

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, May 13, 2019 commencing at 1:02 p.m.

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

Council Members Absent: Councillor Cal Crawford

Staff Members Present: Mike Younie, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Russell, Corporate Officer
Kerri Onken, Acting Director of Finance
Barclay Pitkethly, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Maureen Sinclair, Director of Parks, Recreation
and Culture
Dale Unrau, Fire Chief
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

Guests Present: Shona Brown, Division of Family Practice
Brynn Fominoff, Fraser Health Authority (FHA)
Director, Abbotsford and Mission Health
Services
Bob Ingram, Member of the Division of Family
Practice Board
Rhonda Veldhoen, FHA Executive Director for
Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Mission
Memorial Hospital
Laurence Welsh, Doctor
Lisa Zetes-Zanatta, FHA Executive Director,
Abbotsford and Mission Communities

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Herar, and

RESOLVED: That the May 13, 2019 Special Council Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

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Fraser Health Authority (FHA) / Division of Family Practice Discussion

Introductions

Mayor Alexis welcomed the FHA and Division of Family Practice representatives in attendance and introductions were made.

FHA and Division of Family Practice Joint Presentation

What comprises health care in the District of Mission?

Ms. Veldhoen and Ms. Zetes-Zanatta provided an overview of health care services in Mission and in the region, with a focus on the role of FHA.

Ms. Brown provided an overview of the Mission Division of Family Practice's mandate and activities within the community and the region.

Discussion ensued on local health care services, the need for more physicians, the role of hospitalists, and the importance of integrated access and records, as well as coordination of care.

Primary Care Network – Together for Health

Ms. Brown and Ms. Fominoff provided an overview of the primary care network which is intended to promote integrated systems of care.

Ms. Fominoff emphasized the important role that the District plays in influencing the following:

- physician and health care provider recruitment;
- transportation and access to hospitals and healthcare;
- availability of housing; and
- preventative health care delivery, through recreation centres, libraries, youth and seniors centres.

Next Steps

Discussion ensued on mechanisms for partnership, consultation, and enhanced communication, which could potentially include the following:

- referrals on new development proposals;
- membership/participation on District of Mission committees (e.g. Mission Traffic and Transit Committee, Emergency Planning Committee, etc.); and
- Council/District involvement in doctor recruitment / retention.

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that, following further discussions with the FHA representatives, District staff will review options for improved communication and partnership and report back to Council on potential next steps.

Ms. Brown offered to provide Council with a copy of the recruitment package that the Division of Family Practice has compiled to give to prospective physicians.

FHA's Strategic Growth Objectives – Request for an Update

The Future of FHA

Discussion ensued on the District of Mission's growth projections and the importance of FHA being able to plan in advance for the future health care needs of the region.

It was generally agreed that ongoing and effective communication between the District and FHA is in the best interests of the community. Council and FHA staff committed to promoting communication in the form of Special Council meetings (currently scheduled bi-annually in May and October), FHA presentations/delegations at Regular Council meetings, and staff-to-staff interaction and cooperation.

Where will expansion/job creation occur?

Discussion ensued on staffing shortages within the system and ways to encourage young people to enter the medical health field. Council suggested that FHA staff contact Mission Public Schools regarding the potential to partner with Riverside College.

Doctors - Attraction and Retention Strategy

Council expressed a willingness to assist, as needed, in FHA's physician attraction and retention strategy.

Opioid Crisis – Options for Drug Treatment

Discussion ensued on the options for drug treatment within the community and FHA staff expressed a willingness to provide additional information to Council upon request.

4. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC

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Moved by Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Davies, 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(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 Gill, seconded by Councillor Herar, and

RESOLVED: That the Special Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.



PAMELA ALEXIS
MAYOR



JENNIFER RUSSELL
CORPORATE OFFICER