

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 Street, Mission, British Columbia on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 commencing at 2:00 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
Ken Bourdeau, Manager of Long Range Planning
and Special Projects
*Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development
Scott Ross, Manager of Accounting Services
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
Shelley Carter, Trustee
Rick McKamey, Trustee
Julia Renkema, Trustee
Angus Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
Derek Welsh, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Board of Education and
School District Staff Absent: Corien Becker, Secretary-Treasurer

**Present for a portion of the meeting only*

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 October 22, 2019 Special Council Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

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Board of Education / School District No. 75 Discussion

Youth Forum

The Manager of Social Development provided context for and information on a youth forum that is being planned for the early part of 2020. Ms. Hargreaves noted that the forum will likely focus on recent concerns related to weapons in the school and perceptions of safety among parents/students.

Discussion ensued on how best to ensure active and meaningful youth and parent participation in the forum. Ms. Hargreaves stated that the committee responsible for planning the forum is considering a number of options, including potentially taking a neighbourhood-by-neighbourhood approach.

In response to questions from the Board Trustees and Council, the Manager of Social Development stated that this forum is a first step in what may ultimately become a series or an annual youth summit, focused around those issues that impact and are important to Mission's youth and their parents.

Anti-Bullying Project in Mission

Trustee Renkema expressed her belief that it is important for the School District and the District of Mission to have consistent messaging when it comes to anti-bully matters. She noted that the Parents Advisory Councils (PACs) could benefit from bringing in professional speakers to address parents on issues related to bullying, including identification and prevention.

Discussion ensued on the District of Mission's and the School District's respective policies and codes of conduct and the different ways the two organizations can help promote respectful behaviour and a zero tolerance for bullying and harassment environment.

Trustee Renkema stated that the School District's anti-bullying/harassment documents are being revised to address the use of social media. Mayor Alexis requested a copy of that documentation once it is complete.

Women's Forum Update

Mayor Alexis stated that the *Women Helping Women Forum*, co-organized by the female members of both Council and the Board of Education, is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ecole Heritage Park Middle School Cafetorium. She encouraged all young women to attend. Tickets are free of charge and can be obtained online at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/women-helping-women-the-power-of-mentorship-tickets-66355702693>.

Mayor Alexis also noted that the event organizers are interested in hosting or co-hosting a women's career fair in 2020. The Superintendent recommended that they touch base with Wade Peary, Principal of Riverside College, regarding this initiative. Trustee Renkema stated that it is her understanding that Van City Credit Union may be interested in participating as well.

Hiring Practices for Women in Trades and Opportunities for Employment in Public Hiring Policy

Vice Chair Cairns expressed his belief that it is important for all organizations, including both the municipality and the School District, to review their hiring policies and job

requirements to ensure that there are no artificial barriers to recruiting women into trades positions. He noted that, without regular review for relevancy, some job requirements unfairly and unnecessarily exclude women from jobs that they are actually qualified for and capable of doing.

Mayor Alexis confirmed that the District of Mission regularly reviews its hiring language with this in mind.

Club Kids Program – Additional Space Requests

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture thanked the School District for adding some capacity to the Club Kids Program in September 2019. Discussion ensued over the limited resources in the community and the difference between afterschool programs and daycares.

Parking at the Mission Leisure Centre

Ms. Sinclair provided an update on parking issues at the Mission Leisure Centre and noted that there will be substantial challenges in this area over the next 18 months.

Signs at Heritage Park

Board Chair Loffler requested an update on the signs that were removed from Heritage Park in recognition of the fact that they did not accurately describe or reflect the history of the site or the negative impact of the residential school on our First Nations communities/partners.

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture explained that there are competing views with regard to what the replacement signage should say and that additional consultation is required.

Trustee McKamey committed to sending Ms. Sinclair contact information to assist her in her efforts.

Public Transit

Vice Chair Cairns expressed concern that there are school buses and public buses operating on the same routes and that the public buses seem to be underutilized.

The Chief Administrative Officer encouraged the School District to forward concerns and requests about transit related matters to the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee (MTTC) as routes have been amended in the past at the School District's request to better accommodate school schedules.

Councillor Plecas noted that there is a Mission Public School representative currently sitting on the MTTC.

Mayor Alexis acknowledged the general need for more public transit but explained that both Abbotsford and Mission have been unable to expand services in recent years due to the need for a new bus garage which is currently being built and should be ready in 2020. She noted that some new services will come on line once there is capacity within the system to accommodate additional buses but she acknowledged the general need for expanded services locally and regionally.

Request for School Enrolment Update

The Superintendent provided the most recent enrolment statistics.

The Manager of Social Development left the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

Clarke Theatre – Summary of Financials

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer provided an overview of the Clarke Theatre financial documents provided in the agenda.

Discussion ensued on the use of and funding for the Clarke Theatre and it was acknowledged that the School District pays more for the operation of the theatre than is warranted by their usage.

4. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC

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Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Crawford, 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

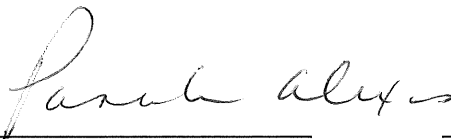
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Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Crawford, and

RESOLVED: That the Special Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.



PAMELA ALEXIS
MAYOR



JENNIFER RUSSELL
CORPORATE OFFICER