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TOWN OF SIDNEY

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, April 20, 2020  
Council Chambers  
6:00 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** Mayor C. McNeil-Smith  
Councillors: S. Garnett and C. Rintoul  
Councillors: S. Duncan, B. Fallot, T. O’Keeffe and P. Wainwright (*via electronically*)

**Staff:** R. Humble, Chief Administrative Officer  
A. Hicik, Director of Corporate Services  
W. Maxwell, Manager of Information Services  
S. Nelson, Corporate Officer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Mayor respectfully acknowledged that this evening’s meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ people.

The Mayor expressed heartfelt condolences to the communities and families in Nova Scotia after the senseless mass shooting that occurred and expressed appreciation to those serving in the RCMP.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2020.16.208 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. STAFF REPORT**

**a. Property Tax Relief Measures**

2020.16.209 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the 2020-2024 Financial Plan be amended to reflect a 0% general tax increase for Residential properties, and a 10% general tax decrease for Commercial and Light Industrial properties, with the offsetting funding to come from Accumulated Surplus.

**OPPOSED: Councillors: S. Duncan & P. Wainwright**  
**MOTION CARRIED 5:2**

2020.16.210 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that staff be directed to bring forward an Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw, featuring tax penalty dates as follows:

- a. Property classes 1, 2 and 9 – 5% for amounts outstanding after July 31<sup>st</sup>; an additional 5% for amounts outstanding after December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Property classes 5, 6 and 8 – 5% for amounts outstanding after September 30<sup>th</sup>; an additional 5% for amounts outstanding after December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**OPPOSED: Councillor C. Rintoul**  
**MOTION CARRIED 6:1**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

2020.16.211 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER