MINUTES of the Special Regular meeting held by the Seventh Council of the City of Chilliwack held electronically, City Hall on March 25, 2020 at 12:00 pm.

PRESENT: All members of Council.

In addition, the following members of staff were present:

- P.D. Monteith, Chief Administrative Officer
- J. Kooistra, Director of Corporate Services/Acting Corporate Officer
- G. Savard, Director of Finance
- I. Josephson, Fire Chief
- B. Massie, Superintendent, RCMP
- S. Vrolyk, Inspector, RCMP
- C. Wilson, Assistant Fire Chief
- G. Villeneuve, Manager of Development Planning
- T. Friesen, Manager of Environmental Services
- C. Carruthers, Manager of IT Operations

Mayor Popove was Chair and called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Departmental Reports

Open Air Burning Season – Spring 2020

Mercer ) That Council authorize the Fire Chief to issue an Order to cancel the remaining Westeringh ( portion of the Spring 2020 burning season, effective April 1, 2020. 

Carried unanimously

COVID-19 – Policy Amendments, Outstanding Utility Fee Interest Waiver and Service Interruptions

Lum ) That Council receive the “COVID-19 – Policy Amendments, Outstanding Utility Mercer ( Fee Interest Waiver and Service Interruptions” Report for information; approve the temporary Policy amendments as proposed; and, waive the interest on overdue utility invoicing, effective immediately, with a reassessment on June 30, 2020, as contained within the Staff Report dated March 23, 2020

Carried unanimously

Business Licence Bylaw – Operating Contrary to Law

Knott ) That “Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4801” be Shields ( given first and second reading. 

Carried unanimously

Knott ) That “Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4801” be Kloot ( given third reading. 

Carried unanimously
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Departmental Reports (continued)

Business Licence Bylaw – Operating Contrary to Law (continued)

Shields ) That “Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4802”
Mercer ( be given first and second reading.

Carried unanimously

Knott ) That “Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4802”
Westeringh ( be given third reading.

Carried unanimously

Other Business

Lum ) That staff be directed to prepare a report for Council that considers options for
Kloot ( financial relief for City of Chilliwack residents, in light of the COVID-19

Carried unanimously

pandemic.

Knott ) That staff be directed to prepare a bylaw to increase the maximum fine for
Mercer ( contraventions of City bylaws prosecuted under an Offence Act prosecution to

Carried unanimously

$50,000.00.

Mayor and Councillors’ Reports

Councillor Knott reminded the public of ways to stay connected with each other while being
isolated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councillor Mercer thanked and congratulated the citizens of Chilliwack for respecting social
distancing, especially on the City’s trails.

Councillor Shields thanked the business community for taking care of the safety of their
employees and respecting peoples’ decisions to stay home during the pandemic; and, encouraged
people to continue to support local businesses.

Councillor Kloot thanked the community for heeding the advice to stay home; and, thanked front-
line workers for their efforts during this time.

Councillor Westeringh thanked City staff for keeping City business going; thanked the public for
practicing social distancing; and, thanked businesses for allowing people to work from home.

Councillor Lum thanked grocery store clerks, cleaning staff, and other essential staff for keeping
the City going during the pandemic; reminded everyone of the importance of social distancing;
and, asked everyone to listen to the Chief Medical Officer’s advice.

Mayor Popove thanked Chris Wilson, Emergency Planning Coordinator, Peter Monteith, CAO,
and the Communication Department for their hard work during this time; encouraged people to
email their questions; and, reminded people to follow the directions of the Chief Medical Officer.
Adjournment

On a motion of Councillor Lum, and seconded by Councillor Kloot, the meeting adjourned at 12:37 pm.

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Mayor

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Acting Corporate Officer