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

Thursday, February 28, 2019
at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Vassilaki
Councillor Bloomfield
Councillor Kimberley
Councillor Regehr
Councillor Robinson
Councillor Sentes
Councillor Watt

Staff: Donny van Dyk, Chief Administrative Officer
Laurie Darcus, Director of Corporate Services
Angie Collison, Corporate Officer
Jim Bauer, Chief Financial Officer
Mitch Morozluk, General Manager Infrastructure
Anthony Haddad, Director of Development Services
Bregje Kozak, Director Recreation and Facilities
Angela Campbell, Controller
Wes Renaud, Budget Analyst
Caitlyn Anderson, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Vassilaki called the Special Meeting of Council to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

73/2019
It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council adopt the agenda for the February 28, 2019 Special Meeting of Council as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 2019 Budget Deliberations:

Tourism

Barb Haynes, Travel Penticton and Cameron Smith, Treasurer for Travel Penticton provided Council with the 2018 accomplishments and an overview of the 2019 tourism initiatives and budget.
SOEC

Dean Clarke and Carla Relvas, Spectra, provided Council with the 2018 awards and highlights and an overview of the 2019 South Okanagan Events Centre, Penticton Trade and Convention Centre, Memorial Arena and Okanagan Hockey School Training Centre budget.

The meeting recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

Library

Heather Buzzell, Head Librarian, Linda King, Board Chair and Jim Bauer, Chief Financial Officer provided Council with the 2018 achievements and 2019 Public Library budget.

Debt/Reserves

Angela Campbell, Controller and Jim Bauer, Chief Financial Officer provided Council with the debt summary and reserves.

Municipal Grants

Angela Campbell, Controller and Jim Bauer, Chief Financial Officer provided Council with an overview of the municipal grant policy and the application criteria.

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

Grants – Arts, Culture & Heritage

Downtown Penticton Association

74/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council defer Downtown Penticton Association requests until they have heard from them at a later date.

CARRIED
Mayor Vassilaki, Opposed

Meadowlark Festival/Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance

75/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council deny funding for the Meadowlark Festival/Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance.

DEFEATED
Councillors Robinson, Kimberley, Sentes and Bloomfield, Opposed

Main Motion:
It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support funding of $2500 for the Meadowlark Festival/Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance.

Amendment:
It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support funding for one year.

CARRIED
Mayor Vassilaki, Opposed
Main Motion as amended:

77/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support funding of $2500 for the Meadowlark Festival/Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance for one year.

CARRIED

Mayor Vassilaki, Councillors Regehr and Watt, Opposed

Okanagan Comedy Festival Society

78/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support funding of $3,500 cash for the Okanagan Comedy Festival Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Okanagan School of the Arts, Shatford Centre

79/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council defer the staff recommendation of no funding for the Okanagan School of the Arts, Shatford Centre until they have received more information.

CARRIED

Councillor Watt, Opposed

Okanagan Symphony Society

80/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council deny funding for the Okanagan Symphony Society.

CARRIED

Councillor Robinson, Opposed

Okanagan Valley Music Festival Society

81/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the grant request of $5,000 in kind for Okanagan Valley Music Festival Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Penticton & District Community Arts Council – Arts Rising Festival

82/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support funding of $3,333 cash for the Arts Rising Festival.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Penticton & District Community Arts Council

83/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the grant request of $12,312 cash for the Penticton & District Community Arts Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Penticton Art Gallery

84/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support the grant request of $125,000 cash for the Penticton Art Gallery.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Penticton Elvis Festival

85/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support the grant request of $5,000 in-kind for the Elvis Festival.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Penticton Historic Automobile Society (Peach City Beach Cruise)

86/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support funding of $7,000 in kind for the Penticton Historic Automobile Society (Peach City Beach Cruise).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Penticton Peach Festival – Main Event

87/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support the grant request of $20,000 cash and $24,000 in kind for the Penticton Peach Festival.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Penticton Royalty Society

88/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support funding of $7,650 cash and $1,500 in kind for the Royalty Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Penticton Scottish Festival Society

89/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support the grant request of $4,500 in kind for the Penticton Scottish Festival Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rotary Club of Penticton (Ribfest)

90/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council deny funding for the Rotary Club of Penticton (Ribfest).

CARRIED

Mayor Vassilaki, Councillors Robinson and Kimberley, Opposed

Royal Canadian Legion – facility use Remembrance Day

91/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $3,000 in kind for the Royal Canadian Legion – facility use for Remembrance Day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
SS Sicamous Marine Heritage Society

92/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support funding of $65,000 cash for the SS Sicamous Society Marine Heritage Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Penticton Jazz Festival Society

93/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $2,700 cash and $7,000 in-kind for the Penticton Jazz Festival Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Penti-Con Association

94/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council deny funding for the Penti-Con Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grants - Health, Safety & Social Services

Canadian Mental Health Association – South Okanagan Similkameen Branch

95/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support funding of $9,800 cash for the Canadian Mental Health Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Canadian Red Cross, Penticton Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP)

96/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support funding of $1,837.50 cash for the Canadian Red Cross, Penticton Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen

97/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support funding of $8,750 cash for the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dragonfly Pond Family Society

98/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $500 in-kind for the Dragonfly Pond Family Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jean Minguy Memorial Police Youth Academy

99/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $3,000 cash for the Jean Minguy Memorial Police Youth Academy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Okanagan Motorcycle Riders Association – Toy Run

100/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $500 in kind for the Okanagan Motorcycle Riders Association – Toy Run.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Penticton and Area Cycling Association

101/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support funding of $3,535 cash and $945 in kind for Penticton and Area Cycling Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Skaha Bluffs Park Watch Society

102/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $13,000 cash for the Skaha Bluffs Park Watch Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

South Okanagan Kin Club

103/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $100 in-kind for the South Okanagan Kin Club.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

South Okanagan Loss Society (SOLS)

104/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $8,400 cash for the South Okanagan Loss Society (SOLS).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

South Okanagan Seniors Wellness Society

105/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $13,000 cash for the South Okanagan Seniors Wellness Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

South Okanagan Similkameen Mental Wellness Society – Penticton Branch (Mental Wellness Centre)

106/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $18,000 cash for the South Okanagan Similkameen Mental Wellness Society – Penticton Branch (Mental Wellness Centre).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

South Okanagan Similkameen Volunteer Centre Society

107/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $20,000 cash for the South Okanagan Similkameen Volunteer Centre Society.

CARRIED
Councillor Sentes, Opposed
The Penticton & Area Access Centre

108/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $4,200 cash for the The Penticton & Area Access Centre – Men’s Counselling Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Penticton & Area Access Centre

109/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $2,867 cash for the The Penticton & Area Access Centre – Urban Outreach Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Penticton Centre for Exceptional Learning

110/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $1,050 cash and $1,050 in-kind for the The Penticton Centre for Exceptional Learning.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Salvation Army Penticton

111/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $4,667 cash for the Salvation Army Penticton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

United Way CSO

112/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $8,100 in-kind for the United Way CSO.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Young Life – South Okanagan

113/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $3,333 cash for the Young Life – South Okanagan.

DEFEATED
Mayor Vassilaki, Councillors Regehr, Robinson, Kimberley, Sentes, Watt, Bloomfield, Opposed

114/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council deny funding for the Young Life – South Okanagan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grants – Parks, Recreation and Sport

Canadian Sport School Hockey League

115/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $10,000 cash for the Canadian Sport School Hockey League.

CARRIED
Councillor Regehr, Opposed
Okanagan Wildlife and Nature Society

116/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $519.50 cash and $135 in-kind for the Okanagan Wildlife and Nature Society.

DEFEATED
Mayor Vassilaki, Councillors Regehr, Robinson, Kimberley, Sentes, Watt, Bloomfield, Opposed

117/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council deny funding for the Okanagan Wildlife and Nature Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Penticton & Area Cycling Association – Admin Support

118/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council deny funding for the Penticton & Area Cycling Association – Admin Support.

CARRIED
Councillor Sentes, Opposed

Penticton & Area Cycling Association – bike to work week

119/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $2,500 cash and for Penticton & Area Cycling Association – bike to work week.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Penticton BMX Society

Main Motion:
It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $4,200 cash for Penticton BMX Society.

Amendment:
120/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support funding for one year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main Motion as Amended:
121/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support funding of $4,200 cash for Penticton BMX Society for one year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Penticton Curling Club

122/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council support a grant of $9,000 cash and $5,000 in kind for the Penticton Curling Club.

CARRIED
Councillor Regehr, Opposed
Penticton Dragon Boat Festival

123/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
THAT Council support a grant of $13,650 in kind for the Penticton Dragon Boat Festival.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pics and Sticks Community Foundation

124/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
THAT Council deny funding for the Pics and Sticks Community Foundation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 3:04 p.m. and reconvened at 3:21 p.m.

Grants – Partnerships

Axel Merckx Events

125/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
THAT Council support a grant of $30,000 in kind for the Axel Merckx Events.

CARRIED
Councillor Regehr, Opposed

Okanagan Trestles Tour

126/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
THAT Council support a grant of $1,000 in kind for the Okanagan Trestles Tour.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Taneda Karate Dojo

127/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
THAT Council deny funding for the Taneda Karate Dojo.

CARRIED
Councillor Sentes, Opposed

Council Deliberations

128/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
THAT Council proceed with a 3.6% tax rate increase.

CARRIED
Councillor Regehr, Opposed

Christmas Lights

129/2019

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
THAT Council approve the $50,000 capital request for Christmas lighting.

CARRIED
Councillors Regehr, Sentes, Watt, Opposed
Borrowing for Compost Site Improvements

130/2019

IT was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council agree to borrow one million dollars from Electrical Surplus to fund the design for Compost Site Improvements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Asset Management Funding

131/2019

IT was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council approve an increase to the asset sustainability reserve contribution of $600,000 with funding to come from gaming revenue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Business Tax Multiplier

132/2019

IT was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council approve 1.87 Business Tax Multiplier.

DEFEATED
Mayor Vassilaki, Councillors Kimberley, Sentes, Watt, Opposed

133/2019

IT was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council approve 1.82 as the Business Tax Multiplier for 2019 and increase the Business Tax Multiplier to 2.0 over the remaining two years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Public Question Period

5. Adjourn

134/2019

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council adjourn the Special Council meeting held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 5:09 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified correct: 

Angie Colliison
Corporate Officer

Confirmed:

John Vassilaki
Mayor

Minutes of February 28, 2019 Special Meeting of Council