

**MINUTES** of the **SPECIAL INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING** held at the Clarke Theatre, 33700 Prentis Avenue, British Columbia, on December 1, 2014 commencing at 1:32 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Randy Hawes  
Councillor Pam Alexis  
Councillor Carol Hamilton  
Councillor Jim Hinds  
Councillor Rhett Nicholson  
Councillor Danny Plecas  
Councillor Jenny Stevens

Staff Members Present: Ken Bjorgaard, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tina Penney, Acting Manager of Corporate Administration  
Michael Boronowski, Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives  
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

The ceremony commenced at 1:00 p.m.

## **WELCOME**

The Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives welcomed everyone to the Inaugural ceremony and asked all to stand for the singing of O Canada, led by Mr. Jack Ethier.

## **O CANADA**

All stood for the singing of O Canada.

## **PRAYER**

Chaplain Andy Kwak, the Mission Fire/Rescue Service Chaplain, and Suhkdev Singh and Shangara S. Longiye, from the Gur Sikh Society, offered prayers. Damian George, First Nations Representative (from the Tsleil Waututh Nation), was unable to attend and sent his regrets.

## **OATHS OF OFFICE**

As required by the *Local Government Act and the Community Charter*, Mayor Elect Randy Hawes, and Councillors Elect Pam Alexis, Carol Hamilton, Jim Hinds, Rhett Nicholson, Danny Plecas and Jenny Stevens made the oath of office, as well as the oath of allegiance, before John Tait, a Commissioner of Oaths for the Province of British Columbia. They then assumed their seats at the Council table.

Mayor Hawes called the Special Inaugural meeting of 2014-2018 Council of the District of Mission to order at 1:32 p.m.

## 1. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

SC14/033 Mayor Hawes welcomed guests and dignitaries and thanked them for attending the  
DEC 1/14 Inaugural ceremony and for their many efforts on behalf of the residents of the  
District of Mission.

## 2. MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

SC14/034 Mayor Hawes gave the following Inaugural Address:  
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*"This year we mourn the loss of five long time Mission freemen: Jim Vosburgh, Catherine Marcellus, Ken Lissimore, Ray Johnson, and Valerie Hundert. Their contributions have enriched life in our community and they shall be missed.*

*On November 15, 2014 you elected a Council of long time community volunteers who are dedicated to making Mission a more friendly and vibrant place to raise a family. During the election period, each of us had objectives we hoped to accomplish if elected and now, in putting those into a single document, we have a huge task ahead. With your help, I am confident that we will succeed.*

*First and foremost, we will address a morale problem within our staff. All of us are well served by these hard working and dedicated employees and we will work diligently with them to gain mutual respect. We know that a workplace built on respect and trust brings productivity and the desire to excel.*

*Your Council has listened to the families on Best Avenue whose homes are sinking. We are determined to resolve this situation as quickly as possible. We will ensure that no family ever endures a lengthy ordeal such as this again.*

*We will improve public safety with the addition of police officers and restore our fire service, including its inspection service and school based fire prevention education program.*

*We will improve our downtown area by enhancing the 'Stone Soup' initiative of Paul Horn and our Manager of Social Development, Kirsten Hargreaves. Stone Soup engages community resources to lift our homeless and addicted population out of their dreadful circumstance. This very effective project can have a profound impact on some of our most vulnerable people.*

*The Post Office will be closing in late 2015 and it is the intent of your Council to gain ownership of this iconic building. Over the coming months, we will be seeking public input into its use to ensure the greatest positive impact on our downtown core. In addition, we shall be encouraging the owner of the Bellevue Hotel building to renovate and renew this building.*

*We will continue to work with members of our seniors' community in seeking a private investor partner to establish a senior's centre. Should this prove unfeasible, we shall consider other options utilizing the million dollar legacy left by the late Marilyn Boswyk to establish a senior's centre.*

*We are establishing a committee for youths to be chaired by Councillor Rhett Nicholson which will look to engage the next generation of our citizens in the civic process. It is long past time that the voices of our youth and young adults are heard and that they feel like an important part of our community. We need to hear what*

*they need rather than tell them what they need.*

*We know that a new skateboard park is important to our youth. Given our often wet climate, the establishment of an artificial turf all-weather field will enable our children the opportunity to engage in their sport regardless of weather conditions. Your Council will be looking to make these a priority as we consider our infrastructure needs with the distribution of federal gas tax revenue.*

*We will be looking to grow our industrial base by attracting expanding manufacturing businesses in Metro Vancouver and elsewhere that are seeking new locations. We are ideally suited with highway, rail, water, and direct U.S. connections and we have industrial lands. Revenue growth is one of the key components of tax rate control while ensuring essential services are provided.*

*We shall also challenge the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce to assist in developing our tourism potential. It will be greatly enhanced with the development of Stave West as one of the premier outdoor areas in B.C. Zajac Ranch for Children and the construction of a Tim Horton's Children's Camp will be centre pieces for this development.*

*We shall continue to encourage development in our waterfront and will actively pursue further construction of the Experience the Fraser railway that will allow hiking, biking, and camping opportunities from Hope to the Salish Sea.*

*A new and crucial partnership with School District 75 will be a vital part of community building into the future. We will be seeking the development of neighbourhood community centres utilizing our school buildings as activity centres for local programming. These are buildings owned by us. Rather than seeing them dark, particularly through the summer months, we shall challenge our volunteer base to work with our Parks and Recreation Department to provide children's programming during school breaks.*

*As a Council, we will ensure issues are discussed openly, passionately, and without rancour or disrespect. We will respect staff, the public, and each other. That is a commitment we make unreservedly.*

*Your new Council has set some very far reaching goals and will work tirelessly to achieve them. We will engage our great community in every stage of our four year journey. Together we can ensure our next generation inherits a community they will be proud to call home.*

*Thank you."*

### **3. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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The Mayor announced the appointment of the following standing committees, with the first named being the chair and the second named being the alternate chair.

#### **Corporate Services Committee**

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| (i) Councillor Hamilton (Chair)     | (v) Councillor Nicholson |
| (ii) Councillor Stevens (Alternate) | (vi) Councillor Plecas   |
| (iii) Councillor Alexis             | (vii) Mayor Hawes        |
| (iv) Councillor Hinds               |                          |

**Development Services Committee**

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| (i) Councillor Alexis (Chair)         | (v) Councillor Plecas   |
| (ii) Councillor Nicholson (Alternate) | (vi) Councillor Stevens |
| (iii) Councillor Hamilton             | (vii) Mayor Hawes       |
| (iv) Councillor Hinds                 |                         |

**Engineering and Public Works Committee**

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| (i) Councillor Plecas (Chair)     | (v) Councillor Nicholson |
| (ii) Councillor Hinds (Alternate) | (vi) Councillor Stevens  |
| (iii) Councillor Alexis           | (vii) Mayor Hawes        |
| (iv) Councillor Hamilton          |                          |

**Forestry Committee**

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| (i) Councillor Stevens (Chair)       | (v) Councillor Nicholson |
| (ii) Councillor Hamilton (Alternate) | (vi) Councillor Pleas    |
| (iii) Councillor Alexis              | (vii) Mayor Hawes        |
| (iv) Councillor Hinds                |                          |

**Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee**

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| (i) Councillor Nicholson (Chair for Parks and Recreation; Alternate for Culture) | (v) Councillor Plecas   |
| (ii) Councillor Alexis (Alternate for Parks and Recreation; Chair for Culture)   | (vi) Councillor Stevens |
| (iii) Councillor Hamilton  | (vii) Mayor Hawes       |
| (iv) Councillor Hinds  |                         |

**Public Safety and Health Committee**

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| (i) Councillor Hinds (Chair)       | (v) Councillor Nicholson |
| (ii) Councillor Plecas (Alternate) | (vi) Councillor Stevens  |
| (iii) Councillor Alexis            | (vii) Mayor Hawes        |
| (iv) Councillor Hamilton           |                          |

**4. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

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The Mayor read out the following appointments to boards and external committees.

**Joint Services Committee**

- (i) Mayor Hawes
- (ii) Councillor Plecas
- (iii) Councillor Hinds
- (iv) Councillor Hamilton (Alternate)
- (v) Councillor Alexis (2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate)

**Downtown Mission Business Association**

- (i) Councillor Nicholson
- (ii) Councillor Alexis (Alternate)

**FVRD Board of Directors and FVRD Hospital Board of Directors**

- (i) Councillor Alexis, with Mayor Hawes as her alternate
- (ii) Councillor Hinds, with Councillor Hamilton as his alternate

**FVRD Regional and Corporate Services Committee**

- (i) Councillor Alexis, with Councillor Hinds as her alternate

**FVRD/FHA – Mission Community Health Project – Project Building Committee**

- (i) Councillor Alexis
- (ii) Councillor Hinds

**Fraser Valley Regional Library Board**

- (i) Councillor Stevens
- (ii) Councillor Plecas

**Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee (FVARC)**

- (i) Councillor Hinds
- (ii) Councillor Hamilton (alternate)
- (iii) Councillor Alexis (2<sup>nd</sup> alternate)
- (iv) Chief Administrative Officer

