and save costs. The Village would also benefit from future collaborative services. The Village of Hazelton and Area B are both faced with lack of workforce housing and this review may benefit future development.

The Village of Hazelton looks forward to a review of development bylaws, review processes policies within the RDKS, and future collaborative services. We see this as a positive step to helping address our housing needs and also the development process as a whole in our region.

Sincerely,

Dennis Sterritt
Mayor



Corporation of the
VILLAGE OF HAZELTON

April 13, 2021

File:

Attention: Ron Poole, Chief Administrative Officer

Re: RDKS Application to UBCM's Strengthening Communities' Services Program

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Village of Hazelton for the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine's (RDKS) application to UBCM's Strengthening Communities' Services program to support the position of a First Nations Liaison.

We understand that the First Nations Liaison would support communication, coordination, and relationship-building between Indigenous communities and service agencies and the Regional District. We believe that this dedicated staff position will help the RDKS understand and respond to the needs of these communities, and support resilience and sustainable growth in communities facing rapid and large-scale economic development and social change.

The Village of Hazelton looks forward to the First Nations Liaison position being established. We see this as a positive step in helping address the complex socioeconomic challenges facing our community and the region as a whole.

Sincerely,

Dennis Sterritt
Mayor

Village of Hazelton

COUNCIL REPORT

Date: April 13, 2021

File: 6410-01

From: Lina Gasser, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Housing Needs Report 2020 Upper Skeena Region

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Housing Needs Report 2020 Upper Skeena Region.

REASON FOR REPORT:

To provide Council an overview of why the report must be received.

DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS:

At the March 9th 2021 Regular Council Meeting Council discussed but did not receive the Hazelton excerpt of the Housing Needs Report 2020 Upper Skeena Region that was prepared by SPARC BC. After discussion with the RDKS and SPARC BC, it was found that the complete report must be received by Council to satisfy reporting requirements from UBCM who funded the majority of this project.

As the report is 300 pages long, Administration has posted the document to our website please follow this link to view the full report (<https://hazelton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Final-Upper-Skeena-Report-2021-Copy.pdf>).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

CONCLUSION:

Administration was disappointed by the final report, but there are some useful pieces of information and Administration will be able to use this data going forwards. The Report is also publicly available to anyone who wishes to read/ use the information gathered.



Lina Gasser,
Chief Administrative Officer

CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF HAZELTON

BYLAW NO. 516, 2021

A bylaw to adopt a financial plan for the years 2021 to 2025

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Hazelton is required to adopt a five-year financial plan;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Hazelton in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Schedule "A" attached hereto and made part of this bylaw is hereby declared to be the Financial Plan of the Village of Hazelton for the 5-year period ending December 31, 2025.
2. Schedule "B" attached hereto and made part of this bylaw is hereby declared to be the Statement of Objectives and Policies.
3. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "2021 – 2025 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 516, 2021".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 9th DAY OF MARCH, 2021.

ADOPTED THIS DAY OF , 2021.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

2021 - 2025 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 516, 2021

SCHEDULE "A"

REVENUE	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Taxation	\$225,000	\$229,500	\$243,632	\$238,772	\$243,547
Other Jurisdiction Taxes	159,505	159,505	159,505	159,505	159,505
Frontage Taxes	53,000	53,000	53,000	53,000	53,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	44,500	46,500	46,500	46,500	46,500
Licenses, Permits, Rentals and Sundry	49,300	38,300	38,300	38,300	38,300
Returns on Investments	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Unconditional Grants	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000
Conditional Grants	4,414,716	702,500	702,500	702,500	702,500
Solid Waste Revenue	61,100	64,916	66,938	69,022	69,737
Water Revenue	56,600	57,186	57,778	58,376	58,980
Sewer Revenue	73,487	74,242	75,005	75,775	76,552
Transfer Between Funds	785,376	119,650	100,265	115,818	227,219
REVENUE TOTAL	\$6,384,585	\$2,007,300	\$1,995,881	\$2,019,567	\$2,137,840
EXPENDITURE					
General Government	\$589,805	\$608,535	\$599,420	\$603,860	\$606,757
Protective Services	422,250	119,494	121,384	123,812	126,288
Development Services	656,585	124,633	125,701	126,791	127,903
Public Works & Transportation	245,800	254,897	263,874	290,758	292,332
Parks, Recreation & Culture	44,500	45,390	46,298	47,224	48,168
Municipal Buildings	66,100	66,300	67,626	68,979	70,358
Solid Waste Expenditures	69,924	69,924	70,923	79,245	80,830
Water Expenditures	76,131	81,996	82,900	91,582	93,091
Sewer Expenditures	91,500	93,330	95,156	97,039	98,960
Capital Expenditures	4,118,490	303,000	303,000	253,000	133,000
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$6,384,585	\$1,770,999	\$1,779,852	\$1,785,931	\$1,681,402
Transfer Between Funds	-	(236,300)	(216,030)	(233,636)	(456,438)
BUDGET TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

