



Minutes

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Committee of the Whole

to be held at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre
273 Power Street, Penticton, B.C.

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Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Recessed from the Regular Council Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Donny van Dyk, Chief Administrative Officer
Angie Collison, Corporate Officer
Blake Laven, Director of Development Services
Jim Bauer, General Manager, Finance & Administration
Anthony Haddad, General Manager, Community Services
Ian Chapman, Acting General Manager of Infrastructure
Cheryl Hardisty, Senior Executive Assistant
John Schappert, Legislative Assistant

1. **Call committee of the Whole to Order**

The Mayor called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 16, 2021 be adopted as presented.

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3. **Delegations:**

3.1 Downtown Penticton Association (DPA) Concerns

Lynn Allin, Executive Director and Trevor Guerard, President spoke to the 2022 Draft Budget, asking Council to utilize reserves to put a freeze on tax increases. They also asked Council to implement measures to help with community safety and to conduct a financial review of the downtown parking meters and reinstate one hour free parking downtown.

3.2 Chamber of Commerce Update and Status

Diane Kereluk, Executive Director and Jonathan McGraw, President spoke to the 2022 Budget, asking that no more than a 2% tax increase be put toward increasing RCMP officers and other protective services and that the rest of the funding for this area comes from reserves. They noted that businesses are just recovering from COVID-19, and that a general services tax increase for 2022 should be limited to 2%, meaning the overall increase would be limited to 4%. They also asked that utility rates are held constant for 2022. They then highlighted some common themes that they have heard from their member businesses in 2021.

3.3 Community Action Team (CAT) Update

Jen Casorso and Ali Butler provided an update about the Penticton Community Action Team (CAT) and its work to address the toxic drug supply crisis and overdose crisis. Representatives from the South Okanagan Lived Experience (SOLE) spoke to current initiatives and priorities of the organization.

3.4 Climate Issues and the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

Lori Goldman spoke in support of the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) and requested that Council declare a Climate Emergency.

3.5 BC Transit Future Action Plan Process and Engagement

Chelsea Mossey and Adriana McMullen spoke via zoom regarding the Transit Future Action Plan, Local Ridership Context and service changes that are coming in 2022.

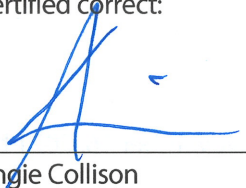
4. **Adjourn to Regular Meeting of Council**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting held November 16, 2021 at 2:26 p.m. and reconvene the Regular Meeting of Council.

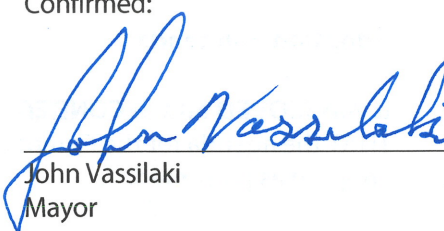
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Certified correct:



Angie Collison
Corporate Officer

Confirmed:



John Vassilaki
Mayor