

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of Pitt Meadows City Council held on **Tuesday, June 17, 2008** at 5:30 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  
Councillor D. Bing  
Councillor D. Eisel  
Councillor D. Walters

Staff J. Rudolph, Chief Administrator Officer  
D. Rear, Director of Corporate Services  
K. Grout, Director of Operations & Development Services  
L. Darcus, Director of Legislative Services  
K. Swift, Director of Recreation  
K. Wilson, Administration Clerk, Economic Development  
L. Kelly, Executive Assistant

**GUESTS:** D. Wheeldon, Positive Growth Consulting  
C. Bond, CPMJ Consulting

**ABSENT:** Councillor A. Tolchard

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

**A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** by Councillor Eisel, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bing, THAT the agenda for the June 17, 2008 Special Meeting of Council be adopted.  
CARRIED.

**B. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Economic Development Strategy.**

Colleen Bond, CPMJ Consulting, and Dale Wheeldon, Positive Growth Consulting, provided an overview of the meetings held with staff and local businesses on June 16 and 17. Mr. Wheeldon outlined the proposed schedule, with a strategic planning workshop to be held in September, which will assist in identifying the goals, objectives and action plans. A draft report and work plan will be presented to Council for approval by September 30 with the final report expected by October 31.

**1. Economic Development Strategy Cont'd.**

As the City moves forward with the development of a strategic plan:

The consultants asked what was Council's vision for economic development in the community? The replies included: growth that is high end – Council is prepared to wait for the right development; a livable community that allows citizens to live and work here; development and growth that blends in with the community; high quality business parks; high paying jobs; environmentally sensitive and sustainable; using land wisely while committing to ALR; educational/institutional employment; mixed use development with commercial below and residential above.

The expectation of Council is to have a clearly defined vision addressing the following issues: the strategy and agreement with the Corporation must exhibit accountability; return on investment should be more than just economic in nature; performance measurements and monitoring should be in place; encourage Katzie to participate in the process; business parks should have efficient TransLink services; need to market the existing commercial sites that are vacant; need to develop the airport to make it viable; a tourism component will be included in the economic development strategy; and need a strategy for growth following completion of the first phase;. Once the goals of the strategy have been completed (and the strategy is a living document with options for adjustments) it would be time to review and update the plan. There is an understanding that investment in Economic Development is an investment and the results may take a few years to come to full realization.

For a corporation model for economic development, it will require draft articles of incorporation which the consultants have agreed to prepare.

(D. Wheeldon and C. Bond left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.)

**C. NOTICE OF SPECIAL (CLOSED) COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOVED** by Councillor Eisel, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT, the Council Meeting immediately following this meeting be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to land issues and negotiation for proposed services under Section 90(1) (e) and (k) of the *Community Charter*.

CARRIED.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT this meeting now be adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

CARRIED.

Signed:

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer

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