2021 - 2025 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 516, 2021

SCHEDULE "B"

Statement of Objectives and Policies

In accordance with Section 165 of the *Community Charter*, the Village of Hazelton is required to include in the Five-Year Financial Plan, objectives and policies regarding each of the following:

1. Distribution of property taxes among the property classes;
2. Use of permissive tax exemptions; and
3. Proportion of total revenue that comes from each of the funding sources described in Section 165 (7) of the *Community Charter*.

FUNDING SOURCES

The proportion of total revenue to be raised from each funding source for 2021 is shown on Table 1.

Without grant revenues from other non-taxation sources, the Village's municipal functions simply could not be maintained at existing service levels. This year, as in previous years, the Village will be taking advantage of all possible grant opportunities, and will continue to meet its current and future goals.

Objectives:

- To endeavour to supplement revenues from user fees and charges to lessen the burden on its limited property tax base.
- To investigate other potential funding sources and secure opportunities for additional revenues.
- To update development bylaws to respond to potential growth that may come with the increase in resource extraction and development activities.

Policies:

- The proportions of revenue proposed to come from various funding sources shall be reviewed from year to year as differing funding sources become available.
- The Village will consider the amount of revenue required to provide and maintain current service levels for all municipal services to our taxpayers. Any new or one-time expenses must be approved each year.
- Aggressively seek available grants for projects to mitigate the potential impact on property taxation rates.

TABLE 1
2021 REVENUES

REVENUE SOURCE	DOLLAR VALUE	% OF TOTAL REVENUE
*Rounded to zero dollar value & does not include in-house transfers		
Conditional Grants (Project)	\$4,414,716	81%
Unconditional Grants (Province)	450,000	8%
Property Taxes	225,000	4%
Sewer Revenue	73,487	1%
Water Revenue	56,600	1%
Solid Waste Revenue	61,100	1%
Frontage Taxes	53,000	1%
Licenses, Permits and Rentals	49,300	1%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	44,500	1%
Return on Investments	12,000	0%
Total	\$5,439,703	100%

DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAX RATES

Table 2 below shows the distribution of municipal property tax revenue among the property classes. The residential property class provides the largest proportion of property tax revenue. This is appropriate as this class forms the largest portion of the assessment base and consumes the majority of Village services.

Objective:

- To set tax rates at levels comparable to other neighbouring municipalities as to be competitive for both residential and commercial property owner to purchase property in the Village as opposed to outlying areas or other communities.

Policies:

- The amount of taxes proposed to be collected from the classes will be adjusted for taxation increases as approved by Council annually. Class multiples and tax rates will be reviewed annually to ensure that they are relative to those set by the Provincial Government and comparable municipalities.

The table below shows the proposed distribution of municipal property tax revenue among the property classes.

TABLE 2

PROPERTY CLASS *Municipal Tax only	DOLLAR VALUE	% TAXATION
Class 1 – Residential	\$178,844	78%
Class 2 – Utilities	654	1%
Class 6 – Business/Other	45,156	20%
Class 8 - Recreation/Non-profit	896	1%
Total	\$225,550	100%

PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS**Objective:**

Council's principle objective in considering permissive tax exemptions under section 224 of the *Community Charter* is to provide financial assistance to organizations that provide a valuable service to the broader community. These services may include cultural and recreational opportunities for adults and youth, promotion of the local economy and local charitable services.

