

Minutes of the **Committee of the Whole (Administration & Finance Committee – Early Development Instrument) meeting** of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION** held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on March 12, 2012 commencing at 2:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Councillor Tony Luck
Mayor Ted Adlem
Councillor Jeff Jewell
Councillor Larry Nundal
Councillor Jenny Stevens
Councillor Nelson Tilbury

Council Members Absent: Councillor Dave Hensman

Staff Members Present: Glen Robertson, Chief Administrative Officer
Paul Gipps, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Kelly Ridley, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

Guests Present: Laura Wilson, Mission Early Childhood Development
Committee Coordinator, Ministry of Family and
Children Development

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Nundal

RESOLVED: That the March 12, 2012 committee agenda be adopted.
CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

Early Development Instrument (EDI) Discussion

Laura Wilson, Mission Early Childhood Development Committee Coordinator for the Ministry of Family and Children Development, was in attendance at the Mayor's request to provide information on the Early Development Instrument (EDI) and its implications for the community.

Ms. Wilson provided an overview of the Early Development Instrument and outlined ways to better support children in our community. She also noted the following:

- Early childhood experiences greatly impact the way brains develop.
- For the eighth year in a row B.C. has recorded the highest rate of childhood poverty in Canada.
- The EDI is used as a tool for understanding children's development at the local level and measures how well a community has supported its children.

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- The EDI shows the percentage of children in kindergarten who are vulnerable and to what degree.
- It identifies disparities within the community and specifically measures the following: language and cognitive development, communication skills, social competence, emotional maturity, and physical health and well-being.
- Results show that the District of Mission's children are more vulnerable now than they were ten years ago.

Discussion ensued on why Mission's children are at risk and what can be done to address this concern going forward.

4. ADJOURNMENT

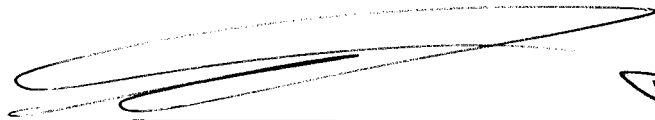
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Moved by Councillor Nundal, seconded by Councillor Jewell, and

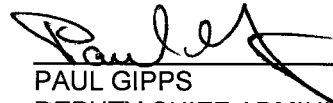
RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.



WALTER (TED) ADLEM
MAYOR



PAUL GIPPS
DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER