



## **REGULAR MEETING OF TASK FORCE ON FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC REALM**

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Regular Meeting of

the Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm  
which convenes at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Held Electronically under Ministerial Order No. M192/2020 and  
Order of the Public Health Officer – *Gatherings and Events February 5, 2021*

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Jonathan Cote, Chair

Councillor Patrick Johnstone

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr

Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer

Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering

Tobi May, Manager, Civic Buildings & Properties

Eugene Wat, Manager, Infrastructure Planning

Alvin Chok, Chief information Officer

Lorraine Lyle, Manager, Finance Services

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks & Recreation

Christy Mereigh, Manager, Strategic Projects

Emilie Adin, Director of Development Services

Roger Emanuels, Manager, Design & Construction

Patrick Shannon, Manager, Purchasing

Blair Fryer, Manager, Communications & Economic Development

Rod Carle, General Manager

Lisa Leblanc, Manager of Transportation

Erika Mashig, Manager, Parks & open Space Planning

Catalin Dobrescu, Utilities & Special Projects Engineer

#### **GUESTS:**

Colin Meldrum, Metro Vancouver

Alanna Clark, Metro Vancouver

Leanne Forsyth, Metro Vancouver

Ariel Estrada, Metro Vancouver

Jugoslav Bajkin, Metro Vancouver  
Les Ptak, Metro Vancouver  
Yariv Ben-Shooshan, Metro Vancouver

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

## EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

### 1. MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm immediately following the Regular Meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)[e, k] and 90(2)[b] of the Community Charter:*

*90(1)*

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;*
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;*

*90(2)*

- (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

## ADJOURNMENT

**2. MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm in Open Session be adjourned and proceed to Closed Session.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

## RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING

**3. MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Regular Mayor's Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm be reconvened at 10:59 a.m.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

## ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA Urgent/time sensitive matters only

**4. No Items**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**5. No Items**

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**6. MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm meeting of January 11, 2021, be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

## PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS FOR ACTION

**7. MV New Westminster Sewer Interceptor - Columbia Street Rehabilitation**

Guests from Metro Vancouver Colin Meldrum and Alanna Clark, gave a presentation that highlighted:

- Overview of the project area

- Description of pipe condition
- Surcharge zone
- Project timeline
- Work zones and traffic management strategy
- Project coordination
- Community engagement

In response to questions from a Task Force member, Mr. Meldrum noted that in the sinkhole example from the presentation, the infrastructure had not been inspected recently prior to the collapse and condition was not ascertained prior to failure. Mr. Meldrum also advised that Metro Vancouver sewer system has several components throughout the City with various timelines for repair and replacement, noting that the Columbia Street section is the most immediate concern of imminent failure.

Responding to a question from a Task Force member, Ms. Clark responded that Metro Vancouver will be sharing the results of stakeholder engagement in a future report.

Mr. Meldrum also advised the Task Force that work is expected to take place within the noise variance regulations, with some night and weekend work to be anticipated.

Discussion ensued on:

- Implications of proposed work to Front Street for closures over the summer months
- Importance of prioritizing pedestrian access, including providing safe crossings and wayfinding
- Potential impacts of parking revenue to City's budget
- Necessity of ongoing coordination of existing development projects to alleviate conflicts, particularly related to the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project, and Bosa development
- Potential impacts to Anvil Centre, film industry, as well as festivals and events in the Downtown area
- Community engagement to begin immediately

**ON MOTION it was MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm direct staff to present recommendations to council once staff have completed a fulsome engagement with Metro Vancouver and community stakeholders.*

*THAT the Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm give direction to staff to initiate discussions with Metro Vancouver to integrate community benefit elements to the proposed project.*

**CARRIED**

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

A copy of the presentation will be included as Attachment 1

**NEW BUSINESS**

**8. No Items**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm will occur on:

Date:	March 8, 2021
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Location:	Via Zoom

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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**MAYOR JONATHAN COTE**  
**CHAIR**

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**MEGAN JONES**  
**RECORDING SECRETARY**