

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION COUNCIL** held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on Monday, October 28, 2019 commencing at 11:22 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

Staff Members Present: Mike Younie, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Russell, Corporate Officer
Michael Boronowski, Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives
Barclay Pitkethly, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Doug Stewart, Director of Finance
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

Guests Present: Brad Vis, Member of Parliament Elect for the Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon Riding

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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Moved by Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Crawford, and
RESOLVED: That the October 28, 2019 Special Council Agenda be adopted.
CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

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Discussion with Brad Vis, Member of Parliament (MP) Elect for the Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon Riding

Update on District of Mission Projects, Priorities and Requests

Council congratulated MP Elect Vis on his recent victory in the October 21, 2019 Federal Election. MP Elect Vis stated that he is proud to represent the people of Mission, Matsqui and the Fraser Canyon and, to that end, is interested in learning as much about the District of Mission's projects, priorities and needs as possible. Council and MP Elect Vis expressed their mutual desire to work together for the benefit of the community and committed to meeting regularly in furtherance of this objective.

At the request of Council, Mayor Alexis provided an overview of the following issues of importance to the District of Mission and its residents, noting that these topics are not exhaustive nor are they necessarily presented in order of importance but rather by category.

Utilities:

1. Fraser River Sanitary Sewer Crossing
2. Waterfront Development
3. Water supply
 - a. Fraser River / Wells Water Source & Grant Funding
 - b. Cannell Lake / Dickson Lake Dam Upgrades
 - c. Water metering
4. Dike and Pump Station (Lane Creek) Improvements

Transit / Transportation:

5. Highway Bypass, Surfacing
6. Trucks Removed from Downtown
7. Expanded Transit
8. West Coast Express Cost Sharing
9. Lougheed Highway Widening
10. Increased Use of Fraser River for Transportation/Shipping

Facilities:

11. New RCMP Building
12. New Firehall/Search and Rescue Building
13. New City Hall
14. New or Expanded Public Works Building

Housing:

15. Supported Housing Facility
16. Rental Housing
17. Homeless / New Shelter

Parks / Amenities:

18. New Leisure Centre in SW Mission
19. Experience the Fraser Trail
20. Downtown Park
21. New Sports Park
22. Expanded Boat Launch and Connections/Presence with Fraser River
23. Stave West

MP Elect Vis and Council committed to keeping one another informed of any developments as they pertain to these and other important issues. In particular, MP Elect Vis recognized the importance of the Fraser River Sanitary Sewer Crossing project and the widening of the Lougheed Highway, not just to Mission but the region as a whole, and committed to working on behalf of his riding to further these projects.

Discussion also ensued on the various ways that local governments and the Federal Government can work together. The Chief Administrative Officer stated that, despite the fact that local governments have limited opportunities to generate revenue, there are ever increasing demands placed on municipalities. Local governments 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 MP Elect Vis, 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, funding allocations are reasonable and timelines to complete projects account for approvals;
2. provide greater opportunities for local governments to generate revenue; and
3. ensure equitable sharing of project costs (e.g. 33% from each level of government would stimulate projects);

Mr. Younie explained that the District of Mission has a history of being proactive in its approach and informed MP Elect Vis that the District would be willing to participate in pilot projects as they become available.

4. ADJOURNMENT

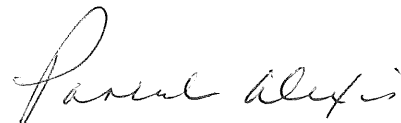
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Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Gill, and

RESOLVED: That the Special Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.



PAMELA ALEXIS
MAYOR



JENNIFER RUSSELL
CORPORATE OFFICER