

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

Monday, January 4, 2016
at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councillor Sayeed

Staff: Eric Sorensen, Chief Administrative Officer
Mitch Moroziuk, General Manager Infrastructure
Colin Fisher, Chief Financial Officer
Dana Schmidt, Corporate Officer
Lori Mullin, Recreation and Culture Manager
Colleen Pennington, Economic Development Officer
Angie Collison, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jakubeit called the Special Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

1/2016

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the agenda for the January 4, 2016 Special Meeting of Council as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Staff Reports:

3.1 Casino Relocation Recommendation

Re: Veas Drive

Delegations/Submissions:

- Lynn Kelsey, Oakville Street, it is often congested on Oakville from parking on both sides of the streets when there is an event at the SOEC. Aware other streets by SOEC are in the same situation. Would like Council to look at resident parking and defining it better. Improve areas allowing extra parking spots. Community needs the economic development that the casino brings to Penticton.

- Sharon McIntyre, Chase Avenue, concerned with parking, turning out from Oakville is challenging now, how will we turn left? Concerned about noise, parking, blocked in driveways and not being able to park at own place.
- David, resides near Grimms Meats, if people are going to be parking down by bingo hall there will be an increase in pedestrian traffic. Concerned with the significant amount of garbage blowing into yard now, parking near bingo hall for this project will increase pedestrian traffic and increase the amount of garbage.
- Nelson Meikle, Coleman Street, what money is the city receiving for parking on Eckhart? Suggested parking meters on the Eckhardt property.
- Resident of Haynes Street, concerned about traffic in front of Queens Park, have we given any thought to the social impact to the area and proximity to the elementary school.
- Darryl Clark, Power Street, had parking concerns, addressed on the website, thank you to city staff for taking questions seriously, hope project proceeds.
- Lynn Kelsey, Oakville Street, exiting left off of Oakville, can sit at the intersection for over five minutes. When looking at Eckhardt intersection look at Oakville intersection too. Can be fixed with the timing of the lights.
- Rod King, on behalf of the Wine Information Centre, thank you to staff and Gateway for working with us to address concerns.
- Jessica Dolan, on behalf of Ramada and Coast Penticton, spoke in support of this project.
- Jag Nijjar, Senior Vice President, Gateway Casino, team excited to show Penticton what we can do. Contributing to Eckhart paving, intend to relocate staff parking to bingo site. We will be good neighbours regarding garbage. Have been operating the casino in a hotel, no noise concerns. Will continue to be a leading corporate citizen in Penticton.
- Marie Landry, Chase Avenue, the SOEC is a family oriented complex, three sheets of ice, minor hockey, besides parking, don't feel that it is a fit for a casino. This is a family, sport oriented area with a school. Child pedestrian traffic, kids in the area, feel there is a better location for this project.

2/2016

It was MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS the City has received adequate community input regarding the relocation of the casino;

AND WHEREAS the City has consulted with potentially affected local governments and received letters of support for the relocation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to forward a letter to the British Columbia Lottery Corporation giving approval for the relocation of the Casino from the Penticton Lakeside Resort to 325 Power Street (South Okanagan Event Centre site).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Media and Public Question Period

5. Adjournment

3/2016

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adjourn the Special Council meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:58 p.m.

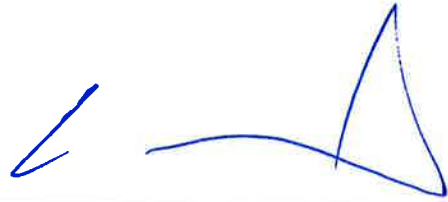
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified correct:



Dana Schmidt
Corporate Officer

Confirmed:



Andrew Jakubeit
Mayor

