

Special Council Meeting Notes



April 21, 2020

Public Engagement (0:56)

City administration presented plans to engage and consult with Beaumont residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mass gathering and physical distancing restrictions by the provincial government limit the methods the city can use to consult with the public. As a result, all direct public participation activities are temporarily on hold. As detailed in administration's plan, the public will be engaged using methods that do not include in-person meetings or contact, such as letters, online surveys and open houses, webinars and web-based comment boards.

Beaumont Transit Service Suspension (24:50)

Council voted to suspend Beaumont Transit service beginning May 4. Ridership has dropped significantly since the provincial government declared a public health emergency and began implementing measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Council also agreed to re-evaluate the suspension by June 9 and asked city administration to connect with affected riders and explore alternative means for transportation.

Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule (42:49)

Council approved changing the time of Regular Council and Committee of the Whole meetings from evenings to afternoons. Regular Council meetings will be scheduled at 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month and Committee of the Whole Meetings will be scheduled at 1:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings will be held conducted via videoconference to ensure the practice of physical distancing and the schedule will be revisited on June 23.

Unfunded Capital Projects (48:35)

City administration presented a prioritized list of capital projects that do not currently have funding allocated to them. The provincial government recently announced that it was accelerating its capital plan spending in order to keep people working on infrastructure projects during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and collapse of global oil prices. At the provincial government's invitation, the list was submitted to them for consideration should funding for municipalities be available.

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