

Minutes of the **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING** (Budget) of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION COUNCIL** held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on Monday, April 13, 2015 commencing at 2:00 p.m.

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

Special Guests: Randy Kamp, Member of Parliament
Mike Murray, Executive Assistant

Staff Members Present: Glen Robertson, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Tina Penney, Acting Manager of Corporate Administration
Kris Boland, Manager of Finance
Michael Boronowski, Manager of Civic Engagement and Community Initiatives
Stacey Crawford, Economic Development Officer
Inspector Ted De Jager, Mission RCMP Detachment
Haylee Gould, Administrative Assistant
Chris Knowles, Acting Manager of RCMP Administration
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Kerri Onken, Deputy Treasurer/Collector
Scott Ross, Manager of Accounting Services
Jennifer Russell, Deputy Corporate Officer
Maureen Sinclair, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Chief Watkinson, Mission Fire/Rescue Service
Mike Younie, Director of Development Services

Members of the Press: Carol Aun, Mission City Record

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Alexis, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and

RESOLVED:

1. That the following item be added to the recommendation under agenda item #4, Resolution to Exclude Public:

- Section 90(1)(g) of the *Community Charter* – litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality
2. That the following item be added as item 3(b), the subsequent items to be renumbered accordingly:
- Security Options for the Downtown Core
3. That the following item be added as item 3(c), the subsequent items to be renumbered accordingly:
- Illegal Dumping

CARRIED

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Moved by Councillor Alexis, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and

RESOLVED:

That the April 13, 2015 Special Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

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(a) Member of Parliament, Randy Kamp

(i) New Building Canada Plan – Infrastructure

MP Kamp extended congratulations to Mayor and Council on their election appointments.

MP Kamp discussed the framework of the New Building Canada Plan, which is a \$53 billion 10 year plan that includes the Community Improvement Fund, the New Building Canada Fund, a national infrastructure component and a provincial/territorial infrastructure component.

The following project has been submitted for consideration under the Small Communities Fund:

- Cedar Street and 7th Avenue intersection widening

The following projects have been submitted for consideration under the Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund:

- Fraser River Sanitary Crossing
- JAMES Plant UV Disinfection (Mission-Abbotsford joint application)
- 2015 Official Community Plan Review

In response to a question from Council, MP Kamp clarified that the New Building Canada Fund distributes a minimum dollar value per province/territory with the remainder being distributed on a per capita basis. MP Kamp further stated that the Federal Budget will be presented on April 21, 2015, at which time additional funding could be announced.

Council discussed submitting an application for flood mitigation/diking projects.

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(ii) Funding for Homelessness Initiatives

Council expressed eagerness to lobby the federal government to increase infrastructure grants for homelessness initiatives and to increase the 5,000 population maximum requirement on existing grants.

MP Kamp referenced the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, which designates funds to 61 communities, including Metro Vancouver. MP Kamp recommended that Council request to have a representative sit on the BC Regional Advisory Board, as there is currently no representation from the Lower Mainland on the board. Further, MP Kamp advised Council to submit any creative ideas on homelessness to Service Canada as there might be additional funding sources available.

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(iii) Adult Mental Health Issues and Access/Inclusion for Caregivers

Council discussed mental health challenges in the community and posed the following questions for MP Kamp:

- What is the federal government's stance on the influx of mental health issues?
- How can doctor/patient confidentiality be managed so the parents of mentally challenged youth can stay involved as their children mature into adults?

MP Kamp made reference to the Mental Health Commission and their Housing First initiative, which focuses on providing housing as a first step for individuals who are homeless and suffering from mental health issues. Council requested further information on the pilot project of the Housing First initiative.

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(iv) Post Office Building

Council discussed the upcoming closure of the iconic downtown post office and requested assistance with securing the right of first purchase of the historic building. MP Kamp stated that Canada Post has the final say in any sale of their buildings, however he will request that Canada Post keep Council involved in any future discussion about the sale of the post office building.

Council further commented about the complaints from the community about Canada Post's switch to community mailboxes. Council requested that Canada Post consult with the District regarding the location of the community mailboxes to ensure that safety concerns are met. It was noted that Canada Post provided a list of 200 proposed community mailbox locations to staff at the District, however a thorough review of all locations was not possible within the time frame allotted by Canada Post.

MP Kamp stated that Canada Post is currently going door-to-door in the community for feedback on the proposed community mailbox locations. MP Kamp also noted that Canada Post is mandated to break even, and that analysis for future years indicates that the current door-to-door delivery system will produce a negative revenue stream due to falling numbers of mail being delivered.

Council requested that Canada Post consider keeping the new retail location for the post office in the downtown core.

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(v) Lack of Communication Regarding Protective Direction No. 32 (Chief Administrative Officer / Fire Chief)

Background information provided by the Director General of the Transport Dangerous Goods Directorate, regarding the Protective Direction No. 32 and the transportation of dangerous goods by railway vehicle was provided for Council's information.

Chief Watkinson reported that, under Protective Direction No. 32, the Emergency Planning Official for Mission should be receiving commodity lists and aggregate information, as well as quarterly and annual reports. These reports are not being communicated to the Emergency Planning Official despite several requests from the District for them. Chief Watkinson stated that Emergency Planning is unable to move forward without this information from Transport Canada.

MP Kamp stated that he will follow up with the reporting agencies to ensure that the necessary reports are sent to the Emergency Planning Official.

The Mayor thanked MP Kamp on behalf of Council for his years of service to the Mission community. MP Kamp and Mike Murray left the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

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(b) Security Options for the Downtown Core

Following a discussion regarding hiring security for the downtown core, it was moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Nicholson, and

RESOLVED: That two security guards be hired for a two month trial period to patrol the downtown core Monday through Saturday between 6 and 10 a.m., with funding to be provided from the Gaming Reserve Fund as established in the 2015 budget.

CARRIED

Staff were directed to consult with the Downtown Business Association and Museum staff, and to provide a report to Council at the end of the two month trial period.

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(c) Illegal Dumping

Council discussed the issue of illegal dumping and proposed instituting a \$500 reward for the identification and successful prosecution of individuals illegally dumping materials within the District of Mission. Chief Watkinson noted that other municipalities have seen an increase in illegal dumping of materials from synthetic drug labs and that the materials are extremely hazardous in nature.

Council discussed methods for identifying the origin of illegally dumped barrels and procedures for disposing of the dumped material.

Council directed staff to investigate potential options to prevent illegal dumping and to report back to Council with suggestions.

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(d) 2015-2019 Capital Plan Review

A report dated April 13, 2015 from the Manager of Accounting Services regarding the 2015-2019 Capital Plan was provided for Council's information. This report provided Council with the 2015 capital plans and a listing of the unfunded capital projects.

Council directed staff to review the listing of unfunded projects and identify projects that pose an immediate safety concern for further review, as well as identify projects to be prioritized for the next Capital Plan project.

4. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC

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Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Alexis, and

RESOLVED:

1. That pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, the public be excluded from this portion of the meeting as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:
 - Section 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter* – labour relations or other employee relations.
 - Section 90(1)(g) of the *Community Charter* – litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality
2. That Council immediately resolve into the closed portion of their meeting.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING


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Moved by Councillor Alexis, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

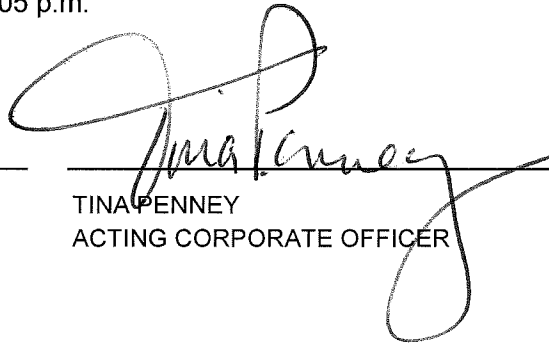
RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



RANDY HAWES
MAYOR



TINA PENNEY
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER