

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING October 28, 2021 6:00 P.M.

Community Hall 10315 Kyllo Street, Hudson's Hope, BC

Present:

Mayor Dave Heiberg

Councillor Pat Markin Councillor Kelly Miller Councillor Travous Quibell

Absent:

Councillor Mattias Gibbs (without notice)
Councillor Valerie Paice (without notice)
Councillor Leigh Summer (without notice)

Staff:

Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Ruhul Amin

Corporate Officer, Jeanette McDougall

Public Library:

Amber Norton, Director

Lorna Winnicky, Chair

Tashana Winnicky, Board Member Winona Letendre, Board Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Heiberg presiding.

- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS
- 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
- 4. STAFF REPORTS

SR1 LIBRARY BUILDING ENVELOPE

Amber Norton, Director, Hudson's Hope Public Library, presented on the Library Building Envelope and noted that there are three broad areas of concern for the Library: safety, public comfort and Staff efficiency.

- The Mayor advised as follows:
 - ➤ That the Building Assessment Report would be brought forward to the Strategic Planning session being held in November 2021 and that there are certain items earmarked for review.
 - > That the District has a number of facilities that need attention, hence there are competing interests.
 - > That the District has been setting aside reserve funds over the last few years to support planning and a building design for a new Community Hall.

- That the District recently struck a Committee to develop a vision / design for a new Community Hall and that this Committee is comprised of Councillor Quibell, Chair, Councillor Gibbs, Vice-Chair and Councillor Markin and the Mayor. A Terms of Reference for the Committee is being developed which will give the Committee a clear mandate and will also outline the process for public involvement.
- L. Winnicky agreed that this Committee is a great idea, but feels some Library Building issues are urgent;
- A. Norton stated that discussions regarding the possibility of a new Community Hall Committee are delaying the District from addressing urgent Library Building concerns.
- The Mayor stated that the District does take the Library Building issues seriously, eg the roof needs replacing, this is a safety issue and will be discussed during the District's Strategic Planning session.
- Councillor Quibell noted the fact that monies have been allocated to a Community Hall reserve account over the past few years prove that the District's intent is serious, not just speculation.
- T. Winnicky referenced communication issues between the Library and the
 District and the Mayor advised that there is a need to communicate through the
 right channels and that communication needs to be improved.
- Councillor Miller noted that there have been a number of renovations done to the Library Building over the past 10 years.
- A. Norton advised that the District Staff are aware of the concerns, eg safety issues.
- T. Winnicky requested a timeline estimate for having the roof replaced and wants to be advised of the relevant decisions that the District makes.
- Councillor Markin, who is the District's Library liaison, stated that she was happy that a meeting has now taken place with several members of the District Council as this is "open" communication.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Heiberg declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Certified Correct:

Dave Heiberg, Mayor

Jeanette McDougall, Corporate Officer