



Electronic Special Council Meeting¹

held at City of Penticton
via WebEx www.penticton.ca

Thursday, April 23, 2020
at 10:00 a.m.

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

Staff: Donny van Dyk, Chief Administrative Officer
Angie Collison, Corporate Officer
Jim Bauer, Chief Financial Officer
Blake Laven, Director of Development Services
Mitch Moroziuk, General Manager of Infrastructure
Philip Cooper, Communication Manager

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the Electronic Special Council Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Application of rules of procedure

95/2020

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

THAT Council temporarily suspend the voting at meeting procedures (Council Procedure Bylaw No. 2018-35 25.(1)(b)) and when ready to vote and the question is called those in favor will say "In favour" and those opposed will say "opposed".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Adoption of Agenda

96/2020

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

THAT Council adopt the agenda for the Electronic Regular Council Meeting held on April 21, 2020 as amended to include item 5. Business Arising/Council Round Table.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

¹ In accordance with the Province of BC Ministerial Order No. M083, the Council of the City of Penticton is participating in the meeting by electronic means, without public attendance and may adopt a bylaw on the same day as third reading.

4. Staff Reports:

4.1 Results from Penticton Resident Impact and South Okanagan Business Impact Surveys

97/2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive into the record the report titled "Results from Penticton Resident Impact and South Okanagan Business Impact Surveys" dated April 23, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Six Month Cash Flow Analysis

98/2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive into the record the report titled "Six Month Cash Flow Analysis";
AND THAT Council direct staff to prepare a revenue anticipation borrowing bylaw authorizing a revenue anticipation agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) to cover current-year operating expenditures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 COVID-19 – Business Plan, Temporary Service Level and Capital Projects Impacts

99/2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the proposed delays of Business Plan initiatives, temporary reduction in service levels, and the deferred capital projects, as detailed in the report titled "COVID-19 Business Plan, Temporary Service Level and Capital Projects Impacts" dated April 23, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

4.4 COVID-19 Property Tax Deferrals

100/2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council maintain the traditional property tax due date of July 31, 2020 and implement penalty dates of 0% August 1, 2020 and 10% October 1, 2020 to provide a two-month penalty-free grace period to taxpayers;
AND THAT Council direct staff to promote the use the provincial tax deferral program to the Community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.5 Utility Relief

101/2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to follow up with the province on the request for electrical subsidy funding prior to bringing forward a fees and charges amendment bylaw, reducing utility rates by 10% and removing the current discounted rates, effectively providing a 10% discount for all rate payers for the remainder of the 2020 year.

**CARRIED
Councillor Bloomfield, Opposed**

4.6 Other COVID-19 Relief Measure Options

102/2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council support the following measures during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- Suspend all enforcement of delinquent Business License accounts, including short term rental businesses and waiving of late penalties until October 2020;
- Suspend the Good Neighbour Bylaw 'vacant building registration' requirement for businesses affected by COVID-19, for the remainder of 2020;
- Postpone the planned July 1, 2020 Development Cost Charge increases until 2021;
- Waive building permit fees for 'homeowner' renovation projects up to \$100,000 in construction value until October 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.7 2020 Business Tax Multiplier Options

103/2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to prepare the 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw using the neutral business tax multiplier of 1.75, and extend the intended shift to 2.00 to the 2022 tax rate setting, in incremental steps.

**CARRIED
Councillor Regehr, Opposed**

4.8 2020 Property Tax Rates

104/2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to fund a one-time grant program through the Financial Stabilization Reserve, granting residential properties an automatic grant equivalent to 2.9% of the 2020 General Municipal Property Taxes on their 2020 Tax Notice;
AND THAT Council direct staff to enter into Partnering Agreements with the City's commercial property owners and apply a one-time grant equivalent to 2.9% of the 2020 General Municipal Property Taxes on related properties funded through the Financial Stabilization Reserve;
AND THAT Council direct staff to promote information to the public on other forms of assistance that the City and other levels of government are providing to residents and businesses, including the provincial property tax deferral program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Business Arising/ Council Round Table:

5.1 Removal of property from the City of Penticton Heritage Registry
Re: 452 Lakeshore Drive

105/2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to put the correspondence requesting the removal of 452 Lakeshore Drive from the City's Heritage Registry on the May 5 Regular Council meeting agenda for Council's consideration and that staff contact Heritage and Museum Committee for their comments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Adjournment:

106/2020

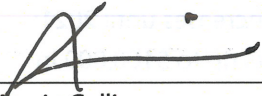
It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adjourn the Special Council meeting held on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 2:40 p.m.

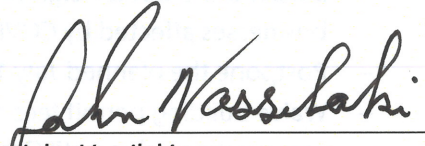
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified correct:

Confirmed:



Angie Collison
Corporate Officer



John Vassilaki
Mayor