



# Minutes

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**Special Meeting of Council**  
held at Penticton Trade and Convention Centre  
273 Power Street, Penticton, B.C.

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020**  
**at 9:00 a.m.**

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

**Regrets:** Councillor Kimberley

**Staff:** Donny van Dyk, Chief Administrative Officer  
Angie Collison, Corporate Officer  
Jim Bauer, CFO/ General Manager, Finance & Administration  
Mitch Moroziuk, General Manager Infrastructure  
Blake Laven, Director of Development Services  
Anthony Haddad, General Manager, Community Services  
Angela Campbell, Manager of Finance  
Wes Renaud, Budget Analyst  
Cheryl Hardisty, Senior Executive Assistant  
Caitlyn Anderson, Deputy Corporate Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Vassilaki called the Special Meeting of Council to order at 9:01 a.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

400/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council adopt the agenda for the November 25, 2020 Special Meeting of Council as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. 2021 Budget Deliberations:**

**3.1 Municipal Grants**

Angela Campbell, Manager of Finance and Carly Lewis, Economic Development Manager provided Council with an overview of the municipal grant policy and the application criteria.

**Grants – Special Events**

**Beacons Furry FUNdation Society (Okanagan Mascot Games)**

401/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$4,000 in kind for the Beacons Furry FUNdation Society (Okanagan Mascot Games).

**CARRIED**  
**Councillors Bloomfield and Sentes, Opposed**

**Canadian Sport School Hockey League**

402/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$10,000 cash for the Canadian Sport School Hockey League.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Downtown Penticton Association**

403/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$8,320 in kind for the Downtown Penticton Association.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**HA HA HA KIDZFEST SOCIETY**

404/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$1,000 cash and \$4,000 in kind for HA HA HA KIDZFEST SOCIETY.

**DEFEATED**  
**Mayor Vassilaki, Councillors Bloomfield, Regehr, and Sentes, Opposed**

405/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$4,000 cash and \$4,000 in kind for HA HA HA KIDZFEST SOCIETY.

**CARRIED**  
**Councillors Robinson, and Watt, Opposed**

**Okanagan Valley Music Festival Society**

406/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Penticton Jazz Festival Society

407/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$9,700 cash for the Penticton Jazz Festival Society.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton Curling Club (Ashley Home Store Curling Classic)

408/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$9,000 cash and \$5,000 in kind for the Penticton Curling Club (Ashley Home Store Curling Classic).

**CARRIED**  
**Councillor Sentes, Opposed**

Penticton Dragon Boat Festival Society

409/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$5,130 in kind for the Penticton Dragon Boat Festival.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton Elvis Festival

410/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council move the funding of \$14,000 cash from 2021 to 2022 for the Penticton Elvis Festival.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

411/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$5,000 in kind for the Penticton Elvis Festival.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton Farmers Market

412/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$5,002 in kind for the Penticton Farmers Market.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton Historic Automobile Society (Peach City Beach Cruise)

413/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$1,000 cash and \$8,000 in kind for the Penticton Historic Automobile Society (Peach City Beach Cruise).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton Peach Festival

414/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$29,000 in kind for the Penticton Peach Festival.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton Scottish Festival Society

415/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$4,000 cash and \$4,000 in kind for the Penticton Scottish Festival Society.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Rotary Club of Penticton (Ribfest)

416/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$4,000 cash and \$4,000 in kind for the Rotary Club of Penticton (Ribfest).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton Seniors Drop-In Centre Society (BC Senior's Week)

417/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support funding of \$2,500 cash for the Penticton Seniors Drop-In Centre.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

South Okanagan Seniors Wellness Society (BC Senior's Week)

418/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$2,500 cash for the South Okanagan Seniors Wellness Society.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Penti-Con Association

419/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$4,000 cash for the The Penti-Con Association.

**CARRIED  
Councillor Sentes, Opposed**

**Grants – Parks, Recreation & Sport**

Penticton and Area Cycling Association – bike to work week

420/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$2,500 cash for Penticton and Area Cycling Association – bike to work week.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton Dragon Boat Festival Society

421/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$9,104 in kind for the Penticton Dragon Boat Festival.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton Lawn Bowling Club

422/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support funding of \$2,215 cash for the Penticton Lawn Bowling Club.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Grants – Arts, Culture & Heritage**

Okanagan School of the Arts

423/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$10,000 cash for the Okanagan School of the Arts.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton & District Community Arts Council

424/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

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

**CARRIED  
Councillor Sentes, Opposed**

Penticton Art Gallery

425/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$100,000 cash for the Penticton Art Gallery.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton Royalty Society

426/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$7,650 cash and \$1,500 in kind for the Penticton Royalty Society.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

S.S. Sicamous Restoration Society

427/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$75,000 cash for the S.S. Sicamous Restoration Society.

