

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION COUNCIL** held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on Monday, August 21, 2017 commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Randy Hawes
Councillor Pam Alexis
Councillor Carol Hamilton
Councillor Jim Hinds
Councillor Danny Plecas

Council Members Absent: Councillor Rhett Nicholson
Councillor Jenny Stevens

Staff Members Present: Ron Poole, Chief Administrative Officer
Barry Azevedo, Manager of Environmental Services
(joined meeting at 9:43 a.m. and left at 10:13 a.m.)
Kris Boland, Director of Finance
Michael Boronowski, Manager of Civic Engagement and
Corporate Initiatives
Stacey Crawford, Economic Development Officer
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Gina MacKay, Manager of Long Range Planning and
Special Projects (left at 10:15 a.m.)
Rob Publow, Manager of Planning
Maureen Sinclair, Director of Parks, Recreation and
Culture
Steve Simmonds, Manager of Inspection Services
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services
Dale Unrau, Fire Chief
Mike Younie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

Guests Present: Bob D'Eith, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA)
for Maple Ridge – Mission
Sophia Kreuzkamp, Constituency Assistant for Maple
Ridge – Mission

1. CALL TO ORDER

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The meeting was called to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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AUG. 21/17

Moved by Councillor Alexis, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

RESOLVED:

1. That the following item be added the August 21, 2017 Special Council Agenda under Item 3(a):
 - Late Item: Use of Durieu School As a Movie School

2. That the August 21, 2017 Special Council Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

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Discussion with Bob D'Eith, the New Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Maple Ridge – Mission

Mayor Hawes welcomed MLA D'Eith and his Constituency Assistant, Ms. Kreuzkamp, and provided them with a copy of the Council's requests for meetings with the Ministers at the upcoming 2017 UBCM Conference. Mayor Hawes noted that there is little time at UBCM to have in depth discussions with the Ministers and requested the MLA's support in arranging additional meetings with the Province as required.

Stave West Forest & Recreation Area

The Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives provided an overview of the work that has been done to-date in the Stave West area, stressed the importance of the cooperative relationship that exists between the District and its First Nations partners, and outlined the various ways in which Ministerial support will be required going forward, as identified in the briefing notes included in the agenda package.

Council requested the MLA's support in organizing site visits for both the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. Council also extended an invitation to MLA D'Eith to tour the area and attend a Stave West planning session.

Tourism Business Plan

Discussion ensued on the briefing note provided and MLA D'Eith offered to set up a meeting with new Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture once the tourism business plan is developed.

Experience the Fraser Project

Council updated the MLA on the Experience the Fraser project.

Downtown Improvement Plan

Council provided an overview of the Downtown Improvement Plan and requested that the Province coordinate the paving and roadwork that is required in the area with the work that is being done by the municipality. In response to questions from the MLA, the Director of Engineering and Public Works stated that construction is planned for 2018 so the funding would need to be included in the Province's next budget cycle.

Fraser River Sanitary Forcemain Project

Council updated the MLA on the Fraser River Sanitary Forcemain project and explained that the Federal and Provincial funding stipulates when the work must be completed. The Director of Engineering and Public works noted the project is currently on schedule but is potentially subject to environmental, weather and processing delays that are, in many respects, outside of the municipality's control. Council requested the MLA's support in confirming that an extension would be approved should one be required. MLA D'Eith committed to making inquiries and expressed his support for the project and any potential extension that might be required.

Grant Application for Universal Water Metering Program

Council expressed the importance of the universal water metering program to conservation efforts in the region and noted that past grant application requests have been unsuccessful. Council requested the MLA's support and committed to keeping the MLA's office apprised of any future grant applications.

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Priority Project List

Council outlined its priority project list and requested the MLA's support in addressing the transportation concerns in the area.

Recycle BC (formerly known as MMBC)

Council expressed its frustration with Recycle BC program and outlined the various ways in which it is inequitable and has negatively impacted waste diversion in the municipality.

West Coast Express Agreement with Translink & MOTI/BC Transit Cost Sharing

Council explained that approximately 40% of the ridership getting on and off the West Coast Express (WCE) in Mission reside outside of the municipality, making it a regional transit service. Council requested the MLA's assistance in securing a more equitable arrangement, as outlined in the agenda briefing notes.

Interpretive Signage Project at Fraser River Heritage Park / Former St. Mary's Residential School Site

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture outlined the plans for new signage at Fraser River Heritage Park, consistent with the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Parkland Dedication Funding (Uses for Cash-in-lieu of Parkland Funding)

Council requested a policy change to allow funds collected as cash-in-lieu to be used for the development of new park infrastructure in new parks rather than just for the purposes of land acquisition.

Discussion also ensued on the desire to charge unpaid property related fines to property taxes. The Manager of Inspection Services also expressed his belief that vehicle related bylaw fines should be collected by ICBC.

Waterfront Pre-Development Planning and Technical Constraints Studies: Geo-technical and Flood Management

The Economic Development Officer provided an update on waterfront pre-development planning.

Silverdale Lands

Discussion ensued on the Silverdale lands and the challenges related to providing municipal servicing infrastructure to the area. Council asked if the Province would consider a creative approach to create more affordable housing choices for the region, specifically a cost-sharing model where the Province's contribution is repaid as development occurs. It was noted that this would provide the municipality and the development community with the resources needed to begin urbanization of the area.

Late Item: Use of Durieu School As a Movie School

Mayor Hawes informed the MLA that Mr. Danny Virtue, of Virtue Studios, has approached him about the possibility of opening a trade school for the movie industry

at the site of the now closed Durieu School. He recognized that the property is slated for sale by the School District and noted that this could provide a viable educational option for some of the community's at-risk youth.

4. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

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Moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Sections 90 and 92 of the *Community Charter*, this Special Meeting of Council be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

1. Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter – the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
2. Section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter – negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; and
3. Section 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter – the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING

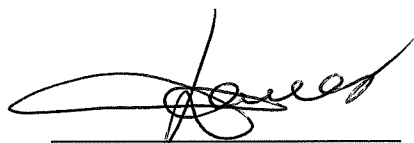
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Moved by Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Alexis, and

RESOLVED: That the Special Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.



RANDY HAWES
MAYOR



MIKE YOUNIE
CORPORATE OFFICER