



TOWN OF SIDNEY

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 15, 2020
Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.

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
B. Mikkelsen, Fire Chief / EOC Director
A. Verhagen, Senior Manager of Current Planning / Director of Recovery Planning
S. Nelson, Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2020.25.316 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the agenda be approved with the addition of a Public Participation Period.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.25.317 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that staff be directed to bring a Council Procedure Bylaw amendment to Council at a future date to allow Public Participation Period at Special Council meetings at the discretion of the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Electronic Participation:

1. **J. Treleaven** - thanked the Mayor for speaking to the Rotary Club of Sidney-by-the Sea regarding the COVID-19 crisis; thanked Council for doing more by reducing the tax burden on businesses by 10%; noted these are unprecedented times and it is important for Council to use their judgement rather than focusing on process; and encouraged Council to continue to reach out to business owners.

Public Participation Period closed at 6:15 p.m.

4. STAFF REPORT

a. Transition from Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to a Long-Term Recovery Structure

2020.25.318 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett:

1. That Council sees merit in adopting a “Long-Term Recovery Structure,” led by the Senior Manager of Current Planning and supported by the Fire Department and Emergency Management Office Services Coordinator, which will report directly to the policy group; and

2. That a select committee be established to support, inform, and assist the Recovery Director in identifying projects focusing on economic and cultural recovery in the Town.

**OPPOSED: Councillors: T. O'Keeffe & P. Wainwright
MOTION CARRIED 5:2**

Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul:

1. That the Terms of Reference for the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force be approved.

- 2020.25.319 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the South Island Prosperity Project (SIPP) be removed as a voting member on the Task Force's membership to a non-voting member.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2020.25.320 Moved by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that School District No. 63 be added to the Task Force's membership as a voting member.

**OPPOSED: Mayor & Councillors: S. Garnett, C. Rintoul & P. Wainwright
MOTION DEFEATED: 4:3**

- 2020.25.321 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the Mary Winspear Centre be removed from the Task Force's membership as a voting member.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2020.25.322 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the Sidney Community Association (SCA) be removed from the Task Force's membership as a voting member.

**OPPOSED: Mayor & Councillors: S. Duncan, B. Fallot, S. Garnett,
T. O'Keeffe & C. Rintoul
MOTION DEFEATED 6:1**

- 2020.25.323 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, that the WSANEC Leadership Council be removed from the Task Force's membership as a voting member.

**OPPOSED: Councillor S. Garnett
MOTION CARRIED 6:1**

- 2020.25.324 Moved by Councillor S. Duncan, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the Peninsula Connections for Early Childhood be added to the Task Force's membership as a voting member.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2020.25.325 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, that section 2 - Purpose, in the Task Force's Terms of Reference be amended by replacing the word "and" with "through" as follows:

"The Taskforce, reporting to Council (Policy Group) through the Recovery Director, ..."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2020.25.326 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor P. Wainwright, that section 2 - Purpose, in the Task Force's Terms of Reference be amended by removing the words "and implementing" as follows:

"... will be responsible for considering and developing programs and actions to ..."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The question was called on the original motion as amended:

- 2020.25.327 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul:
1. That the Terms of Reference for the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force be approved as amended.

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

5. MOTION TO GO "IN-CAMERA" (CLOSED MEETING)

- 2020.25.328 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that it is in the opinion of Council that the public interest requires that persons other than members of Council and Officers be excluded from the meeting to consider confidential matters relating to personal information, pursuant to section 90.1 (a) of the *Community Charter* and that Council continue the meeting in closed session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. ADJOURNMENT

- 2020.25.329 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER