

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION COUNCIL** held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 commencing at 8:35 a.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Randy Hawes
Councillor Pam Alexis
Councillor Carol Hamilton (joined meeting at 9:08 a.m.)
Councillor Jim Hinds
Councillor Danny Plecas (joined meeting at 8:47 a.m.)
Councillor Jenny Stevens

Council Members Absent: Councillor Rhett Nicholson

Staff Members Present: Glen Robertson, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
(joined meeting at 8:59 a.m.)
Michael Boronowski, Manager of Civic Engagement &
Corporate Initiatives
Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development
Tina Penney, Acting Manager of Corporate Administration
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

Guests Present: Stan Kuperis, Director, Clinical Programs, Mental Health
& Substance Use Program, Abbotsford, Mission,
Chilliwack, Hope & Agassiz, Child, Youth, Young
Adults & Rehabilitation & Recovery
Becky Doherty, Housing Manager, Mental Health and
Substance Use Program, Fraser Health Authority
Inspector Ted De Jager, Officer in Charge Mission RCMP
Detachment
Corporal Kara Dosangh, Mission RCMP Detachment

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SC15/054
MAY 12/15

Moved by Councillor Alexis, seconded by Councillor Stevens, and
RESOLVED: That the May 12, 2015 Special Council Agenda be adopted.
CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

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Fraser Health Authority (FHA) Discussion

Mental Health and Addictions Issues – Provision of Services at the New Pleasant View Housing Society Facility

Mayor Hawes expressed Council's concern regarding the reported level of care that will be provided to those who are being transferred from other residential facilities

within the community to the new Pleasant View Housing Society facility. In particular, Mayor Hawes and Council identified the following potential issues:

- Breakfast will not be provided for many of the clients and the amount of money allocated to clients for this purpose is insufficient. (There is reportedly an option for these individuals to purchase breakfast from the facility for \$2 per day but this only includes bread.) Another related concern is the fact that the clients, many of whom have been in care for a prolonged period of time, will be required to manage these funds independently.
- Clients will be required to pay for a variety of goods and services out of their monthly stipend, many of which are currently being provided at little or no cost (e.g. television, telephone, etc.)
- There is an insufficient level of programming at the new facility.
- Some of the clients in question have anger management issues and benefit from continuity of care which will be disrupted with the change.

Discussion ensued, with Director Kuperis and Ms. Doherty providing the following summarized comments:

- The transition of clients into the Pleasant View facility is being managed by professionals in the clinical mental health and substance abuse fields. All of the clients who are transitioning into the new facility have case managers who are aware of their situations which, in turn, provides continuity of care.
- There are different levels of care being provided and services are being matched to the needs of the clients. Each client has a recovery and transition plan.
- The Pleasant View Housing Society is in charge of the staff hiring process but the Society is required to abide by the licensing requirements and FHA is confident that those selected have the qualifications and experience required.
- The money allocated for breakfast is intended to promote skill building to optimize functionality. Clients will be supported in their efforts, not abandoned, to manage the funds provided.

Director Kuperis stated that he is confident that the hiring process is in compliance with the arrangement between FHA and the service provider but that he will investigate and provide details regarding training requirements and staffing levels at the facility. In addition, he confirmed that he will investigate and report back on the following outstanding questions:

- What is actually being supplied for breakfast for those who opt to pay the \$2 per day and what supports are in place to assist clients in managing the funds provided for this purpose?
- What is the level of support in terms of case workers and staff per patient?
- What will be available in terms of programming for clients?
- What was the selection process and the rationale for selecting the facilities operator?

At the request of Council, the RCMP Inspector confirmed that he will monitor the situation to determine if there is a measurable negative impact on the community related to the transition of clients from the residential homes to the new facility.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by Councillor Alexis, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

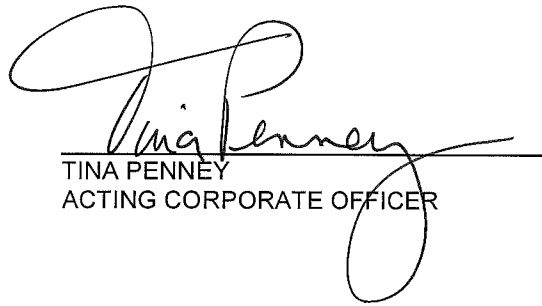
RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.



RANDY HAWES
MAYOR



TINA PENNEY
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER

