



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Pitt Meadows City Council

July 23, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber

12007 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2B5

Elected Officials:

Mayor N. MacDonald
Councillor T. Elke
Councillor A. Evans
Councillor M. Hayes
Councillor M. Manion
Councillor B. Meachen
Councillor G. O'Connell

Guests:

L. Norman, Pitt Meadows Museum & Archives

Staff:

M. Roberts, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Barchard, Corporate Officer
T. Barr, Deputy Corporate Officer
D. Chamberlain, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
S. Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations
P. Ward, Director of Planning & Development
K. Vahidi, Project Engineer – Major Projects

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor MacDonald acknowledged with respect and gratitude that the City of Pitt Meadows is located on the traditional, unceded territory of ąiǰǰǰ (Katzie) First Nation who were stewards of this land since time immemorial.

B. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the agenda for the July 23, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

D.1 Public Hearing for Rezoning Application for Restaurants in Golden Ears Business Park

Mayor MacDonald opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Patrick Ward, Director of Planning and Development, presented an overview of the application. Three (3) written submissions were received prior to the conclusion of the public hearing and form part of the original minutes as Attachment 1.

Mayor MacDonald then read aloud the public hearing process statement and invited members of the public to make comment for the first time.

The following members of the community took part in the public hearing opportunity:

Dan Kosicki, Pitt Meadows - regarding importance of providing food service options in an industrial area and support for the application.

Mayor MacDonald invited members of the public to make comment. With no additional members engaging, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:07 p.m.

E. QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

The following members of the public engaged in Question & Comment Period:

- Heather Emmett, Pitt Meadows - concerns regarding the significant health & safety implications associated with the installation of a third track by CPKC. Heather also inquired as to whether or not there's been a response to the City's latest letter to CPKC and Transport Canada.

- Brian Anderson, Pitt Meadows - regarding clarification as to who is the lead agency for the road and rail project and the status of the City's partnership with the related agencies.
- Dan Kosicki, Pitt Meadows - regarding clarification/reasoning for the delays in progressing the project and concerns that ongoing delays will be further impacted by a federal election.
- Ryan Hazlett, Pitt Meadows - regarding the negative impacts to the community should the overpass be considered regardless of it being a 'cheaper' option.

F. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Minutes of the following Council meetings be approved as circulated:

- F.1 July 9, 2024, Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting of Council
- F.2 July 9, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council

CARRIED

G. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

G.1 The History of Pitt Meadows

Mayor MacDonald introduced Leslie Norman, Curator with the Pitt Meadows Museum & Archives, who presented the early history of the city of Pitt Meadows. Highlights of the presentation included:

- An overview of explorers & settlers;
- History of City infrastructure;
- An overview of agriculture in the community; and
- The beginnings of local government.

For more information on the programs and services offered by the Pitt Meadows Museum & Archives, please visit:

<https://www.pittmeadowsmuseum.com>

H. REPORTS

H.1 **Harris Road Park and Pitt Meadows Athletic Park – What We Heard Report**

Diane Chamberlain, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, presented an overview of the Staff Report.

Council members participated in a roundtable discussion.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT Council:

- A. Receive for information the 'Harris Road Park and Pitt Meadows Athletic Park – What We Heard Report' as presented at the July 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

H.2 **Autonomous RCMP and Harris Road Park Washroom Update**

Kasra Vahidi, Project Engineer, presented an update on the construction projects for the RCMP Detachment and Harris Road Park washroom building. Highlights of the presentation included a construction update on the RCMP detachment and Harris Road Park washroom as well as anticipated next steps.

Council members participated in a roundtable discussion.

No motions were considered.

H.3 **Harris Road Grade Separation Update**

Mayor MacDonald introduced the topic and provided a brief history of the grade separation project and the City's ongoing advocacy.

Samantha Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations, presented an overview and update on the grade separation. Highlights of the presentation included:

- background of the Harris Road Underpass Project;
- communications with key parties related to the project;
- draft renderings for an overpass option; and
- next steps.

No motions were considered.

H.4 Expanded Drainage Study, Drainage Designs and Invasive Species Management Plan Grant Application

Samantha Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations, provided a verbal overview of a grant opportunity available through the Investment Agricultural Foundation of BC's (IAF's) Agriculture Water Infrastructure Program [Stream 3].

Council members participated in a roundtable discussion.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT Council:

- A. Endorse staff's submission of an application to Investment Agricultural Foundation of BC's (IAF's) Agriculture Water Infrastructure Program (AWP) - Stream 3: Assessments, Engineering Studies or Plans for up to \$150,000 in grant funding; AND
- B. Support the expanded drainage and irrigation study, culvert design guidelines, flood box rehabilitation design and creation of an invasive species management plan, which will better inform future infrastructure improvements and improve agricultural water supply and management.

CARRIED

H.5 Baynes Rd Pump Station: Automated Trash Racks Grant Application

Samantha Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations, provided a verbal overview of a grant opportunity available through the Investment Agricultural Foundation of BC's (IAF's) Agriculture Water Infrastructure Program [Stream 2].

Council members participated in a roundtable discussion.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT Council:

- A. Endorse staff's submission of an Expression of Interest (EOI) and future application to Investment Agricultural Foundation of BC's (IAF's) Agriculture Water Infrastructure Program (AWP) - Stream 2: Community Projects for up to \$1,200,000 in grant funding; AND
- B. Support the planned Baynes Rd Pump Station – Automated Trash Racks Project, which will create more efficient and reliable infrastructure, increase the available storage capacity and better protect agricultural lands from flooding.

CARRIED

H.6 Agricultural Land Commission Non-Adhering Residential Use Application for 19731 Richardson Road

Patrick Ward, Director of Planning and Development, presented an overview of the Staff Report.

Council members participated in a roundtable discussion.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT Council:

- A. Direct staff to forward the Non-Adhering Residential Use Application for additional farm worker housing at 19731 Richardson Rd, as presented at the July 23, 2024 Council meeting, to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation of support.

CARRIED

H.7 Lower Mainland Agriculture Roundtable

Patrick Ward, Director of Planning and Development, provided a verbal overview of the Staff Report.

Council members participated in a roundtable discussion.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT Council:

- A. Direct staff to arrange a meeting with surrounding agricultural municipalities as outlined in the “Lower Mainland Agricultural Roundtable” staff report as presented at the July 23, 2024 Public Council Meeting.

CARRIED

H.8 Amendments to Council Policies C003, C011 and C039

Kate Barchard, Corporate Officer, provided an overview of the Staff Report.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT Council:

- A. Approve amendments to the following Council Policies as presented at the July 23, 2024 Council Meeting:
 - 1. Council Policy C003 - Proclamations and Announcements; AND
 - 2. Council Policy C011 - Commissioner for Taking Affidavits; AND

3. Council Policy C039 - Distribution of Agendas and Minutes.

CARRIED

H.9 2023-2034 Community Works Fund (CWF) Agreement Renewal

Kate Barchard, Corporate Officer, provided a verbal overview of the Staff Report.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT Council:

- A. Approve the 2024-2034 Community Works Fund Agreement as presented at the July 23, 2024 Council meeting; AND
- B. Authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

CARRIED

I. BYLAWS & PERMITS

I.1 Heron's Nest: Non-market Housing and Child Care Project at 19085 119B Avenue

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT Council:

- A. Adopt Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 2982, 2024 to authorize the City to enter into a housing agreement with Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation for the Heron's Nest non-market housing and child care development at 19085 119B Avenue; AND
- B. Adopt Development Cost Charges Reduction Amendment Bylaw No. 2983, 2024.

CARRIED

J. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Council provided updates on recent community involvement and events.

K. QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Heather Emmett, Pitt Meadows - regarding difficulty in visualizing the initial renderings of the overpass and impact to Harris Road, inquiry as to how public engagement will roll out, estimated costs for the overpass, and technical assessments.

Brian Anderson, Pitt Meadows - regarding an inquiry as to why the City doesn't prefer the overpass versus an underpass and if any of the key project principles have changed.

Ryan Hazlett, Pitt Meadows - regarding the community feedback received in 2023 relating to the Harris Road Park and doesn't believe that the survey captured the views of the community.

Merle Ransom, Pitt Meadows - regarding concerns of smoking in Hoffmann Park.

Patricia Gordon, Pitt Meadows - regarding the port's renderings and comparison to City of Burnaby's recent announcement of an overpass funded by CN, the port and the federal government.

L. COUNCIL PRIORITIES

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Signed and certified as correct:

Nicole MacDonald, Mayor

Kate Barchard, Corporate Officer