MINUTES of the thirty-sixth meeting held by the Seventh Council of the City of Chilliwack held electronically, at City Hall on April 21, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

PRESENT: All members of Council.

In addition, the following members of staff were present:

P.D. Monteith, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Morgan, Corporate Officer
D. Blain, Director of Planning and Engineering
C.S. Crosman, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
G. Savard, Director of Finance
R. Mulligan, Director of Recreation and Culture
C. Marleau, Manager of Recreation Services and Corporate Wellness
F. Van Nynatten, Assistant Manager of Environmental Services
I. Josephson, Fire Chief
J. Tough, Manager of Utilities
K. Jefford, Manager of Transportation and Drainage
C. Carruthers, Manager of IT Operations
J. McMurray, Recording Secretary

Mayor Popove was Chair and called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Mayor Popove offered his condolences to the family members of those lost in the tragic event that took place in Nova Scotia.

Adoption of Minutes

Kloot ) That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 7, 2020, be
Lum ( adopted as circulated.
Carried unanimously

Consent Agenda

Westeringh ) That the Minutes of the Affordable Housing and Development Advisory
Lum ( Committee Meeting held February 26, 2020 be received for information
Carried unanimously

Departmental Reports

Fraser River Freshet Update

The Assistant Manager of Environmental Services provided a presentation on the “2020 Fraser River Freshet”.

Knott ) That Council receive for information an update regarding the “2020 Fraser River Freshet”.
Westeringh ( Carried unanimously
Departmental Reports (continued)

2020 – Preliminary Designs Project – RFP Proponent Selection

Westeringh  ) That Council accept the Request for Proposal for the “2020 Preliminary Designs
Kloot   ( Project” from the lead proponent ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd., in the
amount of $216,532.50 (plus applicable taxes); and further, that the Mayor and
Corporate Officer be authorized to sign any necessary documentation.

Carried unanimously

2019 Audited Financial Statements

Sean Reid, CPA, CA, Partner, KPMG Chilliwack, provided Council with an overview of the
"2019 Audited Financial Statements" of the City of Chilliwack.

Lum ) That the "2019 Audited Financial Statements" of the City of Chilliwack, be
Knott  ( be received for information.

Carried unanimously

“Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4782”
Development Variance Permit DVP01047

Council consideration of “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4782”, which proposes to
rezone properties located at 9551 and 9563 College Street, from an R1-A (One Family
Residential) Zone to an R5 (Medium Density Multi-Family Residential) Zone; and,

Development Variance Permit DVP01047 for said properties, which proposes to vary the
permitted lot coverage from 50% to 61% (for the parkade only); and, to permit the common
amenity (200m² minimum) to be separated into three areas to facilitate the construction of an
apartment building.

Public Consultation Package received from Darren Hall, D&D Design, Applicant, Unit B – 33623

Emails of opposition received from:

• Kurt Cook, 45938 Reece Avenue, dated March 17, 2020; and,
• Michelle Palmer, 45932 Reece Avenue, dated April 9, 2020.

Kloot   ) That the presentation and written submissions with respect to “Zoning Bylaw
Westeringh ( Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4782” and Development Variance Permit
DVP01047 be received for information. (RZ001197)

Carried unanimously

Kloot  ) That “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4782” with respect to
Westeringh ( properties located at 9551 and 9563 College Street be given third reading.
(RZ001197)

Carried unanimously
Departmental Reports (continued)

“Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4782”

Development Variance Permit DVP01047 (continued)

Knott  )  That “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4782” with respect to
Westeringh ( properties located at 9551 and 9563 College Street be adopted.  (RZ001197)

Carried unanimously

Shields  )  That Council approve the issuance of Development Variance Permit DVP01047
Westeringh ( with respect to properties located at 9551 and 9563 College Street.

Carried unanimously

“Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4795”

“Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4796”

Council consideration of “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4795”, a proposed text
amendment to the AS (Agriculture Small Lot) Zone, to reduce the minimum lot size requirement
specific to the property located at 46998 Prairie Central Road; and,

“Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4796”, which proposes to rezone property located
at 46998 Prairie Central Road from an AL (Agriculture Lowland) Zone to an AS (Agriculture
Small Lot) Zone.