**DEFEATED  
Councillors Bloomfield, Regehr, Robinson, and Watt, Opposed**

428/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$65,000 cash for the S.S. Sicamous Restoration Society.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Grants – Health, Safety & Social Services**

Canadian Mental Health Association – South Okanagan Similkameen Branch

429/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$6,000 cash for the Canadian Mental Health Association.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Vassilaki declared a conflict of interest due to the Canadian Red Cross being a current tenant and left the meeting at 9:58 a.m. Deputy Mayor Sentes chaired the meeting.

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

430/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$3,000 cash for the Canadian Red Cross, Penticton Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Vassilaki returned to the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Dragonfly Pond Family Society

431/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$500 in kind for the Dragonfly Pond Family Society.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

First Things First Okanagan

432/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$1,080 cash for First Things First Okanagan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Okanagan Fruit Tree Project

433/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$3,500 cash for Okanagan Fruit Tree Project.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton & Area Cycling Association – Bike Valet

434/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$4,500 cash and \$1,600 in kind for Penticton & Area Cycling Association – bike valet.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton Elks Lodge No. 51 of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of Canada

435/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council deny funding for the Penticton Elks Lodge No. 51 of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of Canada.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Penticton Recovery Resource Society (Discovery House)

436/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$9,684 cash for the Penticton Recovery Resource Society (Discovery House).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Skaha Bluffs Park Watch Society

437/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$15,000 cash for the Skaha Bluffs Park Watch Society.

**CARRIED**

**Councillors Regehr, and Sentes, Opposed**

South Okanagan Loss Society (SOLS)

438/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$8,400 cash for the South Okanagan Loss Society (SOLS).

**DEFEATED**

**Mayor Vassilaki, Councillors Regehr, Robinson, Sentes, and Watt, Opposed**

439/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council deny funding for the South Okanagan Loss Society (SOLS).

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Bloomfield, Opposed**

South Okanagan Seniors Wellness Society

440/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$13,000 cash for the South Okanagan Seniors Wellness Society.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

South Okanagan Similkameen Volunteer Centre Society

441/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council deny funding for the South Okanagan Similkameen Volunteer Centre Society.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Penticton & Area Access Centre

442/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$6,000 cash for the The Penticton & Area Access Centre – Men’s Counselling Program.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Penticton Centre for Exceptional Learning

443/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$1,050 cash and \$1,050 in kind for the The Penticton Centre for Exceptional Learning.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

United Way SIBC

444/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$8,100 in kind for the United Way SIBC.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Grants – Partnerships**

Axel Merckx Events Inc. (Grandfondo)

445/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$40,000 cash and \$20,000 in kind for the Axel Merckx Events Inc. (Grandfondo).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Hoodoo Adventures Company Ltd. (Expedition Canada)

446/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$8,000 cash and \$1,000 in kind for Hoodoo Adventures Company Ltd. (Expedition Canada).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Okanagan Trestles Tour

447/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council support the funding of \$875 cash and \$325 in kind for the Okanagan Trestles Tour.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed at 10:35 p.m. and reconvened at 10:52 p.m.

3.2 Debt & Borrowing

Angela Campbell, Manager of Finance and Jim Bauer, CFO/ General Manager, Finance & Administration, provided Council with the debt summary and reserves.

3.3 Recap & Final Decisions

448/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council direct Staff to set the business tax multiplier at a ratio of 2.00 for 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

449/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council direct staff to establish a non statutory COVID-19 Restart Reserve, and deposit the COVID-19 Restart Grant (\$4.711 million) funding received from the Province of BC.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

450/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council direct staff to replenish the City's Financial Stabilization Reserve in the amount of \$962,724 from the COVID-19 Restart Reserve.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

451/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council direct staff to amend the 2021-2025 Financial Plan to reflect a transfer of \$1,355,338 from the COVID-19 Restart Reserve in place of general accumulated surplus.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

452/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council approve the 2021 Corporate Business Plan and 2021-2025 Financial Plan as presented, discussed and amended during the budget deliberations, that includes a tax increase of 2.25%;

AND THAT Council direct staff to return to Council with a proposed 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw for reading and adoption.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Robinson left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

453/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council direct staff to bring back draft terms of reference for a citizen advisory group for Penticton's safe COVID-19 restart.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.4 Public Question Period – via Zoom and telephone

**4. Adjourn**

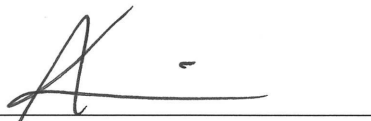
454/2020

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council adjourn the Special Council meeting held on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 11:38 a.m.

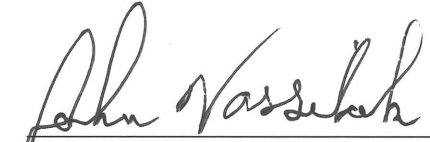
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Certified correct:



Angie Collison  
Corporate Officer

Confirmed:

  
John Vassilaki  
Mayor