



**CITY OF HUMBOLDT**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD**  
**MONDAY, October 13, 2020**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Rob Muench  
Councillor Lorne Pratchler  
Councillor Owen Hopfner  
Councillor Larry Jorgenson  
Councillor Roger Nordick  
Councillor Sandy Weyland  
Councillor Michael Behiel  
City Manager: Joe Day  
Corporate Services Director/City Clerk: Lori Yaworski  
Communications Manager: Penny Lee  
Works & Utilities Director: Peter Bergquist  
Finance Manager: Jace Porten  
Director of Protective Services: Mike Kwasnica  
Community & Leisure Services Director: Mike Ulriksen  
Planning Coordinator: Frank Carpentieri

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Muench called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Weyland/Hopfner:  
That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** Mayor Muench thanked Council and Staff for their hard work over the past four years and reflected on many of the achievements and challenges during his time as Mayor of Humboldt. He noted the many improvements were accomplished while keeping low tax increases. He thanked Councillor Weyland and Hopfner for their commitment and serving on Council, as they have chosen not to seek re-election.

Councillor Weyland acknowledged staff, Council member and the Senior Leadership Team that have all worked so hard during her time on Council. She also acknowledged the members of the two Boards she was on; the Library and the Museum and Gallery Board. She thanked Mayor Muench for his leadership through some challenging times. She is proud of all the work the City has accomplished and thanks the citizens of Humboldt for giving her the opportunity to serve on council.

Councillor Hopfner thanked fellow Council members and staff for the rewarding experience of being on City Council.

**APPROVE MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING:** Nordick/Jorgenson:  
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 28, 2020 be approved as amended, recorded, and circulated.

Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Weyland/Nordick:  
That the following correspondence be accepted for information:  
a) Minutes of the Museum & Gallery Board meeting held September 3, 2020.  
b) Minutes of the Humboldt Bronco Memorial Committee meeting held June 25, 2020.  
c) St. Peter's College – 2020 Scholarship & Awards Celebration.

Motion Carried.

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Mayor – Rob Muench

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City Clerk – Lori Yaworski

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
WORKS & UTILITIES  
REPORT – NORTH-  
WEST AREA FLOOD  
MITIGATION REVIEW  
UPDATE:**

Behiel/Jorgenson:  
That the Director of Public Works & Utilities Report – North-  
West Area Flood Mitigation Review Update Funding to be  
accepted for information

Motioned Carried

**DIRECTOR OF  
CORPORATE  
SERVICES-  
INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY  
ALLOWANCE POLICY**

Behiel/Nordick  
That the Director of Corporate Services – Information Technology  
Allowance Policy be amended to include having the option of City  
provided devices or receiving the Information Technology  
Allowance.

Motioned Carried

**ENQUIRIES -**

Councillor Weyland requested clarification from the Leisure Service  
Director for the cancellation of the Summer Sizzler and Volunteer  
Recognition events this year. The Leisure Service Director stated  
the events were cancelled for 2020 because of the limitation of  
gathering numbers due to COVID but is hopeful that we can  
organize the events for 2021.

Councillor Nordick expressed a concern of the people living in Caleb  
Village and St. Mary's Villa having the ability to vote in the Civic  
Election. The mail in ballot option was implemented to enable  
citizens unable to vote in person the option of accessing a mail in  
ballot. He expressed the concern that the mail in ballot process is  
cumbersome and difficult for some to understand. Administration will  
examine the process and promote the use of mail in ballots.

Councillor Behiel inquired if it was possible to provide subsidized  
transportation options available for voters with no access to  
transportation to the polls on election day.

Behiel/Pratchler  
That Administration investigate options for providing subsidized  
transportation to voters for the 2020 Civic Election.

Motioned Carried

Mayor Muench requested the City Manager provide information on  
an email that he sent to SaskWater regarding future increases in  
water rates. Due to Provincial election they were unable to confirm  
upcoming water rates. However, SaskWater did indicate they are  
giving serious consideration to the City's proposal of limiting the  
increase to the rate of inflation.

**DEPARTURE**

Works & Utilities Director Peter Bergquist and Director of Protective  
Services Mike Kwasnica left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE:**

Weyland/Behiel:  
That we sit in private session as a Committee of the Whole, the time  
being 6:50 p.m..

Motion Carried.

<b>PRESENT IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:</b>	Mayor Rob Muench, Councillor Lorne Pratchler, Councillor Larry Jorgenson, Councillor Roger Nordick, Councillor Michael Behiel, Councillor Sandy Weyland, Councillor Owen Hopfner, City Manager Joe Day, Corporate Services Director/City Clerk Lori Yaworski, Finance Manager Jace Porten, Leisure Services Director Mike Ulriksen, Planning Coordinator Frank Carpentieri, and Communications Manager Penny Lee.
<b>AUTHORITY:</b>	The Committee met under Section 5(2), Section 5(3), and Section 5(4) of Part III Schedule “A” of <i>The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> .
<b>DEPARTURE:</b>	Community & Leisure Services Director Mike Ulriksen and Planning Coordinator left the meeting at 7:55 p.m..
<b>DEPARTURE:</b>	City Manager Joe Day, Finance Manager Jace Porten and Communications Manager Penny Lee left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.
<b>RETURN:</b>	City Manager Joe Day returned to Chambers, the time being 8:07 p.m.
<b>REVERT:</b>	Behiel/Weyland: That we revert to the Regular Meeting of Council, the time being 8:07 p.m. <div>Motion Carried.</div>
<b>DCG PHILANTHROPIC SERVICES INC. UPDATE FROM DCG PHILANTHROPIC ON CASE FOR SUPPORT FOR FACILITY FUNDRAISING:</b>	Jorgenson/Hopfner: That the verbal report and updated material from DCG Philanthropic be received as information and filed. <div>Motion Carried.</div>
<b>PLANNING COORDINATOR’S REPORT- REQUEST TO PURCHASE CITY LAND – STEWART PROPERTIES</b>	Behiel/Nordick: That this matter be referred to Administration to further investigate and negotiate the terms in the offer to purchase from Stewart Properties. <div>Motion Carried.</div>
<b>COMMUNICATION MANAGER’S REPORT – COMMUNICATION MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION</b>	Jorgenson/Weyland: That Administration be authorized to proceed in paying the \$8,000 balance owing to the Humboldt and District Chamber of Commerce for 2020 even though the Visitor Information Centre was not open to the public for approximately three-months during 2020. <div>Motion Carried.</div>
<b>DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES/CITY CLERK REPORT:</b>	Behiel/Weyland: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the City Manager contract with Joe Day for the period of August 14, 2020 to August 14, 2023. <div>Motion Carried.</div>
<b>ADJOURN:</b>	Jorgenson/Behiel That we do now adjourn, the time being 8:11 p.m. <div>Motion Carried.</div>