Email of comment received from:
  • Carsten and Beth Sorensen, 7954 Chilliwack River Road, dated April 18, 2020.

Email of concern received from:
  • Arthur Loewen, 47036 Prairie Central Road, dated April 18, 2020.

Kloot  )  That the presentation and written submissions with respect to “Zoning Bylaw
Westeringh ( Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4795” and “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw
2020, No. 4796” be received for information. (RZ001410)

Carried unanimously

Knott  )  That “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4795” a proposed text
Lum ( amendment to the AS (Agriculture Small Lot) Zone, to reduce the minimum lot
size requirement specific to the property located at 46998 Prairie Central Road be
given third reading.  (RZ001410)

Carried unanimously

Knott  )  That “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4795” a proposed text
Kloot ( amendment to the AS (Agriculture Small Lot) Zone, to reduce the minimum lot
size requirement specific to the property located at 46998 Prairie Central Road be
adopted.  (RZ001410)

Carried unanimously
Departmental Reports (continued)

“Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4795”
“Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4796” (continued)

Mercer  )  That “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4796” with respect to property located at 46998 Prairie Central Road be given third reading. (RZ001410)

Carried unanimously

Knott  )  That “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4796” with respect to property located at 46998 Prairie Central Road be adopted. (RZ001410)

Carried unanimously

Diana Cloutier, Temporary Use Permit/6165 Glenroy Drive

Council consideration of Temporary Use Permit TUP00152 with respect to property located at 6165 Glenroy Drive, to permit the operation of a child care facility as an Accessory Home Occupation.

Public Engagement Petition containing 7 signatures of support from Diana Cloutier, Applicant, received February 21, 2020.

Email of opposition received from:
- Anita Stephenson, 6163 Glenroy Drive, dated April 17, 2020.

Email of information received from:
- Diana and Jason Cloutier, Applicant/Owner, 6165 Glenroy Drive, dated April 20, 2020.

Knott  )  That the presentation and written submissions with respect to “Temporary Use Permit TUP00152 be received for information. (RZ001197)

Carried unanimously

Mercer  )  That Council approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permit (TUP00152) with respect to property located at 6165 Glenroy Drive, subject to the recommendations as stipulated within the draft Temporary Use Permit.

Defeated
Mayor Popove and Councillors Kloot, Knott, Mercer, Shields and Westeringh voted “Nay”
Councillor Lum voted “Yea”
Departmental Reports (continued)

Trio Architectural Design Inc., Development Variance Permit/45870, 45876, 45880, 45888 and 45894 Henderson Avenue

Council consideration of Development Variance Permit DVP01104 with respect to properties located at 45870, 45876, 45880, 45888, and 45894 Henderson Avenue, which proposes to vary the number of off-street parking spaces from 1.5 to 0.75 space per small apartment unit (less than 51m² in area), varying the total required parking spaces from 119 to 105.

Emails of opposition received from:
- Rachel Wille, 45883 Henderson Avenue, dated March 16, 2020; and,

Email of comment received from:
- Darren Hall, Partner, TRIO Architecture Inc., Unit B – 33623 Wildwood Drive, Abbotsford, BC, Applicant, dated April 17, 2020

Westeringh ) That the presentation and written submissions with respect to Development Variance Permit DVP01104 be received for information.
Kloot ( Carried unanimously

Lum ) That Council approve the issuance of Development Variance Permit DVP01104 with respect to properties located at 45870, 45876, 45880, 45888, and 45894 Henderson Avenue.
Shields ( Carried unanimously

Kevin Herfst, Development Variance Permit/8905 Upper Prairie Road

Council consideration of Development Variance Permit DVP01118 with respect to property located 8905 Upper Prairie Road, which proposes to vary the required rear lot line setback from 15m to 8.6m, to facilitate the construction of an addition to an animal enclosure (poultry barn).

