

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 Tuesday, April 30, 2019 commencing at 2:30 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  
Jay Jackman, Manager of Development Engineering & Projects  
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Kerri Onken, Acting Director of Finance  
Barclay Pitkethly, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Maureen Sinclair, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture  
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

Guests Present: Matt Jeneroux, Member of Parliament (Edmonton Riverbend riding)  
Brad Viz, Constituency Office of Member of Parliament Ed Fast (Abbotsford riding)

\*Present for a portion of the meeting

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and  
RESOLVED: That the April 30, 2019 Special Council Agenda be adopted.  
CARRIED

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

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#### **Discussion with MP Matt Jeneroux**

##### Infrastructure Requirements/Needs for the District of Mission and the Region

MP Jeneroux explained that he is visiting a number of municipalities to learn more about their infrastructure needs.

At the request of Council, the Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of the following list of projects that require infrastructure funding and/or federal support:

##### Utilities:

1. Fraser River Sanitary Sewer Crossing
2. Southwest Mission Infrastructure – Water Reservoirs, Sanitary, Drainage
3. Cannell Lake / Dickson Lake Dam Upgrades
4. Regional Water (Fraser River Water Source) and Regional Sewer Treatment Costs
5. Dike and Pump Station (Lane Creek) Improvements

##### Roads/Transit:

1. Connection from Mission to Southwest Mission – Cherry Avenue Bridge
2. Upgrades to Lougheed Highway Traffic Flow/Truck Movement
3. Highway Bypass
4. Expanded Transit
5. Equitable Cost Sharing of West Coast Express

##### Facilities:

1. New RCMP Station
2. New Firehall/Search and Rescue Building
3. New City Hall
4. New or Expanded Public Works Building
5. Seniors Centre – No Funding Received (as with turf field and skateboard park)

##### Parks / Amenities:

1. New Leisure Centre in Southwest Mission
2. Experience the Fraser Trail
3. Downtown Park
4. New Sports Park
5. Expanded Boat Launch and Connections/Presence with Fraser River

Council explained that the District of Mission has been very proactive in its approach and has funded a number of infrastructure projects without Provincial or Federal support. It was stressed, however, that municipalities cannot be expected to bear the

financial costs of large infrastructure projects within their communities without funding from the other branches of government.

In response to questions from Member of Parliament Jeneroux, Council and staff identified the following ways in which the Federal Government could better work with and support local governments:

1. ensure that grant deadlines are realistic;
2. provide greater opportunities for Local Governments to generate revenue;
3. ensure equitable sharing of project costs (e.g. 33% from each level of government would stimulate projects);
4. stimulate waterfront development (e.g. There is a need for a First Nations-Federal-Provincial-Local Government partnership to achieve development of the waterfront.)

Discussion ensued on all of these issues as well as concerns related to homelessness and the need for affordable housing in the region. While recognizing the importance of all of the projects discussed, Council specifically requested assistance with the Fraser River Sanitary Sewer Crossing project, noting that it is time sensitive and that a system failure could have dire consequences for the region as a whole.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Gill, and

RESOLVED: That the Special Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

  
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PAMELA ALEXIS  
MAYOR

  
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JENNIFER RUSSELL  
CORPORATE OFFICER