



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 30, 2020

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT:

- Mayor Lyn Hall, Chair
- Councillor Everitt
- Councillor Frizzell
- Councillor Krause
- Councillor McConnachie
- Councillor Ramsay
- Councillor Sampson
- Councillor Scott
- Councillor Skakun

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Ms. Kathleen Soltis, City Manager
- Mr. Walter Babicz, General Manager of Administrative Services
- Mr. Kris Dalio, Director of Finance
- Mr. Adam Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety
- Ms. Leslie Kellett, Legislative Coordinator

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Krause

That the agenda for the special meeting of Council scheduled for April 30, 2020, be amended by adding a PowerPoint presentation at agenda item B.2, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT - COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL,
CHAIR

B.1 Response to COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts

Discussion commenced and K. Dalio, Director of Finance, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES the capital project deferrals shown on Appendix “A” attached to the report from the Director of Finance to the Standing Committee on Finance and Audit dated April 16, 2020, titled “Financial Update and Response to COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts”, and that the 2020 – 2024 Capital Plan be AMENDED accordingly.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Krause

Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council APPROVES the proposed funding source changes for certain capital projects as set out in Appendix “B” attached to the report from the Director of Finance to the Standing Committee on Finance and Audit dated April 16, 2020, titled “Financial Update and Response to COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts”, and that the applicable Capital Plans be AMENDED accordingly.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council APPROVES the discontinuation of Mayor and Council's 2020 cost of living increase, effective May 1, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw No. 7280, 2001, Amendment Bylaw No. 9125, 2020”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw No. 7280, 2001, Amendment Bylaw No. 9125, 2020.”

Carried Unanimously

City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No.7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9126, 2020

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9126, 2020”.

Carried

Councillor Ramsay opposed.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9126, 2020”.

Carried

Councillor Ramsay opposed.

CITY MANAGER - KATHLEEN SOLTIS

B.2 April 20, 2020 Standing Committee on Finance and Audit Information Requests

Ms. Kathleen Soltis, City Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding "Covid-19 2020 Budget Impacts" including information on requests for information from the Standing Committee on Finance and Audit, revenue and expense impacts of closing the Four Seasons Leisure Pool for the remainder of 2020, opportunities for reallocation of Council budgets, options for reducing 2020 Tax Levy Increase, the 2020 budget gap, staff impacted by COVID-19 to date, required staff reduction to further reduce the levy, and 1.75 Tax Levy increase option impacts per tax class.

Discussion commenced. K. Soltis, City Manager, and K. Dalio, Director of Finance, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council:

1. RECEIVES information concerning the revenue and expense impacts of closing the Four Seasons Leisure Pool for the remainder of 2020; and
2. DIRECTS administration to bring a report to Council when the Four Seasons Leisure Pool is permitted to reopen.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council RECEIVES the 2020 Council Discretionary Expenses information.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES a 0.88% tax levy increase for 2020.

Defeated

Mayor Hall, Councillors Everitt, Frizzell, Krause, Ramsay and Scott opposed.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council APPROVES the 2020 1.75% tax levy increase option detailed in the report dated April 29, 2020 from Kathleen Soltis, City Manager, titled "April 20, 2020 Standing Committee on Finance and Audit Information Requests."

Carried

Councillors Sampson and Skakun opposed.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

C.1 Correspondence dated April 27, 2020 from Warren Glack regarding the Four Seasons Leisure Pool

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence item C.1.

Carried Unanimously

D. ADJOURNMENT

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:47 P.M.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That there being no further business the Special Meeting of Council, BE ADJOURNED.

Carried Unanimously

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