Policies:

- The total amount of municipal revenue to be foregone by permissive tax exemptions will be approved by Council in the Village of Hazelton's Tax Exemption Bylaw.
- In September/October, Council will review its objectives and policies prior to determining the permissive tax exemptions.
- Exemptions for 2021 were granted to Governing Council Salvation Army and the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine in the "2021 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 515, 2020".

CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF HAZELTON

BYLAW NO. 517, 2021

A Bylaw for the levying of tax rates for the year 2021.

The Municipal Council of the Village of Hazelton, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The following tax rates are hereby imposed and levied for the year 2021:
 - a) For the lawful general and debt purposes of the Municipality on the value of land and improvements (General Assessment) taxable for the general municipal purposes, column "A" of Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming a part of hereof.
 - b) For the purposes of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine on the value of land and improvements (Hospital Assessment) taxable for regional district purposes, column "B" of Schedule "A" attached.
 - c) For the purposes of the North West Regional Hospital District on the value of land and improvements (Hospital Assessment) taxable for regional hospital district purposes, column "C" of Schedule "A", attached.
2. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "2021 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 517, 2021".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS DAY OF , 2021.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS DAY OF , 2021.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS DAY OF , 2021.

ADOPTED THIS DAY OF , 2021.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Village of Hazelton
Schedule “A”

2021 Tax Rates

Tax Rates (dollars of tax per \$1,000 taxable value)				
Property Class		“A” General Municipal	“B” Regional District	“C” Regional Hospital
1.	Residential	8.3899	3.5219	0.5825
2.	Utilities	29.1969	10.3537	1.9223
3.	Supportive Housing	8.8399	3.5219	0.5825
4.	Major Industry	28.3579	10.0601	1.8640
5.	Light Industry	28.3579	10.0601	1.8640
6.	Business/Other	20.3875	7.7123	1.4155
7.	Managed Forest	24.3307	9.3171	1.7184
8.	Recreation/Non-profit	8.3899	3.5219	0.5825
9.	Farm	8.3899	3.5219	0.5825

February 26, 2021

Mayor Dennis Sterritt
Village of Hazelton
Box 40
Hazelton, BC V0J 1Y0

Village of Hazelton
RECEIVED

MAR 09 2021

File: _____

Dear Mayor Sterritt:

Re: 2020 Resolution Pulled from Endorse Block and Referred to UBCM Executive

A resolution sponsored by your community was pulled from the Endorse Block for individual consideration by the Executive.

At the recent February Executive meeting, the Executive considered the resolutions pulled from the Endorsed Block, including your resolution. The Executive were provided with the Resolutions Committee comments and recommendations, as outlined within the Resolutions Book, as well as the reasoning provided for pulling the resolution, to assist them in their deliberations.

Upon review, the Executive decided to Endorse with an Amendment: EB37 BC Gaming Grant. As such, it will be conveyed to the appropriate order of government or organization.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, at 604-270-8226 Ext. 100 or jjustason@ubcm.ca

Yours truly,



Brian Frenkel
UBCM President

cc City of Williams Lake Council

Enclosure

Whereas communities under 10,000 in British Columbia have limited opportunities to access funding for programs and services related to arts and culture, sport, public safety, environment and social services;

And whereas larger communities are able to access gaming revenue from gambling facilities;

And whereas residents of smaller communities utilize and participate in the British Columbia Lottery Corporation without benefit to their communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to make available new gaming grant funding for those communities under 10,000 for programs and services related to arts and culture, sport, public safety, environment and social services, and further that this new funding not decrease existing gaming revenue provided to local governments by gambling facilities within their jurisdiction.

