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TOWN OF SIDNEY

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, March 26, 2020  
Council Chambers  
4:00 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor S. Duncan

**Staff:** R. Humble, Chief Administrative Officer  
A. Hicik, Director of Corporate Services  
P. Kully, Executive Assistant/Communications Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2020.12.172 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor P. Wainwright, that the agenda be approved with the addition of item 3b - Verbal Report on Order of the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and item 4b - Notice of Motion for Tax Relief Options.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. BYLAW**

**b. Order of the Minister or Public Safety and Solicitor General – Emergency Program Act Ministerial Order No. M083**

The Director of Corporate Services provided a verbal report on the Ministerial Order. The Order provides the following temporary measures to local governments during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Regular Council meetings may be closed to public attendance, but will continue to be considered open meetings of Council. The Town’s changes to public participation by email will apply, and meetings will continue to be streamed live.
- Council Meetings may be held remotely, allowing some or all members of Council to call in.
- Bylaws may receive three readings and adoption at one meeting, rather than having to have 24 hours between third reading and adoption.

**a. Bylaw No. 2188 - Council & Committees Procedure, Amendment No. 3**  
(To permit electronic participation by members at meetings).

2020.12.173 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that Bylaw No. 2188 - Council & Committees Procedure, Amendment No. 3, be adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. TAX RELIEF**

**a. Notice of Motion for Tax Relief Options**

2020.12.174 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor T. O’Keeffe, that the Notice of Motion be considered this evening.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2020.12.175 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor T. O’Keeffe, that staff bring forward, to the next regular Council meeting on April 14, 2020, options for reducing the general tax increase to zero.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2020.12.176 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that staff bring forward, to the next regular Council meeting on April 14, 2020, options for additional tax relief for Commercial and Light Industrial properties.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

2020.12.177 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that it is in the opinion of Council that the public interest requires that persons other than members of the Council and Officers be excluded from the meeting to consider a confidential matter respecting personal information, pursuant to section 90.1 (a) of the *Community Charter* and that the Council continue the meeting in closed session.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

2020.12.178 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that the meeting be adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER