

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 December 20, 2011, commencing at 3:05 p.m.

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

Staff Members Present: Paul Gipps, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Ken Bjorgaard, Director of Finance  
Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Debi Decker, Administrative Assistant

## **1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order.

## **2) TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

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### **Regional Water and Sewer Systems**

The Director of Finance gave a briefing of regional water and sewer services including history and current issues through a power point presentation.

The following points were discussed:

- 1) Changes were made to the original cost sharing formulas (water and sewer), as growth in Abbotsford was driving the need to build infrastructure. Mission was paying 25% for all water capital projects and a new formula for growth (DCC) related capital projects has Mission initially paying 12.16% (estimated growth shown in master plan) for growth related water capital projects; however, there is an annual adjustment in the cost percentage based on actual growth (based on one's growth in actual peak day water demand based on the highest 20 peak days from one year to the next).
- 2) Similar changes were made to the sewer cost sharing formula for growth related capital projects with an annual adjustment based on actual average day sewage strength and sewage flows.
- 3) New bulk water meters are being installed in key locations to verify Mission's water usage (in comparison to Abbotsford's) and to isolate water main leakage.
- 4) Water conservation and meters – the only proven way to conserve water is to charge people more for water. If Abbotsford has less water usage than Mission, the District will pay more money, than it currently does, for regional capital projects and water operations. Mission's water users need to conserve water.

- 5) Some of the newer radio-read water meters (such as those in Abbotsford) have the ability to track water usage times whereby different rates could be charged for water usage during different peak hours.
- 6) One benefit of water meters is that they isolate or show high usage customers, which sometimes could mean a water leak. Repairing water line leaks reduces the District's overall water usage.
- 7) Regarding the issue that water meter charges are billed separately and not on the tax notice like the flat rate water user fees. There was discussion on owners whose mortgage companies pay their property taxes (from an additional amount added to their mortgage payments) and the hardship it might cause if the District sent out another bill.
- 8) There was a conversation around the study that took place to determine what existing water infrastructure is regional and what water infrastructure is non-regional.

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### **January 2012, Administration and Finance Committee Meeting Dates**

Discussion ensued around the upcoming Administration and Finance Committee Meetings and it was:

Moved by Councillor Hensman, seconded by Councillor Stevens, and

RESOLVED:

That the following Administration and Finance Committee (budget discussion) meetings be confirmed:

- a) Thursday, January 19, 2012, commencing at 3:00 pm for approximately four hours; and
- b) Monday, January 23, 2012, commencing at 9:00 am for approximately four hours.

CARRIED

### **3) RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC**

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Moved by Councillor Stevens, seconded by Councillor Nundal, 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)(i) of the *Community Charter* – the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and
- 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

**4) RECESS TO CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING**

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Moved by Councillor Jewell, seconded by Councillor Nundal, and

RESOLVED: That the Special Council meeting be recessed.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 4:40 p.m.

**5) RECONVENE TO SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

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Moved by Councillor Hensman, seconded by Councillor Luck, and

RESOLVED: That the meeting be reconvened.

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

**6) ADJOURNMENT**

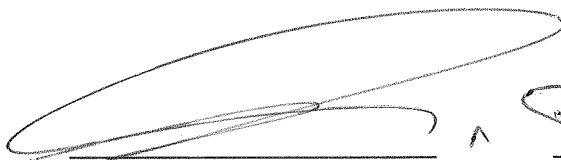
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Moved by Councillor Stevens, seconded by Councillor Tilbury, and

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



TED ADLEM  
MAYOR



PAUL GIPPS  
DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER