Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING of the DISTRICT OF MISSION COUNCIL held in the Meeting Room of the Mission Library, 33247 Second Avenue, Mission, British Columbia on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Pam Alexis  
Councillor Cal Crawford  
Councillor Mark Davies  
Councillor Jag Gill  
Councillor Carol Hamilton  
Councillor Ken Herar  
Councillor Danny Plecas

District of Mission  
Staff Members Present: Mike Younie, Chief Administrative Officer  
Kris Boland, Director of Finance  
Michael Boronowski, Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives  
Stacey Crawford, Economic Development Officer  
Jennifer Russell, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Clare Seeley, Manager of Tourism  
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services  
Krista De Sousa, Administrative Assistant

Economic Development Select Committee Members Present: Rocky Blondin  
Lesa Lacey  
Wade Peary  
Pia Ritch  
Edgar Sarfeld  
Dan Schubert  
Raymond Szabada  
Beverly Toews

Economic Development Select Committee Members Absent: Craig Toews  
Sean Melia  
Greg McPhail

Guests Present: Chris Hartman, Polygon

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Davies, and
RESOLVED: That the February 6, 2019 Special Council Agenda be adopted.
CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

Meeting with the Economic Development Select Committee (EDSC)

The Economic Development Select Committee provided a presentation that detailed the mandate, goals, objectives, resources and benefits of the Committee. The Committee’s top priorities of workforce development, employment lands and transportation were identified as well as the Committee’s correlating recommendations to Council.

The Director of Development Services and Mr. Hartman joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Committee members representing the workforce development working group provided information on their focus and objectives, which include: to assist in the development of local educational programming and training that can respond to current and anticipated industry needs, and the creation of a learning and innovation zone reserved for the establishment of innovative businesses, education and research entities.

Councillor Gill joined the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Committee members representing the employment lands working group provided information on their focus and objectives, which include: the support of current funded efforts related to waterfront revitalization, the creation of employment lands in south west Mission, the creation of an innovation zone that is focused on attracting the knowledge based economy including a new civic centre and post-secondary institution, and the creation of a development corporation to act as a catalyzing body for pre-development/development activities on the waterfront, invest in strategic development, participate in an industrial land review, and to leverage and better utilize land resources.

Committee members representing the transportation working group provided information on their focus and objectives, which include: supporting Mission as a rail, transport and river trans-loading destination, bypass expansion planning, and planning of transportation hubs; in particular a waterfront transit hub to complement the Waterfront Revitalization strategy.

Mr. Szabata left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Discussion ensued surrounding the cultivation of relationships with the University of the Fraser Valley and other post-secondary institutions, the optimization of industrial land across the entire community in terms of employment capacity, taxation, and the establishment of a development corporation to identify and oversee opportunities,
constraints, and strategic development initiatives. In addition, the Committee was encouraged to consider transportation needs (road, river, rail), including public transportation when making recommendations.

The Director of Finance left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

The Director of Development Services left the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Davies, seconded by Councillor Plecas and

RESOLVED: That the Economic Development Department work with the Economic Development Select Committee to develop an operational plan that supports the objectives of the workforce development, employment lands and transportation subcommittees, as presented to Council at the Special meeting of February 6, 2019.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Davies, seconded by Councillor Gill, and

RESOLVED: That the Special Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

PAMELA ALEXIS
MAYOR

JENNIFER RUSSELL
CORPORATE OFFICER