Minutes

Special Meeting of Council
held in Council Chambers, City Hall
171 Main Street, Penticton, B.C.

Wednesday, December 16, 2015
at 10:00 a.m.

Present:  Mayor Jakubeit
         Councillor Sentes
         Councillor Konanz
         Councillor Picton
         Councillor Martin
         Councillor Watt
         Councillor Sayeed

Staff:    Eric Sorensen, Chief Administrative Officer
         Dana Schmidt, Corporate Officer
         Colin Fisher, Chief Financial Officer
         Mitch Morozuk, General Manager Infrastructure
         Lori Mullin, Recreation and Culture Manager
         Jules Hall, Director of Development Services
         Simone Blais, Communications Officer
         Angela Campbell, Controller
         Deb Clipperton, Budget Analyst
         Angie Collison, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jakubeit called the Special Meeting of Council to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

601/2015

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council adopt the agenda for the December 16, 2015 Special Meeting of Council as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 2015-60
Re: 2016-2020 Utility Rates

602/2015

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council adopt "Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 2015-60".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
4. **Public Comment**
   - Rod King, Carter Road, commented on the process and asked when Council will be considering adjustments to the tax base. The tax notice is shockingly low for downtown residential property. He suggested the City put out a long term plan to the public with tax increases to fix and maintain core services and buildings.
   - Ted Wiltse, Dartmouth Place, asked when Council would be considering the business rate multiplier and suggested the city stop reporting annually, five year is important, not one year.
   - Jason Cox, Chamber of Commerce President, sent an email to Council regarding the corner of Vees Drive. He asked what the plans are for the two entities using that location. The visitor information centre centre and wine centre co-exist very well, keep this in mind as you go through the budget for the year.

5. **2016 Operating Budget:**

   The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer provided Council with an introduction and summary of the financial position of the City. A 10% tax increase is necessary over the next three years to put the City at a sustainable level. The City of Penticton operating budget is currently at a 1.9 million dollar deficit for 2016.

5.1 Corporate Administration – Operating Budget

5.2 Mayor and Council – Operating Budget

5.3 Municipal Grants/Partnerships – Operating Budget

603/2015

*It was MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT Council reduce public art budget from $50,000 to $25,000 for 2016.

CARRIED

Councillors Sayeed, Watt, Sentes, Opposed

604/2015

*It was MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT Council close the Library on Sundays for 2016 to save an estimated $11,000.

DEFEATED

Mayor Jakubeit, Councillors Sayeed, Watt, Sentes, Martin, Opposed

5.4 Communications – Operating Budget

5.5 Finance Accounting – Operating Budget

The meeting recessed at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened at 12:48 p.m.

5.6 Finance General – Operating Budget

5.7 Logistics – Operating Budget

5.8 Revenue & Collections – Operating Budget
5.9 General Government – Operating Budget

5.10 Facilities – Operating Budget

605/2015

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council reduce the McLaren Arena maintenance and repair budget by $50,000.

CARRIED
Councillor Sentes, Opposed

606/2015

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council reduce the City Hall maintenance for interior and exterior repair and maintenance budget by $20,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

607/2015

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council reduce the Facilities maintenance and repair budget by $32,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.11 Human Resources – Operating Budget

608/2015

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council reduce the training budget by $50,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.12 Information Technology – Operating Budget

5.13 Animal Control – Operating Budget

5.14 Building and License – Operating Budget

5.15 Fire Services – Operating Budget

609/2015

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council reduce the Fire Services depreciation budget by $51,933 for 2016.

CARRIED
Councillor Sentes, Opposed

5.16 RCMP – Operating Budget

610/2015

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council reduce the RCMP Operating budget by $100,000.

DEFEATED
Councillors Sayeed, Watt, Sentes, Picton, Opposed

611/2015

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council reduce the RCMP Operating budget by $145,000.

CARRIED
Councillors Sentes, Sayeed, Watt, Opposed
5.17 Public Works Fleet – Operating Budget
5.18 Public Works General – Operating Budget
5.19 Roads and Sidewalks – Operating Budget
5.20 Roads and Maintenance – Operating Budget

The meeting recessed at 3:09 p.m. and reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

5.21 Street Lighting – Operating Budget
5.22 Traffic Control – Operating Budget
5.23 Bylaw Enforcement – Operating Budget
5.24 Transit – Operating Budget
5.25 Planning – Operating Budget
5.26 Development Services – Operating Budget
5.27 Land Management – Operating Budget
5.28 Engineering – Operating Budget
5.29 Economic Development & Tourism – Operating Budget
5.30 Recreation – Operating Budget

612/2015

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council close the Community Centre on Statutory Holidays to save $16,000 in the 2016 budget.

DEFEATED
Mayor Jakubeit, Councillors Sayeed, Watt, Sentes, Martin, Picton, Opposed

6. Media and Public Question Period

7. Adjourn to In-camera

613/2015

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the Special Council Meeting adjourn at 4:20 p.m. to a closed meeting of Council pursuant to the provisions of the Community Charter sections 90 (1) as follows:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

2(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified correct:

[Signature]
Daria Schmidt
Corporate Officer

Confirmed:

[Signature]
Andrew Jakubeit
Mayor