



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall

4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Hurley
Councillor Pietro Calendino (*participated electronically*)
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal (*participated electronically*)
Councillor Alison Gu
Councillor Joe Keithley (*participated electronically*)
Councillor Richard T. Lee
Councillor Maita Santiago (*participated electronically*)
Councillor Daniel Tetrault
Councillor James Wang

STAFF:

Leon Gous, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) (*participated electronically*)
Noreen Kassam, Deputy CAO / Chief Financial Officer
Juli Halliwell, General Manager Corporate Services (*participated electronically*)
May Phang, General Manager Engineering
James Lota, General Manager Lands & Facilities
Mary Morrison-Clark, General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture
Ed Kozak, General Manager Planning & Development
May Leung, City Solicitor
Nikki Best, Director Legislative Services / Corporate Officer
Blanka Zeinabova, Sr. Manager Legislative Services
Denise Chak, Administrative Officer 1

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

THAT the 24-hour notice to hold a Special Council meeting be waived.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

With the notice waived, Mayor Hurley called the Special Council meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Hurley recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əm̓ and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

3. **REPORTS**

3.1 **Mayor Hurley - NOM: Supporting Local Procurement in Response to U.S. Tariffs**

Mayor Hurley submitted a Notice of Motion to support local procurement in response to U.S. Tariffs.

THAT the Notice of Motion be waived.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

With the notice waved, the motion was put:

Resolution No. S2025 - 001

WHEREAS supporting local businesses strengthens the local economy, creates jobs, and enhances community resilience;

WHEREAS recent tariffs imposed by the United States on Canadian goods have created economic uncertainty and financial pressures on local industries and suppliers;

WHEREAS municipalities have a responsibility to support Canadian businesses and workers by ensuring procurement practices prioritize local economic development where permitted under trade agreements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all Burnabarians, including Canadians, permanent residents and those who currently call Canada home be encouraged to "Buy Local";

THAT a "Buy Local" approach for municipal procurement be implemented, where feasible and in accordance with trade agreements and best value principles;

THAT staff be directed to review current procurement practices and identify opportunities to enhance local purchasing in response to recent U.S. tariffs and economic pressures; and

THAT staff be directed to report back to Council with an outline of proposed changes to procurement policies and practices that will support local businesses as soon as practicable.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

THAT the Special Council meeting adjourn at 9:13 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mike Hurley, MAYOR

Nikki Best, CORPORATE OFFICER