



MINUTES
STRATEGIC MEETING OF COUNCIL

June 3, 2025, 9:30 AM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

PRESENT:

- Councillor P. Demong (Remote Participation)
- Councillor K. Penner
- Councillor J. Wyness
- Councillor T. Wong
- Councillor E. Spencer (Remote Participation)
- Councillor R. Dhaliwal (Partial Remote Participation)
- Councillor J. Mian
- Councillor D. McLean
- Councillor S. Chu
- Councillor C. Walcott
- Councillor S. Sharp
- Councillor G-C. Carra
- Councillor A. Chabot
- Mayor J. Gondek

ALSO PRESENT:

- Chief Administrative Officer D. Duckworth
- Chief Operating Officer S. Dalglish
- City Solicitor and General Counsel J. Floen, KC
- Chief Financial Officer L. Tochor
- General Manager C. Arthurs
- General Manager K. Black
- General Manager D. Hamilton
- General Manager D. Morgan
- General Manager M. Thompson
- A/Deputy City Clerk M. A. Cario
- Senior Legislative Specialist A. de Grood

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gondek called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Carra, Councillor Chabot, Councillor Chu, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor McLean, Councillor Mian, Councillor Penner, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Wong, and Mayor Gondek

Absent from Roll Call: Councillor Demong and Councillor Wyness

2. OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Gondek provided opening remarks.

Councillor Chabot provided a traditional land acknowledgement.

3. QUESTION PERIOD

1. Councillor Sharp

Topic: Funding source for the Secondary Suite Incentive Program.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Dhaliwal

Seconded by Councillor Walcott

That the Agenda for the 2025 June 3 Strategic Meeting of Council be confirmed.

MOTION CARRIED

5. ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

5.1 Approach to 2025 November Adjustments, C2025-0397

Moved by Councillor Mian

Seconded by Councillor Penner

That pursuant Section 23 (Local public body confidences) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, Council now move into Closed Meeting, at 10:12 a.m. in the Council Boardroom, to discuss confidential matters with respect to Item 5.1, Approach to 2025 November Adjustments, C2025-0397.

For: (13): Councillor Penner, Councillor Wyness, Councillor Wong, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor Mian, Councillor McLean, Councillor Chu, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chabot, and Mayor Gondek

MOTION CARRIED

Administration in attendance during the Closed Meeting discussions with respect to Report C2025-0397:

Clerks: M. A. Cario, C. Doi, and R. Derwantz. Chief Administrative Officer: D. Duckworth. Law: J. Floen. Advice: S. Dalgleish, L. Tochor, K. Black, C. Arthurs, D. Hamilton, D. Morgan, M. Thompson, J. Kapala, A. Brown, H. Kathol, M. Jankovic, C. An, P. Garnenkov, A. Brouwer, and M. McClurg.

Councillor Spencer (Remote Member) left the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Councillor Spencer (Remote Member) joined the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Council recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Meeting at 1:19 p.m.

Councillor Demong (Remote Member) joined the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Council reconvened in public meeting at 1:58 p.m. with Mayor Gondek in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Carra, Councillor Chabot, Councillor Chu, Councillor Demong, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor McLean, Councillor Mian, Councillor Penner, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Wong, Councillor Wyness, and Mayor Gondek

Moved by Councillor Mian
Seconded by Councillor Sharp

That Council rise and report.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Mian
Seconded by Councillor Penner

That with respect to Report C2025-0397, the following amendment be adopted:

That a new Recommendation 4 be inserted, and that subsequent Recommendations be renumbered accordingly, as follows:

“4. Direct Administration to create a list of line items for November 2025 budget adjustments that are the result of either new provincial government requirements or funding cuts, clearly displaying those items in dollar value as well as proportion of budget increase;”

For: (12): Councillor Demong, Councillor Penner, Councillor Wyness, Councillor Wong, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Mian, Councillor McLean, Councillor Chu, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Carra, and Mayor Gondek

Against: (2): Councillor Dhaliwal, and Councillor Chabot

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Penner
Seconded by Councillor Mian

That with respect to Report C2025-0397, the following be adopted, **as amended**:

That Council:

1. Direct Administration to remain within the previously-approved 3.6% tax revenue increase from existing properties;

For: (7): Councillor Demong, Councillor Penner, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor Mian, Councillor Walcott, and Mayor Gondek

Against: (7): Councillor Wyness, Councillor Wong, Councillor McLean, Councillor Chu, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Carra, and Councillor Chabot

MOTION DEFEATED

Moved by Councillor Penner
Seconded by Councillor Mian

That with respect to Report C2025-0397, the following be adopted, **as amended**:

That Council:

2. Endorse the use of available financial capacity to fund high-priority spending needs in the 2025 November Adjustments (**Confidential Attachment 2**);

For: (9): Councillor Demong, Councillor Penner, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor Mian, Councillor McLean, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Carra, and Mayor Gondek

Against: (5): Councillor Wyness, Councillor Wong, Councillor Chu, Councillor Sharp, and Councillor Chabot

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Penner
Seconded by Councillor Mian

That with respect to Report C2025-0397, the following be adopted, **as amended**:

That Council:

3. Approve the additional 2025 Capital Budget Requests in Attachment 4;

For: (13): Councillor Demong, Councillor Penner, Councillor Wyness, Councillor Wong, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor Mian, Councillor McLean, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chabot, and Mayor Gondek

Against: (1): Councillor Chu

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Penner
Seconded by Councillor Mian

That with respect to Report C2025-0397, the following be adopted, **as amended**:

That Council:

4. **Direct Administration to create a list of line items for November 2025 budget adjustments that are the result of either new provincial government requirements or funding cuts, clearly displaying those items in dollar value as well as proportion of budget increase;**

For: (14): Councillor Demong, Councillor Penner, Councillor Wyness, Councillor Wong, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor Mian, Councillor McLean, Councillor Chu, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chabot, and Mayor Gondek

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Penner
Seconded by Councillor Mian

That with respect to Report C2025-0397, the following be adopted, **as amended**:

That Council:

5. Direct that the Closed Meeting discussions and Confidential Attachments 2 and 3 be held confidential pursuant to Section 23 (Local public body confidences) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, to be reviewed no later than 2026 December 31; and
6. Direct that, notwithstanding Recommendation 5, the Closed Meeting discussions and Confidential Attachments 2 and 3 be released to Corporate Planning and Performance, to be further shared with Administration, only where required, to support next steps.

For: (14): Councillor Demong, Councillor Penner, Councillor Wyness, Councillor Wong, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor Mian, Councillor McLean, Councillor Chu, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chabot, and Mayor Gondek

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 Budget Spend Authorization and Delegation, C2025-0501

Moved by Councillor Penner
Seconded by Councillor Walcott

That with respect to Report C2025-0501, the following be adopted:

That Council:

1. Approve the revised Budget Spend Authorization and Delegation policy (CP2025-03) in Attachment 2;
2. Approve the translation of 2025 and 2026 operating and capital budgets from service lines to departments in Attachment 3; and
3. Approve the revisions to the Multi-Year Business Planning and Budget Policy (CFO004) in Attachment 4.

For: (12): Councillor Demong, Councillor Penner, Councillor Wyness, Councillor Wong, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor Mian, Councillor Chu, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chabot, and Mayor Gondek

Against: (2): Councillor McLean, and Councillor Sharp

MOTION CARRIED

6. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None

7. BRIEFINGS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Walcott

Seconded by Councillor Sharp

That this Council adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL ON

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

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