Convention Decision: Referred to UBCM Executive

Executive Decision: Endorsed as Amended

Resolutions Committee Comments

Amendment:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to make available **new** gaming grant funding for those communities under 10,000 for programs and services related to arts and culture, sport, public safety, environment and social services, **and further that this new funding not decrease existing gaming revenue provided to local governments by gambling facilities within their jurisdiction.***



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March 5, 2021

Dennis Sterritt
Mayor, Village of Hazelton
Box 40
Hazelton, BC V0J 1Y0

Dear Mayor Sterritt & Council,

We would like to share with you the exciting results of the 2020 BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in Hazelton. BC Association of Farmers Markets (BCAFM) delivers this provincial program and is extremely proud of its deep impact on both people and farmers across BC, particularly at this time during the COVID pandemic.

Over the last year, this valued program connected with 75 communities making fresh, healthy, local foods more accessible to 15,890 British Columbians and directly benefited 940 farmers across British Columbia.

In 2020, a total of **\$11,340** was invested directly in **Hazelton** through the Program.

Our partner in your community, the **Upper Skeena Community Learning Society - The Learning Shop** provided lower-income pregnant women, families and seniors with coupons to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, cheese, eggs, nuts, fish, meat and herbs direct from farmers at your local farmers' market.

As a result, program participants from Hazelton ate more local foods, learned about healthy eating, and felt connected to their community. At the same time, the local food system was strengthened with farmers in your community benefitting from additional revenue to sustain their farms.

Our Request To You

Our community partners, participants and farmers are grateful for this Program in your community. If you agree, we kindly ask you to send a thank you letter to the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. Your encouragement and feedback can strengthen support for ongoing funding for the Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program and ensure we continue to build healthier BC communities together.

Opportunity to Meet?

If you were like to learn more about the Program, the work of your local farmers market and community partners, we would be pleased to organize an online meeting. Please contact the program manager, Peter Leblanc at peter@bcfarmersmarket.org set this up.

We look forward to working with your community again in 2021!

With gratitude,

Heather O'Hara
Executive Director
BC Association of Farmers' Markets

Vickey Brown
President, Board of Directors
BC Association of Farmers' Markets

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March 23, 2021

Dear Mayor Sterritt:
P.O. Box Field Street
Hazelton, B.C.
VOJ 1Y0

Re: Letter from the Office of the Mayor entitled Housing Needs Report 2020 Village of Hazelton

Thank you for your letter dated March 12, 2021 regarding the Housing Needs Report that SPARC BC prepared for the Village of Hazelton.

Today, I discussed with your CAO, Lina Gasser how to address the concerns raised in your letter. She noted that the report being discussed is the one which went forward to Village Council, written specifically for the Village of Hazelton, rather than the official report adopted by Regional Council on February 26, 2021.

This report was prepared for the Village on a pro-bono basis to try to offer community-level data that might be helpful in advancing the Village's particular housing objectives. I had also offered through your CAO to make myself available when the report was presented to Council to speak to the data and directions proposed.

In follow-up to your letter, I have offered to revise the land acknowledgement in the Report to best reflect the local context. Similarly, we would be happy to adjust the broader regional context statement. You note that the statement in the report came from an earlier Housing Needs Report that was prepared by the Storytellers' Foundation and was our attempt to recognize their work and local knowledge and history. However, we would be happy to make any additions, deletions or changes including changes to the "contextual statement" to better reflect what Village Council views as the local interests or ideas as you see fit. I have advised your CAO of this option.

It is perhaps helpful to note that the report we are discussing was not part of the contractual requirements in terms of deliverables made to the Regional District. Rather, this report was an attempt on the part of SPARC BC to offer more granular community-level data which might be of additional benefit to Council and to the community. From the tone of your letter of March 12, and from my follow-up conversation with your CAO, I am doubtful as to whether you see benefit in this report, or whether any additional changes would add further value.

