

# Regular Council Meeting Notes



June 8, 2021

## **Open Forum - Public Response Policies (7:28)**

Former Beaumont resident Sean Dimock expressed concerns about response times to his requests for information from the Mayor's Office and city staff. Mr. Dimock asked what the city's policies are for responses to the public.

## **Open Forum - Backyard Hen-keeping (18:01)**

Beaumont resident Cori Balsdon asked council to allow people to keep chickens on residential property within the city. Council members replied that the concept is being considered as part of a comprehensive community standards bylaw and that the process will include public consultation.

## **Beaumont Library Capital Projects Update (36:07)**

Laura Winton, Director of the Beaumont Library, provided an [update on the library's capital projects](#), including the purchase of an electric library bicycle and progress on design plans for an expansion of the library.

## **Theatre Proposal (45:48)**

Hunter Gates and Sherry Vera, from the Beaumont Performing Arts Collective, presented a proposal for a non-profit performing arts space in the city. They requested a funding commitment from council in order to secure grants and other sources of funds.

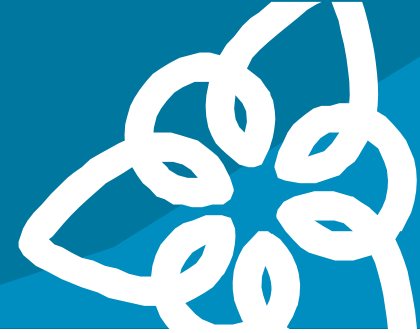
Council directed city administration to bring the item back to Committee of the Whole for discussion on Aug. 17.

## **Performing Arts Facility Feasibility Study (1:45:55)**

Council [received an updated study](#) that included options for a performing arts centre at the existing Centre Communautaire Beaumont Community Centre. The study will be referred to a steering committee being established to develop recommendations for council on building a performing arts centre.

*Please note these summaries are not an official record of council meetings. Official minutes are posted online once they are approved during a subsequent meeting.*

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## **Fire Services Mini-Pumper ([2:14:03](#))**

Council [approved the purchase of a mini-pumper](#) to improve Fire Services response times in Beaumont.

## **COVID-19 Recommendations for City Council Meetings ([2:35:46](#))**

Council [approved a recommendation](#) to return to public meetings in Council Chambers beginning August.

## **Emergency Management Bylaw Amendment ([2:51:22](#))**

Council [approved an amendment](#) to the city's Emergency Management Bylaw that assigns the role of chair of the emergency advisory committee to the Director of Emergency Management. The update was required to be consistent with provincial emergency management legislation.