



Minutes of the Special (Public) Meeting of Pitt Meadows City Council

November 23, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber

12007 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2B5

Elected Officials:

Mayor B. Dingwall
Councillor M. Hayes
Councillor N. MacDonald
Councillor B. Meachen
Councillor T. Miyashita
Councillor G. O'Connell
Councillor A. Simpson by Video Conference

Guests:

Allison & Asalah Barton Youssef
Matthew Johnston, RWDI Consultants
Ben Coulson, RWDI Consultants by Video Conference
Laura Dailyde, RWDI Consultants by Video Conference
Matthew Wagstaff, Envirochem Services Inc. by Video Conference
Stephen Slawuta, RC Strategies

Staff:

M. Roberts, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Baldrige, Manager of Communications & Community Engagement
by Video Conference
K. Barchard, Corporate Officer
T. Barr, Deputy Corporate Officer
A. Berry, Director of Planning & Development by Video Conference
D. Chamberlain, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
J. Hart, Manager, Major Projects
S. Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations
C. McDowell, Manager, Recreation & Culture

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Dingwall acknowledged that the meeting was held on the traditional territory of the Katzie First Nation.

Mayor Dingwall spoke to the recent flood events in the province and the efforts by Staff and the City's Emergency Program. Mayor Dingwall then addressed a development proposal which has peaked the interest of the community and assured those present that no application has yet been received by the City for Council's consideration.

B. LATE ITEMS

None.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the agenda for the November 23, 2021 Special (Public) Meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

D. QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Dingwall introduced a motion to adjust the protocol for Question & Comment Period. Council members participated in a roundtable discussion.

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

WHEREAS the Community Charter and Local Government Act do not mandate the provision of a "Question and Comment Period" during Council Meetings;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Pitt Meadows provides a variety of opportunities for community engagement with Council, including email correspondence, online engagement, public hearings, advisory committee meetings, and Engagement & Priorities Committee meetings;

AND WHEREAS, other local governments have addressed challenges with public engagement at Council meetings by canceling such opportunities altogether, restricting

the number of people who can speak, or limiting comments or questions to agenda topics only;

AND WHEREAS, Council's Procedure Bylaw broadly provides for two "Question and Comment" periods at every regular Council meeting, one at the beginning of the meeting and one at the end of the meeting, with the 'Public Engagement at Council Meetings' Policy establishing 15 minute for each Q&C period, with discussion currently allowed on any city-related topics;

AND WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City and the Community to avoid the following potential negative impacts of public engagement at Council meetings:

- Unreasonably long meetings;
- Can take time away from thoughtful and informed discussions on current agenda items or the advancement of current matters;
- Can set a negative tone for the meeting and potentially deter other members of the public from speaking to agenda items;
- Can result in single issue advocacy that is at times rude or out-of-order, coupled with misinformation presented at the meeting;
- Can result in repetitive questions previously answered or readily available on the City's website; and/or
- Can result in loss of productive time if Council and staff must readdress previously made decisions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council:

- A. Approve the focus of public engagement at regular Council meetings to questions and comments related to agenda items only; AND
- B. Approve an amendment to Council Policy C107 (Public Engagement at Council Meetings) to reflect this change.

CARRIED

*Councillor Simpson voted in the negative.

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

- Ann Blake, Pitt Meadows - regarding the Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan and changes proposed by a potential developer to alter greenspace near Hammond and Harris Road.
- Darlene Mercer, Pitt Meadows - regarding Question and Comment period, engagement of the public, and a request for Council to reconsider tonight's motion.

There was general consent amongst Council to allow questions and comments from the public following consultant presentations relating to Items K.1 and K.2.

E. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

- E.1 November 9, 2021 Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting of Council
- E.2 November 9, 2021 Special (Public) Meeting of Council

CARRIED

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

G. CELEBRATE PITT MEADOWS

G.1 Pitt Meadows Proud™ Campaign Update

Carolyn Baldridge, Manager of Communications & Community Engagement, provided an overview of the campaign and highlighted what makes the community Pitt Meadows Proud™ including a PowerPoint presentation which is included as Attachment 1 and forms part of the original minutes.

Video highlights shown during tonight's presentation can be viewed at:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2ytibBMUhU>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9LTxzll-1w>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7I9WkWQTt3o>

Council members participated in a roundtable discussion.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT Council receive for information the Pitt Meadows Proud™ campaign update as presented at the November 23, 2021 Special (Public) Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

H. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

H.1 Alouette River Management Society ["ARMS"] - Promotional Video

Allison Barton Youssef, and daughter Asalah, introduced the film created to promote the activities and educational opportunities provided by the Alouette River Management Society ["ARMS"].

To view the video, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&app=desktop&v=q8d3CcYwpNY&t=4s>

Council members participated in a roundtable discussion sharing appreciation for the efforts and passion as conveyed through the video.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the following items be received into the record:

J.1 Impact Assessment Act ["IAA"] Designation Request - Minister Determination

J.1.1 Pitt Meadows Road & Rail Project

J.1.2 Logistics Park Vancouver

J.1.3 City of Pitt Meadows Response to Minister Determination

J.2 Railway Property Classification and Taxation

J.2.1 Ministry of Finance Letter to City of Pitt Meadows

J.2.2 Unfair Taxation Benefitting Railway and Industrial Operation

J.3 What You Need to Know - Independent Train Projects in Pitt Meadows and Their Differences

Items J.1.1, J.2.1, J.2.2 and J.3 were pulled for discussion.

Following the discussion, the question was then called on the main motion related to receipt of the Consent Agenda, and it was:

CARRIED

K. STAFF/OTHER REPORTS

K.1 Air Quality Human Health Risk Assessment of Railway Diesel Emissions – Interim Report

Matthew Wagstaff, Environmental Scientist, Air Quality Specialist with Envirochem Services Inc., provided an overview of the analysis including a PowerPoint presentation which is included as Attachment 2 and forms part of the original minutes.

Colin O'Byrne, Project Manager - Community Development, provided a summary of the interim Air Quality study including a PowerPoint presentation which is included as Attachment 3 and forms part of the original minutes. Mr. O'Byrne also spoke to enforceability, relationship to the Road and Rail Improvement Project and the proposed industrial CP Logistics Park.

Council members participated in a roundtable discussion.

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

- A. Receive for information the report, "Air Quality Human Health Risk Assessment of Railway Diesel Emissions – Interim Report," dated October 19, 2021; AND
- B. Direct staff to work with rights-holders, stakeholders, and partner agencies to advocate for enforceable and appropriate health-based air quality standards for railway emissions.

Before the question was called, Mayor Dingwall opened the floor to the public to participate in questions or comments.

William Wild, Pitt Meadows - regarding concern for emission projections specific to Kennedy Road.

Maureen Robertson, Pitt Meadows - regarding access to and final results of the Zoetica Environmental inventory and strategy document.

Lauren Bennewith, Pitt Meadows - regarding consideration of truck activity emissions and their inclusion in the modeling data. (By email: Attachment 4)

The question was then called on the main motion and it was:

CARRIED

K.2 Peer Review of Road and Rail Improvements Project - Noise and Vibration Study and Additional Assessment along the Rail Corridor

Matthew Johnston, RWDI Consultants, provided an overview of findings as a result of their Peer Review of BKL's noise and vibration study including a PowerPoint presentation which is included as Attachment 5 and forms part of the original minutes.

Justin Hart, Manager - Major Projects, then provided Council with a summary of the peer review next steps including a PowerPoint presentation which is included as Attachment 6 and forms part of the original minutes.

Council members participated in a roundtable discussion.

*Councillor O'Connell left the meeting at 9:53 p.m. and returned at 9:58 p.m.

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

- A. Receive for information the staff report titled "Peer Review of Road and Rail Improvements Project – Noise and Vibration Study and Additional Assessment along the Rail Corridor" dated November 16, 2021.

Before the question was called, Mayor Dingwall opened the floor to the public to participate in questions or comments.

William Wild, Pitt Meadows - regarding vibration testing/modeling conducted along Kennedy Road.

Darlene Mercer, Pitt Meadows - regarding appreciation of the City's engagement with RWDI Consultants and an inquiry as to whether or not geotechnical reports have been conducted.

*Councillor Meachen left the meeting at 10:13 p.m. and returned at 10:19 p.m.

The question was then called on the main motion and it was:

CARRIED

K.3 Final Parks, Recreation and Culture Masterplan Document

Carleen McDowell, Manager of Recreation & Culture, provided a brief history of the master plan process and introduced Stephen Slawuta, Consultant with RC Strategies.

Mr. Slawuta provided an overview and summary of the final Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan including a PowerPoint presentation which is included as Attachment 7 and forms part of the original minutes.

Council members participated in a roundtable discussion.

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

- A. Adopt the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan as presented at the November 23, 2021 Council Meeting; AND
- B. Approve the establishment of a Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory committee to begin in 2022 with recruitment in February as part of the annual advisory committee recruitment process.

CARRIED

L. BYLAWS & PERMITS

L.1 Filming Policy Review and Bylaw Amendment

Carleen McDowell, Manager of Recreation & Culture, provided an overview of the Staff Report including a PowerPoint presentation which is included as Attachment 8 and forms part of the original minutes.

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

- A. Approve the amended Council Policy C028 'Filming Policy' as presented at the November 23, 2021 Council Meeting; AND
- B. Grant first, second and third readings to the Filming Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 2880, 2021.

Before the question was called, there was general consent amongst Council to direct staff to include staff contact information within the policy in case of concerns. The question was then called on the main motion and it was:

CARRIED

M. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

None.

N. NOTICE OF CLOSED MEETING

None.

O. QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the community participated in Question and Comment period.

P. COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Q. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Signed and certified as correct:

Bill Dingwall, Mayor

Kate Barchard, Corporate Officer