



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

M I N U T E S

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall

4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Hurley
Councillor Pietro Calendino
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
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)
Noreen Kassam, Deputy CAO / Chief Financial Officer
Dave Critchley, General Manager Community Safety
Juli Halliwell, General Manager Corporate Services / Corporate Officer
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
Miles Ritchie, Fire Chief
Anita Bhandari, Chief Human Resources Officer
Bachar Khawajah, Chief Information Officer
Beth Davies, Chief Librarian
Blanka Zeinabova, Sr. Manager Legislative Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hurley called the Special Open Council meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

3.1 **Special Open Council Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

THAT the agenda for the Special Open Council meeting of Tuesday, March 4, 2025, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **REPORTS**

4.1 **BUDGET - FOLLOW UP**

4.1.1 Draft 2025 Operating Budget Update

The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Chief Financial Officer submitted a memorandum regarding Draft 2025 Operating Budget Update.

Arising from discussion, Council introduced the following motion:

Resolution No. S2025 – 002

WHEREAS municipal property taxes are a primary source of revenue for funding essential city services, infrastructure, and community programs; and

WHEREAS responsible fiscal management requires balancing the cost of delivering services with the economic impact on residents and businesses;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a preliminary **3.9% property tax increase for 2025** to support the continued delivery of high-quality municipal services while maintaining long-term financial sustainability be approved.

CARRIED
(Opposed: Councillor Lee)

4.1.2 Draft 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan Update

The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Chief Financial Officer submitted a memorandum regarding Draft 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan Update.

Arising from discussion, Council introduced the following motion:

Resolution No. S2025 - 003

WHEREAS strategic capital investments are essential to maintaining and enhancing municipal infrastructure, facilities, and services for the community; and

WHEREAS the City's long-term financial planning ensures responsible fiscal management and the efficient allocation of resources to support growth, sustainability, and service delivery;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2025 Capital Plan of \$438.5 million and the 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan within the Five-Year Financial Plan totaling \$2 billion, ensuring continued investment in critical infrastructure and community priorities, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1.3 Proposed New Infrastructure Levy Update

The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Chief Financial Officer submitted a memorandum regarding Proposed New Infrastructure Levy Update.

Arising from discussion, Council introduced the following motion:

Resolution No. S2025 - 004

WHEREAS maintaining and upgrading municipal infrastructure is critical to ensuring the long-term sustainability, safety, and efficiency of city services;

WHEREAS dedicated funding for infrastructure renewal reduces reliance on debt financing and ensures a stable, long-term approach to capital investment;

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia amended development financing legislation to restrict the ability of the City to collect density bonusing contributions in the same manner it use to and allocate these funds for the delivery of public amenities; and

WHEREAS these legislative changes necessitated the adoption of Development Cost Charge (DCC) and Amenity Cost Charge (ACC) programs to ensure the City can continue to collect funds from developers to support the delivery of essential public infrastructure and amenities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new Infrastructure Levy equivalent to a 1.9% property tax increase to fund the City's portion of essential infrastructure projects, including roads, utilities, public facilities, and other capital improvements be established.

CARRIED
(Opposed: Councillor Lee)

5. ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, and without objection, the Special Open Council meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mike Hurley, MAYOR

Juli Halliwell, CORPORATE OFFICER