



**Minutes
Special Meeting
April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jack Bowers	CAO	Kimberly Ballance
Councillors	Gary Jones	Executive Assistant/ Finance Assistant	Trudy Amos
	Michelle Vainio		
	Neil Yee (electronically)		

Delegations: Amanda Janssens, Department of Community Services

Public Present: 0

Public on Zoom: 1

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bowers called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Council Meeting Agenda

Resolution 26-156

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the April 21, 2026, Special Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

Resolution 26-157

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council move into Committee of the Whole for a presentation.

Carried

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Pecuniary Interest Training

Amanda Janssens provided an overview of Pecuniary Interest as set out in S 193.01 of the Municipal Act, including exclusions. She highlighted that Pecuniary Interest has to have a potential financial impact which can be positive or negative. A Conflict of Interest is not set out in the Act but may be addressed in municipal bylaws.

The purpose of declaring a Pecuniary Interest publicly provides increased transparency and shows the public what individual members are considering in that determination.

Council discussed several examples of pecuniary interest and potential, pecuniary interest, including how to declare it at a meeting. Council also discussed how to advise or question another member of Council if it is thought that they may have a pecuniary interest. This is not meant to be done in a disparaging way, rather to ensure that Council is being accountable to the public.

Principles of why a member should declare a Pecuniary Interest were discussed including the value of fairness, accountability and transparency, ethical decision-making, trust, and democratic process.

Disqualification of a Member of Council was discussed in accordance with Section 193.02 of the Municipal Act.

The process for disclosing a pecuniary interest was reviewed including the formal declaration and general nature thereof. Council Members should recuse themselves from the meeting to ensure that they do not influence the decision-making process. Seeking legal support to make a determination on whether or not a member has a pecuniary interest may be useful. Members can also discuss a matter with the CAO, but need to recognize that the requirement to declare remains the responsibility of each individual Council Member.

Council thanked Amanda for her presentation.

Resolution 26-158

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Special Meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT


Resolution 26-159

Jones, Vainio

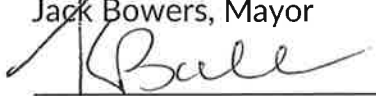
RESOLVED THAT the April 21, 2026, Special Meeting be adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting
Council held on May 5, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-~~181~~



Jack Bowers, Mayor



Kimberly Ballance, CAO