



MINUTES - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 31, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, BC

Council Present: Mayor Paul Horn
Councillor Angel Elias
Councillor Jag Gill
Councillor Carol Hamilton

Council Absent: Councillor Mark Davies
Councillor Ken Herar
Councillor Danny Plecas

Staff Present: Mike Younie, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Russell, Corporate Officer
Louis Dauphin, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture
Taryn Hubbard, Manager of Communications and Public Engagement
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Barclay Pitkethly, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Doug Stewart, Director of Finance
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

Board of Education
Trustees Present: Chair Shelley Carter
Trustee Jash Bain
Trustee Randy Cairns

Board of Education
Trustees Absent: Vice-Chair Tracy Loffler
Trustee Linda Hamel

School District No. 75
Staff Present: Angus Wilson, Superintendent
Corien Becker, Secretary Treasurer
Dana McLean, Director of Operations

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SC23-003

Moved by Councillor Elias

Seconded by Councillor Gill

RESOLVED: That the January 31, 2023 Special Council Meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion with the Board of Education / School District No. 75

1. City of Mission Long Range Planning Initiatives and the Need for School District Involvement/Planning

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an update on the City's affordable housing strategy and the upcoming *Official Community Plan* (OCP) review on behalf of the Manager of Long Range Planning and Special Projects was unable to attend the meeting.

Discussion ensued on these projects and the important role played by Mission Public Schools, as a key community stakeholder.

2. Homelessness

i. Homeless Camping in Wooded Area of Heritage Park Middle School Grounds and Fraser River Heritage Park - Mayor Horn

Discussion ensued on homelessness and camping in the wooded area of the Heritage Park Mission School and Fraser River Heritage Park sites. Mayor Horn stressed the importance of collaboration and communication between the two organizations.

ii. Homelessness, Small Homes and Trades Programming at Riverside College / Mission Senior Secondary - Trustee Cairns

Trustee Cairns suggested that there might be opportunities for coordination between the municipality and the School District trades programs. Discussion ensued on small homes, development trends, the BC Building Code, Provincial efforts to address homelessness.

3. Traffic Safety / Issues

A number of traffic safety related issues were discussed, including:

- concerns related to increased traffic flow in the vicinity of the schools;
- recent coordination between the School District and the City of Mission to promote pedestrian safety in and around Windebank Elementary and Heritage Park Middle School, including changes to the transit schedule;
- the role of crossing guards; and
- the importance of the School District and the City partnering with each other and with outside agencies where possible to promote pedestrian safety.

City of Mission and School District staff were asked to work together on the issue of student safety and to bring forward recommendations for consideration by their respective governing bodies.

The Manager of Long Range Planning and Special Projects was directed to provide information to the School District on pedestrian access and road design in/around Stave Heights and anticipated road design along the Stave Lake corridor.

4. Regulation of Vape Stores - Trustee Bains

Trustee Bains expressed concerns about the health risks associated with vaping and asked if there might be ways in which the municipality could use its regulatory power to discourage the acquisition of vaping products by the city's youth. The Deputy Chief Administrative Office explained that vape is a legal product and the City does not have regulatory authority over its sale. Discussion ensued on the need for more educational awareness on this topic.

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that he would speak with RCMP Inspector Lewko about alleged underage sale of vaping products in Mission.

5. Shared Sponsorship / Marketing of Opioid/Drug Forum - Mayor Horn

Mayor Horn asked if the School District would be interested in helping to organize a follow-up event to the Public Overdose Forum/Symposium that took place on November 8, 2022. Discussion ensued and there was general agreement that a coordinated effort is needed.

6. Pickleball Follow-up and Joint Sport Facilities Planning (e.g. turf field, hockey in spring) - Mayor Horn

Discussion ensued on the ever growing demand for additional community recreation space, the existing joint use agreement and whether or not there is currently a mechanism for addressing disagreements/disputes.

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture stated that a report will be coming to Council regarding options for pickleball courts in Mission.

7. Project Advocacy - Chair Carter

Given the significant growth that is anticipated for Mission, it was agreed that the School District and the municipality need to work in cooperation with one another to ensure that needs of the residents, now and in the future, are met.

A brief discussion ensued on the School District's planning and advocacy with regard to new and replacement schools in Mission.

8. Relationship Building and Collaboration - Chair Carter

Chair Carter and Mayor Horn both stressed the importance of the relationship between the municipality and the School District. Discussion ensued on the importance of relationship building, collaboration, coordination, and open communication.

4. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

SC23-004

Moved by Councillor Elias

Seconded by Councillor Hamilton

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;
- Section 90(1)(d) of the *Community Charter* – the security of the property of the municipality;
- Section 90(1)(f) of the *Community Charter* – law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;

- Section 90(1)(g) of the *Community Charter* – litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
- Section 90(1)(k) of the *Community Charter* – negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; 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

5. ADJOURNMENT

SC23-005

Moved by Councillor Elias

Seconded by Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

PAUL HORN
MAYOR

JENNIFER RUSSELL
CORPORATE OFFICER