



MINUTES - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 11, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, BC

Council Present:	Mayor Paul Horn Councillor Cal Crawford Councillor Mark Davies Councillor Jag Gill Councillor Carol Hamilton Councillor Ken Herar Councillor Danny Plecas
Staff Present:	Mike Younie, Chief Administrative Officer Doug Stewart, Director of Finance Allyssa Fischer, Administrative Assistant
Others Present	Shona Brown, Executive Director Jen Cook, Primary Care Network Manager Cristina Rouillier, Project Manager Bob Ingram Dr. Peter Barnsdale Dr. Jeff Kornelsen (via Zoom) Dr. Carol Pomeroy

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SC22-001

Moved by Councillor Plecas

Seconded by Councillor Gill

RESOLVED:

That the agenda for the Special Council Meeting of April 11, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion with the Mission Division of Family Practice

1. Future Uses of Mission Memorial Hospital (Third Floor)

Discussion ensued on the future use of the third floor of the Mission Memorial Hospital. Potential uses discussed included additional space for internal medicine, post-procedure care, and rehabilitation space. Dr. Kornelsen stated that there was no capacity to cover a birthing unit at the hospital at this time due to a lack of obstetricians to cover both Abbotsford and Mission hospitals.

Discussion ensued on the future of the hospital and it was noted that further conversation was required to analyze how the campus as a whole could be optimally used and how the hospital could better meet the needs of not only the Mission community, but the entire Fraser Valley region.

2. Effective Advocacy for Local Health Services

The following summarized points were discussed in relation to effective advocacy for local health services:

- meet with Fraser Health Authority and determine their priorities for health care in Mission;
- organize a symposium of medical partners to discuss the future of health care in Mission;
- communicate with residents to advise them of the full range of health care services locally available;
- perform a city-wide analysis of healthcare needs; and
- create a planned zone, designation, or area for medical space.

SC22-002

Moved by Mayor Horn

Seconded by Councillor Crawford

RESOLVED:

1. That staff be directed to invite Fraser Health Authority to meet with Council;
2. That staff organize a symposium of medical partners; and
3. That staff consider the needs of the medical community during the next review of the Official Community Plan.

CARRIED

3. City of Mission's Role in Physician and Nurse Practitioner Recruitment

Discussion ensued in regards to physician recruitment and retention and the following suggestions were noted by members of the MDFP:

- holding conversations with local practitioners regarding supports that are needed to remain in the community;
- designating an individual or team dedicated to recruitment;
- proactively connecting with new physicians graduating out of medical school;
- ensuring an adequate supply of office and clinic space;
- assisting in the provision of appropriate support staff in place to cover administrative duties; and
- providing affordable housing options for practitioners.

Dr. Kornelsen left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Members of the MDFP answered Council's questions in regards to the number of local physicians and the ratio of doctors to patients.

Council discussed the possibility of establishing a committee focused on medical professional recruitment and retention.

4. Space Planning (MDFP)

Dr. Barnsdale discussed the challenges with the current fee-for-service funding model and described the struggle facing community health practitioners when it comes to choosing a location to practice medicine, including finding and leasing space, hiring administrative staff, and building maintenance. He noted that the additional responsibilities reduce their ability to practice medicine and that physicians would appreciate business support.

Discussion ensued on office support, the construction of mixed-use medical and residential buildings, and exploring opportunities within the private sector.

5. Primary Care Network

Jen Cook provided an overview of the work the Primary Care Network (PCN) has completed to date. She stated that over the past two years, PCN had assisted in attaching an additional 3,500 residents to doctors, but noted that the attachment gap in Mission is believed to be over 14,000 people. She discussed challenges facing Mission's medical practitioners, such as the Ministry of Health's delay in implementing

Population Based Funding, which had been an important consideration for a number of PCN's strategies. She also described recent accomplishments, including a number of Allied Health hires and the creation of working groups with a focus on mental health and substance use and indigenous relations.

Discussion ensued, and members of the Mission Division of Family Practice answered Council's questions in regard to Population Based Funding and challenges around physician and nurse practitioner recruitment and retention.

Dr. Pomeroy left the meeting at 2:32 pm.

Councillor Herar left the meeting at 2:33 pm.

Members of Council expressed their gratitude to the Mission Division of Family Practice for their dedication to improving health care in Mission.

4. ADJOURNMENT

SC22-003

Moved by Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Davies

RESOLVED:

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

PAUL HORN
MAYOR

JENNIFER RUSSELL
CORPORATE OFFICER