

Minutes of the **Freestanding Committee of the Whole (Corporate Services Committee – Development Corporation and Economic Development)** meeting of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION** held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 commencing at 3:01 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Mayor Ted Adlem
Councillor Dave Hensman
Councillor Jeff Jewell
Councillor Tony Luck
Councillor Larry Nundal
Councillor Jenny Stevens
Councillor Nelson Tilbury

Staff Members Present: Ken Bjorgaard, Chief Administrative Officer
Tina Penney, Acting Manager of Corporate Administration
Jennifer Kinneman, Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Hensman, seconded by Councillor Stevens, and

RESOLVED:

1. That the following items be added to this agenda under "Corporate Services"
 - a) Late Item – Public Hearing Protocols
2. That the January 22, 2014 Corporate Services committee agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. CORPORATE SERVICES

Late Item – Public Hearing Protocols

Councillor Stevens requested clarification on whether or not Council is permitted to ask questions during a public hearing.

Mayor Adlem clarified that members of Council may, if they wish, ask questions of staff, the applicant, or the public following the public hearing presentation for the purpose of clarifying any point raised by the presentation. He stressed that Council's role is to hear from both proponents and opponents and it is not the right time to enter into debate with either side or apply pressure to modify the proposal as the main function of Council members at a public hearing is to listen to the views of the public.

The committee discussed the issue and it was:

COW14/001
JAN. 22/14

COW 14/002
JAN. 22/14

Moved by Councillor Stevens, and

RECOMMENDED: That Council be permitted to ask questions during a public hearing, without lengthy preambles, for the purpose of clarification.

CARRIED

COW 14/002
JAN. 22/14

District of Mission Development Corporation and Related Economic Development Function

A report dated January 22, 2014 from the Chief Administrative Officer, the Economic Development Officer and the Manager of Finance regarding the future of the District of Mission Development Corporation was provided for the committee's consideration.

The committee discussed the issue and it was:

Moved by Councillor Hensman, and

RECOMMENDED: That the District of Mission Development Corporation and the Economic Development Office be combined to provide both land development and core economic development services on behalf of the District, subject to Council approval of a business plan.

OPPOSED Councillor Stevens
Councillor Tilbury

CARRIED

Further discussion ensued, with some members of Council expressing a desire for additional information on alternate scenarios in order to better assess the aforementioned business case.

COW14/003
JAN. 22/14

Moved by Councillor Stevens, and

RECOMMENDED: That a second business plan be prepared for an alternate scenario (to Committee Recommendation COW14/002) that would examine the feasibility of dissolving the District of Mission Development Corporation and integrating all economic development activity within municipal operations.

OPPOSED Mayor Adlem
Councillor Hensman

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

COW14/004
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Moved by Councillor Luck, seconded by Councillor Stevens, and

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.



WALTER (TED) ADLEM
MAYOR



Ken Bjorgaard
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
(Interim Corporate Officer)