

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, March 9, 2015 commencing at 2:01 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Randy Hawes
Councillor Pam Alexis
Councillor Carol Hamilton
Councillor Jim Hinds
Councillor Rhett Nicholson (left at 3:56 p.m.)
Councillor Danny Plecas
Councillor Jenny Stevens

Staff Members Present: Glen Robertson, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Michael Boronowski, Manager of Civic Engagement & Corporate Initiatives (entered at 2:38 p.m. and left at 4:00 p.m.)
Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development
Tina Penney, Acting Manager of Corporate Administration
Mike Younie, Director of Development Services (entered at 3:50 p.m.)
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

Guests Present: Lois Dixon, Vice President, Clinical Operations
Dr. Andrew Edelson, Mission Memorial Hospital and Mission Division of Family Practice
Paul Horn, Mission Healthy Community Council member and owner of Bootstrap Consulting (joined meeting at 2:05 p.m.)
Stan Kuperis, Director, Clinical Programs, Mental Health & Substance Use Program, Abbotsford, Mission, Chilliwack, Hope & Agassiz, Child, Youth, Young Adults & Rehabilitation & Recovery
Robert (Bob) LaRoy, Manager, Clinical Operations, Mental Health & Substance Use Program, Abbotsford & Mission
Laurel Scheffler, Director, Site Operations, Mission Memorial Hospital
Anne Todd, Healthy Community Specialist – Fraser Health Authority

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and
RESOLVED: That the March 9, 2015 Special Council Agenda be adopted.
CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

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Fraser Health Authority Discussion

i. Status of the Integration of Services at Mission Community Health Centre

Discussion ensued on the integration of information and services and how a more coordinated effort results in a higher level of care for the client. The following summarized comments were provided by the Fraser Health Authority (FHA) representatives:

- There are multiple services provided at the Mission Community Health Centre and a real desire for improved integration.
- Integration is not necessarily about centrally locating facilities but rather is about the coordination of services.
- There are supports in place in the emergency ward (ER) at Mission Memorial Hospital to support clients who, for whatever reason, pose a threat to themselves and/or others though it is sometimes necessary for RCMP members to remain on site until the situation can be stabilized. These cases are given priority in the ER and FHA and Mission RCMP staff meet regularly to ensure that the system functions as efficiently as possible. FHA recognizes the need for continued effort in this area.
- Mission RCMP has expressed an interest in working with the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team.
- While the Mission Community Health Centre is not the one-stop-shop that it was originally envisioned to be, there are a number of promising initiatives underway in the community that are aimed at improving primary health care and the coordination of services, including the GP for Me and the navigator initiatives led by the Mission Division of Family Practice, the creation of the ACT Team, and the work of the Mission Healthy Community Council.
- While it is necessary for hospitals to admit and discharge on a 24 hour / 7 day a week schedule, FHA staff make every effort to be sensitive to the needs of the patient.

In response to concerns raised by Council regarding alleged incidents where elderly patients were discharged during the night without adequate support, Ms. Scheffler and Ms. Dixon requested that Council contact them directly with any specific examples that may arise so that they can follow-up immediately.

The Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives joined the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Further discussion ensued on the availability of detoxification, bridge, and recovery treatment centres/beds and the lack of easily accessible information. Concern was expressed that FHA does not refer clients to a number of reputable abstinence or religious based treatment centres. Mr. Kuperis stressed that FHA has a requirement to ensure that certain standards are met and cannot directly refer patients to unlicensed providers. Ms. Dixon noted that, while FHA cannot make formal referrals to these organizations, they do make the information available.

At the request of Council, Ms. Dixon confirmed that she would provide the Chief Administrative Officer with a comprehensive list of the various detoxification and treatment centres available in the region.

ii. New Campus for Care Update

Discussion ensued on the Campus for Care facility. It was noted that the facility is not fully occupied and that the current FHA lease, which expires in 2016, is for a portion of the building only. Council stressed the importance of public and municipal consultation regarding the future of the building and Ms. Dixon committed to further dialogue on the subject.

iii. Needle Exchange Program

Concern was expressed that some of the organizations/groups who dispense needles in Mission are failing to collect them and are, therefore, contributing to what is becoming a significant problem in Mission's downtown core. Mayor Hawes stated that he would like the Mission Healthy Community Council to explore options to address this situation and Ms. Dixon requested that FHA be invited to participate in these discussions.