There were no written submissions with respect to Development Variance Permit DVP01118.

Kloot ) That the presentation with respect to Development Variance Permit DVP01118 be received for information.
Mercer ( Carried unanimously

Knott ) That Council approve the issuance of Development Variance Permit DVP01118 with respect to property located at 8905 Upper Prairie Road.
Westeringh ( Carried unanimously
Departmental Reports (continued)

OTG Developments Ltd., Rezoning and Development Variance Permit/45669 Yale Road

Kloot Shields  ) That “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 4803”, which proposes to rezone a portion of property located at 45669 Yale Road from a C2 (Local Commercial) Zone to a P1 (Civic Assembly) Zone, be given first and second reading; and further, that in accordance with “Public Hearing/Public Information Meeting Procedural Bylaw 2004, No. 3004”, notice be issued requesting written submissions for Council’s consideration at the May 5, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council. (RZ001402)

Carried unanimously

Fraser Valley Regional Hospital District
Rezoning and Development Variance Permit/46180 Olds Drive

Lum Knott  ) That Council direct staff to pre-consult with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Agricultural Land Commission with respect to an application, which proposes to redesignate property located at 46180 Olds Drive from “Thoroughfare Commercial” to “Institutional and Civic Use”. (RZ001415)

Carried unanimously

Other Business

Additional Item

Lum Westeringh  ) That the Regular Agenda be varied by bringing forward Agenda Item No. 14-2 (D-1) with respect to the “Virtual Celebration and Activity Program”.

Carried unanimously

Virtual Celebration and Activity Program

Lum Knott  ) That Council receive for information the outline on the newly proposed virtual celebration and activity program “Together Apart”, as contained within the Staff Report dated April 17, 2020; and further, that staff be directed to proceed with implementing the program.

Carried unanimously

Councillors’ Reports

Councillor Knott commented on the struggle to hold Committee meetings and advised a virtual meeting for the Public Art Advisory Committee is being coordinated. She expressed how proud she is of all the people staying in and keeping safe; scolded those that are hanging out at Gill Road not practicing social distancing; expressed the need to stay home as much as possible, designating one family member to do the shopping; and, thanked all those that are following the rules.

Councillor Westeringh advised the School Naming Committee has provided the School District with two names for the new schools on the north and south sides. He also spoke on his attendance at the Tourism Chilliwack Board meeting and expressed his concern for the companies in the tourism business.
Councillors’ Reports (continued)

Councillor Mercer expressed his concern to those that are suffering loneliness and isolation in these strange times and commented on some of the creative ways people are getting together and still maintaining social distancing. He commented that people are being very respectful and applauded City staff on the great job they have done in identifying narrow trails and changing them to one way only.

Councillor Lum thanked all the front-line workers and all those in health care; extended care homes; grocery store workers; and, those involved with cleaning the hospitals. He also commented on an upward trend of emails from people tattling on their neighbours who they feel are not following the rules. He stressed that citizens need to listen to the health officials and focus on their own families and loved ones and concentrate on doing the right thing for themselves. He advised that if he receives any further emails regarding those type of complaints, he will not respond nor take any action. He encouraged the community to maintain their own mental health and do the right thing.

Councillor Kloot extended condolences to those affected by the horrific event that recently took place in Nova Scotia. He commented on the first virtual Design Review Advisory Committee meeting and thanked all the health care providers and citizens of our community for following the rules.

Councillor Shields reported on his attendance at the Chilliwack Economic Partners Corporation Board meeting and the recent blood drive, reminding people that they can still give blood during this pandemic. He praised some of the larger stores for having set up proper protocols regarding physical distancing; commented on how people are being very patient; and, encouraged the community to support local businesses as much as possible.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Popove reminded the community that he puts out a statement every day and recommended checking out the City’s website.

Adjournment to Closed Meeting

Knott ) That, in accordance with Section 90(1)(e) and (k) of the Community Charter, Council hold a Closed Meeting to discuss property matters and proposed services.  
Lum  
Carried unanimously

The regular meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm.