



TOWN OF SIDNEY

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Council Chambers

3:30 p.m.

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

Staff: R. Humble, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Verhagen, Senior Manager of Current Planning/Recovery Director (*via electronically*)
P. Kully, Executive Assistant/Communications Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2020.35.426 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor T. O’Keeffe, that the agenda be approved with the addition of item 3 - Public Participation and item 5 - New Business (a) Short-term Vacation Rentals, and (b) Economic Advisory Committee and COVID Recovery Task Force Governance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Electronic Participation:

1. **D. Calveley, 9655 First Street** – provided comments on the public survey results conducted by the COVID Recovery staff and noted that a recurring issue raised was mental health concerns. He recommended that in regards to public engagement around COVID recovery, it is important to provide in-person engagement opportunities and that there are constant opportunities for public engagement. In regards to the COVID recovery working groups, he requested that Council provide more authority to them, delegate initiatives to established organizations and provide an operating budget.

Public Participation Period closed at 3:39 p.m.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Economic Advisory Committee - July 10, 2020**

2020.35.427 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Minutes of the Economic Advisory Committee Meeting of July 10, 2020, be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes contain recommendation(s) regarding:

R.1 Initiatives to Support Economic Recovery

2020.35.428 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the Town set as a priority advocating on behalf of businesses for increased/improved Internet and cell capacity.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.35.429 R.2 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Council receive the following recommendation from the EAC for information: *that the Town keep costs down and limit demands on businesses during recovery.*

OPPOSED: Councillors: S. Duncan, S. Garnett, T. O'Keeffe & P. Wainwright

MOTION DEFEATED 4:3

2020.35.430 R.3 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Council receive the following recommendation from the EAC for information: *that the Town request the Chamber explore, with SBIA, the feasibility of creating a Safe Sidney marketing campaign.*

OPPOSED: Councillor T. O'Keeffe
MOTION CARRIED 6:1

b. COVID-19 Recovery Task Force - July 14 & July 28, 2020

2020.35.431 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Minutes of the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force Meeting of July 14 and July 28, 2020, be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes contain recommendation(s) regarding:

R.1 Economic Recovery & Resiliency

2020.35.432 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that a working group consisting of M. Shaw, D. Warner, G. Cavers, and A. Verhagen be established to develop a COVID-19 safety themed poster for businesses and a printed COVID-19 information resource piece for distribution to businesses and the public, to be implemented as soon as is practicable.

OPPOSED: Councillor T. O'Keeffe
MOTION CARRIED 6:1

R.2 Community Recovery & Resiliency

2020.35.433 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that a working group consisting of B. Fallot, S. Duck, D. Calveley, and M. Shaw be established to develop a printed information resource piece with what the leading community organizations are offering to the public; and review the feasibility of the BIA information cart being set up to distribute this and other information, to be implemented as soon as is practicable.

OPPOSED: Councillor T. O'Keeffe
MOTION CARRIED 6:1

2020.35.434 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor P. Wainwright:

- a. That the Sidney BIA, with the involvement from the two Task Force Working Groups, implement the Safe Sidney marketing campaign and the Community Organizations marketing campaign and report back to the Task Force, and
- b. That the Town provide a budget to a maximum of \$3,000 to the Sidney BIA for the two marketing campaigns, with a report back to the Task Force.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R.3

2020.35.435 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the Town organize an initiative for virtual Town Hall meetings for the public, with participants including a mix of Council members, Town Recovery team and other staff, and leaders from community organizations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R.4
2020.35.436 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Mayor and Council do walkabouts engaging the public and businesses regarding COVID-19 topics, and distribute information pieces from the two working groups as appropriate.

**OPPOSED: Councillors: S. Garnett, S. Duncan, C. Rintoul,
T. O'Keeffe & P. Wainwright
MOTION DEFEATED 5:2**

R.5
2020.35.437 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that staff issue a special COVID-19 edition of *Town Talk* for as early as possible with a preferred goal of September.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Short-Term Vacation Rentals

Councillor T. O'Keeffe requested the status from staff on the enforcement of banning short-term vacation rentals within Sidney followed by an update report in September.

Mr. R. Humble, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the Town's one Bylaw Officer has been completely focused on daily COVID related duties and wellness checks. Staff will report to Council once they are able to undertake this.

Councillor P. Wainwright left the meeting.

b. Economic Advisory Committee and COVID Recovery Task Force Governance

Councillor T. O'Keeffe suggested that there is some cross over between the EAC and the Recovery Task Force and suggested that the EAC focus on initiatives that are economic recovery while the Task Force focuses on other initiatives.

Mayor C. McNeil-Smith and Councillor C. Rintoul, as liaisons of the various committees, are comfortable with the current direction and feel cross over will not be problematic moving forward.

6. ADJOURNMENT

2020.35.438 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER