



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2020

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at, 10:26 am in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of declaring a state of local emergency, resolving to grant additional authority under the *Emergency Program Act* and amending an adopted motion to re-purpose community grants to better support the community's COVID-19 response. This Special Council meeting was convened by electronic means as authorized by Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law* and the *Vancouver Charter*.

PRESENT:

- Mayor Kennedy Stewart
- Councillor Rebecca Bligh
- Councillor Christine Boyle
- Councillor Adriane Carr
- Councillor Melissa De Genova
- Councillor Lisa Dominato
- Councillor Pete Fry
- Councillor Colleen Hardwick
- Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
- Councillor Jean Swanson
- Councillor Michael Wiebe

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk
Tamarra Wong, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Mayor acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

The Mayor also recognized the immense contributions of the City of Vancouver's staff who work hard every day to help make our city an incredible place to live, work, and play.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the Special Council meeting recess in order to reconvene In Camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Council recessed at 10:29 am and reconvened at 11:03 am.

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**1. Declaration of an Emergency in the City of Vancouver
March 19, 2020**

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT Council enact a By-law to declare a State of Emergency in Vancouver, which is attached as Appendix A of the Report dated March 19, 2020, entitled "Declaration of an Emergency in the City of Vancouver".

withdrawn

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the following be added as a second clause to the motion:

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to prepare and schedule formal briefings to update Council, at least weekly, as long as a By-law to declare a State of Emergency in Vancouver is enacted.

withdrawn

Subsequently, Councillor De Genova withdrew the amendment and the motion in order to allow questions from Council to staff.

WITHDRAWAL ON THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the amendment to the motion be withdrawn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WITHDRAWAL ON THE MOTION MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the motion be withdrawn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Following the withdrawals on the amendment and the motion, the following staff provided an update on the item and responded to questions by way of teleconference:

- Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
- Darrell Reid, Fire Chief, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services
- Grant Murray, Assistant Director – Administration, Legal Services

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During questions to staff, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova*

THAT the meeting be extended past noon to complete Item 1.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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MOVED by Councillor Wiebe
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT Council enact a By-law to declare a State of Emergency in Vancouver, which is attached as Appendix A of the Report dated March 19, 2020, entitled "Declaration of an Emergency in the City of Vancouver".

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the following be added as a second clause to the motion:

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to prepare and schedule formal briefings to update Council, at least weekly, as long as a By-law to declare a State of Emergency in Vancouver is enacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05711)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 05712).

1. A By-law to declare a State of Emergency in Vancouver (By-law No. 12661)

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT Council enact a By-law to declare a State of Emergency in Vancouver, which is attached as Appendix A of the Report dated March 19, 2020, entitled “Declaration of an Emergency in the City of Vancouver”;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to prepare and schedule formal briefings to update Council, at least weekly, as long as a By-law to declare a State of Emergency in Vancouver is enacted.

Following the completion on Item 1, the Mayor proposed a brief recess and suggested that the meeting reconvene with Councillor De Genova as Acting Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT Council extend the meeting in order to deal with Item 2, “Amendments to Community Services Grants to Allow Community Response to COVID-19”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor De Genova abstained from the vote)

2. Amendments to Community Services Grants to Allow Community Response to COVID-19 March 18, 2020

Sandra Singh, General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services, responded to questions by way of teleconference.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick

- A. THAT Council approve the following amendments to Council’s prior approval of 2020 Community Services and Other Social Grants (RTS No. 13579) and 2020 Renter Services Grants and Renter Service Update (RTS No. 13412) (the “Prior Resolution”):
 - i. With respect to all Social Services Agencies (as defined below), the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services (or their designate) (“GM of ACCS”) be authorized to accelerate the disbursement of the 2020 Social Grants (as defined below) to allow the community to respond to COVID-19 as quickly as necessary.
 - ii. With respect to all Social Services Agencies, the conditions of their respective grant agreements are now amended to allow the use of the grant for the following additional purposes subject to the following conditions:

- The grant must still be used for the benefit of the same members of the community that the original grant conditions required (the “Target Community”).
 - The applicable Social Service Agency may utilize the grant for any purpose that supports the Target Community in mitigating or preventing the transmission of COVID-19 or assisting any member of the Target Community who contracts COVID-19 (the “Re-Purpose”).
 - The Re-Purpose will be deemed to include any such costs as are reasonably necessary to protect the health of the employees and volunteers of the Social Service Agency in carrying out the Re-Purpose.
 - All of the audit and records-keeping requirements of the grant agreement will continue to apply to all expenditures made in connection with the Re-Purpose.
- B. THAT, if Council approves A above, the GM of ACCS (or their designate) is authorized to issue all such amendments to the existing grant agreements for the 2020 Social Grants and issue all such other communications and execute any and all such documents as considered by the GM of ACCS reasonably necessary to implement the intent and effect of A above including all such clarifications and additional terms and conditions as considered by the GM of ACCS reasonably necessary in the circumstances.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND A
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 05713)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.

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