**LMLGA Flood Control and River Management Committee**

- (i) Councillor Plecas

**Mission Association for Senior Housing**

- (i) Mayor Hawes
- (ii) Councillor Hamilton (Alternate)

**Mission District Historical Society**

- (i) Councillor Hinds
- (ii) Mayor Hawes (Alternate)

**Mission Community Foundation**

- (i) Councillor Alexis
- (ii) Councillor Hamilton

**Mission International Cultural Association (MICA)**

- (i) Mayor Hawes

**Next Generation Civic Engagement Committee**

- (i) Councillor Nicholson, Chair

**Mission Sports Council**

- (i) Councillor Nicholson

**Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce**

- (i) Councillor Alexis
- (ii) Councillor Hamilton (Alternate)

**Seniors' Centre Association**

- (i) Mayor Hawes

Moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and

RESOLVED: That the appointment of representatives to various boards and external committees be approved.

CARRIED

**5. APPOINTMENTS TO SELECT COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND TASK FORCES**

SC14/037      The Mayor read out the following appointments to Select Committees and  
DEC 1/14      Commissions.

**Emergency Planning Committee**

- (i) Councillor Plecas
- (ii) Councillor Hinds
- (iii) Mayor Hawes (Alternate)

**Stave West Working Group**

- (i) Councillor Nicholson
- (ii) Councillor Alexis

**Social Development Commission**

- (i) Councillor Plecas, Chair

**Mission Community Heritage Commission**

- (i) Councillor Hinds,
- (ii) Mayor Hawes (alternate)

**Cultural Resources Commission**

- (i) Councillor Alexis
- (ii) Councillor Nicholson (alternate)

Moved by Councillor Alexis, seconded by Councillor Nicholson, and

RESOLVED: That the Select Committee and Commission appointments be approved.

CARRIED

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR**

SC14/038  
DEC 1/14

The Mayor read out the following Acting Mayor appointments.

### **2014/2015**

Councillor Plecas (December 2014/June 2015)  
Councillor Hinds (April 2015/October 2015)  
Councillor Alexis (February 2015/August 2015)  
Councillor Stevens (March 2015/September 2015)  
Councillor Hamilton (January 2015/July 2015)  
Councillor Nicholson (May 2015/November 2015)

### **2015/2016**

Councillor Plecas (December 2015/June 2016)  
Councillor Hinds (April 2016/October 2016)  
Councillor Alexis (February 2016/August 2016)  
Councillor Stevens (March 2016/September 2016)  
Councillor Hamilton (January 2016/July 2016)  
Councillor Nicholson (May 2016/November 2016)

### **2016/2017**

Councillor Plecas (December 2016/June 2017)  
Councillor Hinds (April 2017/October 2017)  
Councillor Alexis (February 2017/August 2017)  
Councillor Stevens (March 2017/September 2017)  
Councillor Hamilton (January 2017/July 2017)  
Councillor Nicholson (May 2017/November 2017)

### **2017/2018**

Councillor Plecas (December 2017/June 2018)  
Councillor Hinds (April 2018/October 2018)  
Councillor Alexis (February 2018/August 2018)  
Councillor Stevens (March 2018/September 2018)  
Councillor Hamilton (January 2018/July 2018)  
Councillor Nicholson (May 2018/November 2018)

In the absence of the designated Acting Mayor for a period in excess of two consecutive calendar months due to resignation, invalidation, disqualification, incapacity, or death, and subject to the Local Government Act, the Council may, by majority vote of its members, elect a member of Council to serve as Acting Mayor during the said absence and until a by-election or general election fills the vacancy.

In the event that Council does not elect such an Acting Mayor, the office of Acting Mayor will continue to be filled by the respective Councillors, the Acting Mayor for the previous time period being the first alternate and the Acting Mayor for the subsequent time period being the second alternate.

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Stevens, and

RESOLVED: That the Acting Mayor appointments be approved.

CARRIED

#### 7. AUTHORIZATION OF DOCUMENT EXECUTION

SC14/039  
DEC 1/14

Moved by Councillor Alexis, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute all documents and agreements on behalf of the District of Mission.

CARRIED

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Hinds, and

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.



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RANDY HAWES  
MAYOR



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KEN BJORGAARD  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
(Interim Corporate Officer)