



COUNCIL PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Monday, June 24, 2019 at 1:00 PM
Fraser River Presentation Theatre
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

PRESENT: Acting Mayor B. Long

Councillors P. Arnason, D. Davis, S. Ferguson, M. Kunst, K. Richter, B. Whitmarsh, and E. Woodward

M. Bakken, R. Seifi, K. Sinclair, and J. Winslade

W. Bauer, S. Little, and K. Stepto

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

A.1 Council Priorities Committee Agenda - June 24, 2019

Moved by Councillor Kunst,
Seconded by Councillor Arnason,
That Council adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the
Council Priorities Committee meeting held June 24, 2019.
CARRIED

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

B.1 Council Procedure Bylaw

W. Bauer, Township Clerk, reviewed the Council Procedure Bylaw and the suggested revisions submitted by council members. The following items were discussed:

2.01 - Definitions

- Include “website and social application” to the Public Notice Posting Place paragraph.
- Update the definition of Deputy Township Clerk
- Need clarity on the definition of “routine and non-controversial decision” for unanimous consent.

3.01 – Rules of Procedure

- A simplified version of the Rules of Procedure should be provided to the Council Committees.

3.02 – Irregularity

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh,

Seconded by Councillor Kunst,

That the word “unintentional” be removed from Section 3.02 and replaced with “incorrectly applied”.

DEFEATED

Councillors Arnason, Davis, Long, Richter, and Woodward

MOTION

That the definition of “unintentional” be added to Section 3.02.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

5.01 – Schedule of Council Meetings

- Add a third paragraph that states that Regular Afternoon and Regular Evening meetings may include a Special Closed Meeting.

5.05 – Advertising Regular Council Meeting Schedule

- Add “Public Notice Posting Place” to this paragraph

5.09 – Regular Council Afternoon Meeting Time

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Richter,

Seconded by Councillor Arnason,

That the Regular Afternoon Meeting conclude at 6:00pm.

CARRIED

Councillors Davis, Ferguson, and Woodward opposed

Discussion ensued regarding having more meetings a month in order to accommodate the additional Township business that seems to be arising. The following comments were provided:

- Could have an additional meeting per month designated for the Council Priorities Committee and delegations.
- Council has to keep the interests of the public in mind.
- Much of councilors time is spent in the community and dealing with other public matters.
- It can be difficult to concentrate when the meetings are so long and go late at night.
- Staff try to schedule meetings to make the best use of Council’s time.
- Public Hearings need the appropriate amount of time for notifying the

public.

- Council workshops etc. could be scheduled for non-Council meeting days.

ADJOURMENT

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,

Seconded by Councillor Kunst,

That the meeting be adjourned to the July 22, 2019 Council Priorities Committee at 12:00pm.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:29pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor

Township Clerk