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Accordingly, I wish to propose a few options for your consideration:

1. While the community-level report was outside of the scope of the Upper Skeena Regional Plan that was developed, and while it was written on a pro bono basis to offer data which might have been beneficial for the Village in making potential housing decisions, I remain open to meeting with Council to discuss this report and findings.
2. I remain open to making minor adjustments to the report if it is felt that this would be helpful. I recognize that the data can be challenging and that, at small geographies, it can be even more challenging. (It is precisely because of these data constraints that we tried to create a more focussed report that would offer the Village access to community-level data). Perhaps, if there was an error made, it was our attempt to try to prepare a report for your community despite the challenges and limitations with the data. You will note that in the official government directions through UBCM smaller communities or geographies of 100 households or less are exempted from the development of Housing Needs Reports specifically because of the gaps in information and limitations in the data. However, we thought that having this type of information could help to support the community in securing the type of funding needed to help respond to the existing and on-going housing needs in your community. It was this belief that guided our decision to try to prepare community specific reports for both you and the District of New Hazelton with our focus being on trying to ensure that you had access to the information and data that you need. If this was an error on our part, I apologize.

Regardless of any concerns that exist regarding the community-level report SPARC BC prepared for the Village, we hope you see benefit in the report that went forward to the Regional Planning Committee and which was adopted as the official report on record.

For context, I have included a copy of the formal 'official' document that went forward on February 26, 2021 under the direction and leadership of Amelia Andrews.

Thank you for your interest and we wish the Village of Hazelton the very best in its ongoing efforts to address its housing concerns.

Sincerely,



Lorraine Copas,
Executive Director, SPARC BC

cc: Amelia Andrews, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine

From: Lina Gasser
Sent: April 9, 2021 9:30 AM
To: Charles Smith; Dennis Sterritt; Jody Tetreau; Julie Maitland; Wendy Blackstock
Cc: Deputy Corporate Officer
Subject: Cultural Training- April 23 1pm

Good morning Council,

Please see below email from Ron Poole, CAO for the RDKS. Ron has organized a cultural training opportunity for staff and Council. I hope you will all be available to attend this session.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Cheers,

Lina Gasser
Chief Administrative Officer
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Good morning everyone,

Our second First Nations Cultural Training session will take place on April 23, 2021, at 1:00 pm through Teams. Dr. M. Jane Smith is our presenter, and she will be speaking on the Gitksan culture. She is a well-known speaker from the Hazelton area, born in the community of Gitanmaax. She belongs to the Wolf Clan in the house of 'WiiK'aax. She is a fluent Gitsanimx speaker. Dr. Smith will be presenting from her home.

Kris, Ashley, Lina & Wendy – please feel free to forward this invitation to your council and staff.

Chris Kerr – Please bring the works crew into the Boardroom for the presentation.

Thank you and I look forward to the presentation!

Ron



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March 17, 2021

By email: commission.secretary@bcuc.com

BC Utilities Commission
Suite 401, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

RE: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro): 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Prince George Council, please accept this letter in opposition to BC Hydro's proposed 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application (Application).

The Application, submitted by BC Hydro in November 2020, seeks approval for an increase in the monthly rate charged per street light which includes a surcharge to recover the costs incurred by BC Hydro to convert existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) light fixtures to LED fixtures.

While the City of Prince George supports the environmental benefits that will result from the conversion to LED technology, we are not in support of a surcharge rate downloaded to municipalities to cover the disposal of existing lights and their associated depreciation costs.

As such, we respectfully request that the City's concerns be considered in the evaluation of BC Hydro's Street Lighting Rate Application.

Sincerely,

Mayor Lyn Hall

cc: All UBCM Member Local Governments



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March 30, 2021

Transmitted by email

The Honourable Patty Hajdu, P.C. M.P.
Minister of Health
hcmminister.ministresc@canada.ca
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

RE: Support for 988 Crisis Line

Dear Minister,

At the March 22, 2021 open Council meeting, City of Prince George Council passed the following resolution in support of the Federal government's motion to adopt 988 as a national crisis line:

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 percent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the City of Prince George recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Prince George endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MLA, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

As our citizens deal with additional stresses and challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, Council recognizes the need to provide accessible resources and supports for individuals who

may be going through crisis. On behalf of Council, thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'LH' with a stylized flourish.

Mayor Lyn Hall
City of Prince George

cc: Todd Doherty, M.P.

Bob Zimmer, M.P.

Shirley Bond, M.L.A.

Mike Morris, M.L.A.

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