

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION COUNCIL** (with the Board of Education / School District 75) held in Room #4 of the Mission Leisure Centre, 7650 Grand St, Mission, British Columbia on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 commencing at 1:30 p.m.

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

Council Members Absent: Councillor Mark Davies

Staff Members Present: Mike Younie, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Russell, Corporate Officer
Kris Boland, Director of Finance
Michael Boronowski, Manager of Civic Engagement & Corporate Initiatives
Ken Bourdeau, Manager of Long Range Planning and Special Projects
Maureen Sinclair, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

Board of Education and School District Staff Present: Tracy Loffler, Board Chair
Randy Cairns, Board Vice-Chair
Rick McKamey, Trustee
Julia Renkema, Trustee
Angus Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
Corien Becker, Secretary-Treasurer

Board of Education and School District Staff Absent: Shelley Carter, Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Crawford, and
RESOLVED: That the February 26, 2019 Special Council Agenda be adopted.
CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

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Board of Education / School District No. 75 Discussion

Minerva Foundation

Mayor Alexis provided an overview of the programs and resources offered by the Minerva Foundation <https://minervabc.ca/about/about-us/> in support of women of all ages, including youths, in British Columbia.

The Mayor and the Board Chair committed to working together to discuss potentially hosting a women's forum or similar event.

Graduation Completion Rates

The Superintendent of Schools confirmed that graduation and post-secondary rates are lower in Mission than in the surrounding areas. Discussion ensued on how to support students and families in the community.

Emergency Preparedness Participation

Councillor Plecas provided an overview of the District of Mission's Emergency Preparedness Program and anticipated changes to the system.

The Secretary-Treasurer noted that the School District has recently hired a new Health and Safety Manager.

It was agreed that the health and well-being of everyone in the community is advanced when local governments, regional districts, school boards and First Nations communities all work together on public safety and emergency preparedness issues.

Traffic Safety Strategy Input

The District of Mission's Traffic Safety Strategy and Neighbourhood Calming Policy is anticipated to come before Council at the March 18, 2019 Regular Council meeting. The draft documents were provided to the School Board representative at the last Mission Traffic and Transit Committee meeting with a request for feedback.

Discussion ensued on crosswalk and pedestrian safety, crossing guards, and cycling corridors.

Safe Routes to Schools

Cedar Valley Neighbourhood Plan

The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that the School District has sent a letter to the District on this matter.

Albert McMahon, Windebank, and Heritage Park Middle

Discussion ensued on traffic and pedestrian safety in the areas around Albert McMahon, Windebank, and Heritage Park Middle Schools and the need for planning and cooperation to ensure that there are pedestrian safe corridors to each school.

Transit Use for Students and Input Into Future Planning

Discussion ensued on the Mission transit system, overcrowding on some routes at the start and close of the school day, and planning for future needs.

At the request of Council, the Manager of Long Range Planning and Special Projects confirmed that he would be happy to facilitate a meeting between the BC Transit representative on the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee and School District 75 the next time she is in town.

Municipal Government Taught in Schools

Councillor Crawford expressed his belief that fostering an interest in local government in young people will ultimately result in greater civic participation.

The Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives provided a brief overview of the excellent work that is already being done by teachers within the Mission School District to liaise with the municipality and Council. He outlined some of the resources that are available and expressed a willingness to continue his work with the School District going forward. The Mayor and Council also expressed a willingness to visit schools and participate in course curriculum on local governments. The Superintendent stated that he would pass this information on to the Principals.

Councillor Hamilton offered to follow-up with the Fraser Valley Regional District and the Abbotsford representatives to the FVRD on their initiatives in this area.

Future Plans and Updates

Being Prepared for Growth / Enrolment Growth Projections

Discussion ensued on enrolment growth projections and planning for the future. It was recognized that schools are usually at 120% of capacity before the Province considers them eligible for replacement.

In response to questions from the School District, the Manager of Long Range Planning and Special Projects explained that the District of Mission's growth projections are based on maximum density under the *Official Community Plan* which is not always achieved. He committed to working with the School District to establish an alternate formula for growth projections that will better assist the School District with their planning.

Stave Fall Elementary School – Reopening Update (School District)

The Superintendent confirmed that the Stave Falls Elementary School is scheduled to reopen in September of 2019.

Mission Leisure Centre – Parking (Maureen Sinclair)

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture noted that students and teachers from Mission Senior Secondary (MSS) continue to park at the Mission Leisure Centre parking lot. Once construction begins on the new seniors' project in July 2019, parking space will be at a premium and this will no longer be tolerated. Ms. Sinclair requested that this information be communicated to MSS students and staff so that they can make alternate arrangements.

4. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Crawford, 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:

- Section 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter* – labour relations or other employee relations;
- 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;
- Section 90(1)(f) of the *Community Charter* – law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment; and
- 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.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING

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Moved by Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Gill, and

RESOLVED: That the Special Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



PAMELA ALEXIS
MAYOR



JENNIFER RUSSELL
CORPORATE OFFICER