

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE GEORGE FRASER ROOM, 500 MATTERSON DRIVE
Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Present: **Chair:** Mayor Noël
 Council: Councillors Cole, Hoar, Kemps, and McEwen (All via Zoom)
 Staff: Andy Laidlaw, Acting Chief Administrative Officer (Via Zoom)
 Donna Monteith, Chief Financial Officer (Via Zoom)
 Abby Fortune, Manager of Recreation & Tourism (Via Zoom)
 Joseph Rotenberg, Manager of Corporate Services
 Sharon Evans, Administration Clerk

Regrets:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORY

Council acknowledged the Yuułu?iŋ?ath First Nation, on whose traditional territories the District of Ucluelet operates.

3. NOTICE OF VIDEO RECORDING

Audience members and delegates were advised that the proceeding was being broadcast on YouTube and Zoom, which may store data on foreign servers.

4. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5.1 April 1, 2021, Special Budget Council Meeting

2021.2081.SPECIAL **It was moved by Councillor Hoar and seconded by Councillor McEwen**
THAT Council approve the April 1, 2021, Special Council Budget Meeting
agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Ucluelet and Area Child Care Society - In-Kind Contribution Request

Abby Fortune, Manager of Recreation and Tourism

Ms. Fortune noted that Council approved an In-Kind Council Contribution with the value of \$30,610 to the Ucluelet and Area Child Care Society to waive rental fees at the Ucluelet Community Centre. She noted that the Society's request to waive rental fees for their programming at the Ucluelet Athletic Centre (UAC) Hall was deferred to this meeting. Ms. Fortune outlined the hard costs associated this Society running their programming at the UAC Hall.

Council discussed the Society's In-Kind Contribution request and what, if any, UAC hard costs should be paid by the Society.

Staff noted that if Council waived \$4,470 in rental fees, the remaining rent paid by the Society would cover hard costs associated with this Society operating their proposed programming at the UAC Hall.

2021.2082.SPECIAL **It was moved by Councillor Hoar and seconded by Councillor McEwen**
THAT Council make a In-Kind Council Contribution in the amount of \$4,470 to the Ucluelet and Area Child Care Society for their rental of the Ucluelet Athletic Centre Hall.

CARRIED.

7. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no mayor announcements.

8. PUBLIC INPUT & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Public Input

- Public input via Zoom.
- Public input via communityinput@ucluelet.ca.

There was no public input via zoom or email.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Budget Revision - Taxation

Donna Monteith, Chief Financial Officer

Councillor Cole joined the meeting at 2:25 PM.

Ms. Monteith presented this report. She noted an overall 2% municipal tax increase was introduced at the last Special Budget Meeting and Council directed that Staff present a lower tax increase.

Ms. Monteith noted that the revised roll shows a downward adjustment for businesses.

Ms. Monteith outlined the implications of a 0%, 1% and 2% municipal tax increase on single family residential properties and business properties. She then outlined the municipal tax impact on four real properties in Ucluelet. One of which is classified by BC Assessments as Residential, another as Split Class (Residential and Business), and two properties classified as Business.

Ms. Monteith noted that in order to levy a 0% tax increase, the District would have to make service cuts. To deliver services, and continue projects that are tax funded, we do need to see taxes increase each year to not only offset inflation, but meet the growing needs of the community. Council discussed the 1% and 0% tax increases.

Council noted that the Consumer Price Index is currently 0.8%. Council commented that we have absorbed a CPI totaling 3.1% over the last two years, but have not had a corresponding tax increase to support it.

2021.2083.SPECIAL **It was moved by Councillor Hoar and seconded by Councillor McEwen**
THAT Council have staff prepare the draft 5 Year Financial Plan and corresponding Tax Rates bylaws based on an overall Municipal tax increase of 1%.

CARRIED.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

11.1 Questions via Zoom.

There were no questions via Zoom.

11.2 Questions via communityinput@ucluelet.ca.

There were no questions via email.

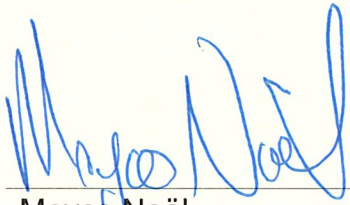
12. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.


13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 PM.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 2:00 pm in the George Fraser Room, Ucluelet Community Centre 500 Matterson Road, Ucluelet, BC.



Mayco Noël
Mayor



Joseph Rotenberg
Corporate Officer