i. Pleasant View Update

Mr. LaRoy provided an update on the Pleasant View construction project and noted that, while there has been a minor delay, the facility should be operational by June 2015. In response to questions from Council, Mr. LaRoy and Mr. Kuperis stated the following:

- The facility will accommodate individuals who require different levels of support i.e. assisted living and those who require 24/7 care;
- There will be a small net gain in the number of beds;
- There will be programming throughout the day;
- There will also be mental health programming;
- While FHA is not involved in the hiring of staff for the facility, they are making every effort to ensure that existing staff members are aware of any postings that become available.

ii. Mission Memorial Hospital Emergency Ward – Evening and Night Service

In response to questions from Mayor and Council, Ms. Dixon confirmed that there are no short to medium plans to close the Mission Memorial Hospital Emergency Ward at night. Dr. Edelson explained that the primary issue in determining whether or not to close an ER has to be quality of care and that Mission's physicians continue to work in partnership with each other and FHA in order to ensure that patients received quality treatment in a timely manner. He further noted that the more utilized an ER is the easier it is to maintain the standards required by FHA and expected by the community at large.

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of communication to the public concerning the wide range of services provided by the Mission Memorial Hospital Emergency Ward. The Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives was directed to work with FHA staff in order to determine the best way to update the public and to address any lingering rumours regarding a potential closure.

iii. Parking at Mission Memorial Hospital

Mayor Hawes stated that there was an agreement signed when the Mission Memorial Hospital land was turned over to FHA that hospital parking would remain free in perpetuity. He explained that this was done in order to assuage the concerns of neighbours who already have limited street parking. Mr. Horn further stated that, to the best of his recollection, the zoning for the property does not allow for paid parking. Ms. Dixon said that she was unaware of this arrangement but that she would look into the matter.

iv. Teaching Hospitals in the Region

Discussion ensued on the viability of teaching hospitals in the region and how it might relate to funding.

The Director of Development Services joined the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

v. Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team

Mr. Kuperis gave an overview of the composition and function of the ACT Team, noting that the purpose of the Team is to provide flexible, community-based support for adults with serious and persistent mental illness and significant functional impairments who have not connected with, or responded well to, traditional outpatient mental health and rehabilitation services. Mr. Kuperis expressed his belief that the formation of the Team is an extremely positive step and that it should be operational in Mission and Abbotsford in either April or May of 2015.

Councillor Nicholson left the meeting at 3:56 p.m. The Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

vi. Mission Healthy Community Council/Committee

Discussion ensued regarding the composition and function of the Mission Healthy Community Council. The Interim Chief Administrative Officer explained that the Manager of Social Development is currently working on a report that will provide Council with options regarding the future of both the Social Development Commission and the Mission Healthy Community Council.

vii. General Discussion

Discussion ensued on hospice care, the positive role played by the Division of Family Practice, the current availability of family doctors in Mission, the role of nurse practitioners in modern health care, and the need for improved communication between FHA and the municipality.

Council and FHA representatives agreed to meet every six months in order to discuss matters of mutual interest.

At the request of FHA staff, Council agreed to forward any FHA related concerns to the Chief Administrative Officer as they arise so that he can liaise with FHA and ensure a timely response.

Mayor Hawes indicated that Fraser House has an outreach program in Derouche which is not funded and which, if cut, could potentially leave children in need without assistance. Ms. Dixon and Mr. Kuperis stated that they were not familiar with the situation but would look into the matter further.

4. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC

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Moved by Councillor Alexis, seconded by Councillor Plecas, 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.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT


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Moved by Councillor Alexis, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

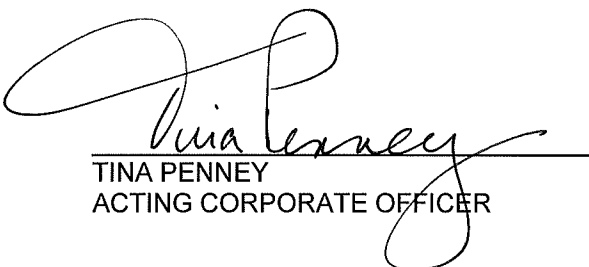
RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.



RANDY HAWES
MAYOR



TINA PENNEY
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER

