

Minutes of the **COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE MEETING** of Pitt Meadows City Council held on **Tuesday, December 9, 2008** at 7:00 p.m. in the Meadows Room of the Pitt Meadows City Hall, 12007 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, British Columbia.

**PRESENT:**

Elected Officials: Mayor D.F. MacLean  
Councillor J. Becker, Chair  
Councillor B. Bell  
Councillor D. Bing  
Councillor T. Miyashita  
Councillor G. O'Connell  
Councillor D. Walters

Staff J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Rear, Director of Corporate Services  
K. Grout, Director of Operations & Development Services  
L. Darcus, Director of Legislative Services  
D. Jolley, Director of Fire Services  
K. Swift, Director of Recreation  
S. Jorde, Recreation Manager, Community Connections  
P. Fredricks,  
L. Kelly, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

**A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the agenda for the December 9, 2008 Council in Committee Meeting be amended by adding Item D.8 – Special Meeting on December 11, 2008, AND THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of the November 25, 2008 Council in Committee Meeting.**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bing, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT the Minutes of the Council in Committee Meeting held on November 25, 2008, be adopted.

CARRIED.

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS****1. Introduction of RCMP Officers.**

Constables David Motley, Mike Moore and Tom Sparks introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their duties in Pitt Meadows.

**D. REPORTS****1. 2009 to 2013 Financial Plan.**

The Director of Corporate Services summarized the status of the business planning process and the information that is available to the public at the City Hall and on the website. Mr. Rear said that presentations had been made to Council at Special Meetings on November 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, and a formal presentation was made at the Inaugural Meeting of Council on December 2<sup>nd</sup>; December 11<sup>th</sup> will be the budget finalization day. This is open to the public as Council debates the forthcoming Financial Plan.

*Opportunity for public input.*

John Kelly, #40 - 19452 Fraser Way, Pitt Meadows, had several questions: why a projected tax increase of 10%; why did the City choose the crown corporation as the economic development model; can construction of the South Bonson Amenity Community Centre be delayed; should the Province be requested to contribute to dyking construction?

Staff and Council responded as follows:

The 10% tax increase takes into consideration drainage, sewer, water and solid waste charges – solid waste being the key increase to tax payers this year due to the contract expiring and the City facing large increases; the municipality is also affected by the regional solid waste and recyclables programs. Regarding recyclables, the regional plan is projected to reach 70% diversion and Pitt Meadows is currently only at 35%.

The crown corporation model for economic development was felt to be the best option for an economic office as it would be at arm's length from the City and to be an advocate for the business community; a separate corporation would be able to apply for funding that a municipality would not necessarily have access to; it also it allows for an opportunity to be more entrepreneurial to charge for services.

1. **2009 to 2013 Financial Plan Cont'd.**

Regarding the South Bonson Community Centre, amenity charges have built up the fund to assist in paying for the development of the community centre. The annual amenity charges will be used to pay for the borrowing costs to pay for the building. The City is committed contractually to the developer to build it.

The City continues to request funding from the Province and the Federal Government for infrastructure improvements such as dyking.

2. **Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues – Universal Design Guidelines for Outdoor Spaces: Plan and Design for Choice.**

The Recreation Access Coordinator, Staff Liaison to MACAI, provided the background to the preparation of the Universal Design Guidelines for Outdoor Spaces: Plan and Design for Choice. Projects have been completed such as the relocation of the Pitt Meadows elementary playground with accessible play equipment. Next, 300 copies of the guidelines will be printed and distributed through the Pitt Meadows & Maple Ridge municipal halls. Staff will also look at sharing it with the Ridge Meadows Seniors Society.

**MOVED** by Councillor Bell, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council receive for information the report from the Recreation Access Coordinator, Staff Liaison to Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues dated December 4, 2008, and attached document titled, "Universal Design Guidelines for Outdoor Spaces: Plan and Design for Choice".

CARRIED.

(K. Swift, S. Jorde and P. Frederick left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.)

3. **Economic Development Strategy: Comments From EDAC.  
(13-6750-20)**

A. **MOVED** by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council receive for information the report submitted by the Director of Legislative Services dated November 21, 2008.

CARRIED.

3. **Economic Development Strategy: Comments From EDAC Cont'd. (13-6750-20)**

- B. **MOVED** by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor O'Connell, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council adopt the Economic Development Strategic Plan as circulated on November 10, 2008 with the change as included in Attachment A of said report.

CARRIED.

Staff was directed to re-word page 19 of the Economic Development Strategy to be more specific.

4. **Jersey Joe's Sports Bar and Grill – 19267 Lougheed Highway – Establishment of a Teletheatre. (4320-50/Liquor)**

- C. **MOVED** by Councillor Bell, **SECONDED** by Councillor Miyashita, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council direct that staff seek community input and that a report be brought back to Council about the outcome before Council consideration of A or B of the report.

CARRIED.

The applicant provided documentation to staff which had been completed by clients at Jersey Joe's with respect to tele-theatre support. Ms. Grout said that comments from the public will be provided to Council by the end of January 2009.

5. **Development Permit No. 2008-005 Harris Road – Harris Road Housing Co-operative Building Envelope Remediation. (3060-20-2008-11-P)**

The proponent displayed a colour board regarding the proposed renovations for the Harris Road Co-operative.

- MOVED** by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor O'Connell, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit No. 2008-005

CARRIED.

6. **Historic Places Initiative Grant 2008/09. (2240-20)**

- MOVED** by Councillor Bell, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council receive for information the report by the Director of Operations and Development Services dated December 1, 2008.

CARRIED.

7. **Annual Council Meeting Calendar – 2009. (0530-01)**

*(Referred from Inaugural Council Meeting held on December 2, 2008)*

- A. **MOVED** by Councillor Bell, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council adopt the 2009 Council Meeting Calendar as presented in Attachment A to the report by the Director of Legislative Services dated November 17, 2008.

CARRIED.

With Councillors Bing and O'Connell voting in the negative.

Staff was directed to include the timing for Special (Closed) Council meetings on the next Council in Committee meeting.

8. **Special Meeting of Council – December 11, 2008.**

The Director of Corporate Services circulated the agenda for the December 11, 2008 Special Meeting of Council. Mr. Rear outlined how the budget finalization day would proceed.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

- MOVED** by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Miyashita, THAT this meeting now be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

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Chair