



## MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

5:30 P.M.

This meeting was held electronically as per Ministerial Order No. M192

### **Council Members Present:**

Mayor Aaron Stone

Councillor Amanda Jacobson

Councillor Rob Johnson

Councillor Tricia McKay

Councillor Duck Paterson

Councillor Marsh Stevens

Councillor Jeff Virtanen

### **Staff Present:**

Allison McCarrick

Erin Anderson

Chris Barfoot

Jake Belobaba

Geoff Goodall

Donna Smith

Mike Gregory

### **OCP Consultants:**

Jennifer Fix, ahne Studio

Jeremy Murphy, Sustainable Solutions Group

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## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Stone called this Special Meeting of Council to order at 5:30 p.m., recognizing with gratitude that it was taking place on the traditional unceded territory of the Stz'uminus People.

## **2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

### **CS 2021-103**

That Council approve the agenda for this Special Meeting of Council for March 23, 2021.

*Motion Carried*

**3. OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN PROJECT KICK OFF**

Mayor Stone introduced Jennifer Fix of ahne Studio, and Jeremy Murphy of Sustainable Solutions Group, consultants for the Official Community Plan Review.

Ms. Fix and Mr. Murphy outlined both the objectives of the review and the four-step, 18-month project process, noting that engagement and planning are fully integrated in their philosophy. They addressed climate action planning options and underscored that effective land use planning results in climate planning. They advised that their approach is based on Council's previous direction and identified objectives for the project, including the Project Charter.

The consultants invited Council to share their insights, aspirations and perspectives regarding the OCP review. Council discussed affordability, active transportation, urban character, greenery densification, and the importance of using current data and demographic information when creating the plan. Council provided ideas for public engagement including "kitchen" meetings and "pop-up" opportunities to share information and get people involved. Council expressed caution about the unintended consequences of using equivalencies when executing plans and expressed their hope that the finished plan would be both aspirational and achievable.

Councillor Paterson vacated the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Fix and Mr. Murphy expressed their appreciation for the insights provided by Council and thanked them for the opportunity to work together.

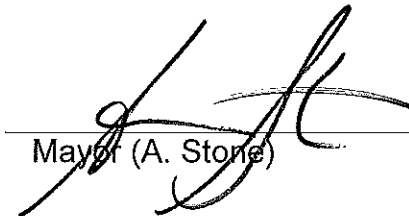
**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**CS 2021-104**

That this Special Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

*Motion Carried*

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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Mayor (A. Stone)

  
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Corporate Officer (D. Smith)