



**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
RE: 2021 BANFF AVENUE PEDESTRIAN ZONE**

**of the Town of Banff in the Province of Alberta  
Virtual Council Meeting  
Wednesday, 2021 April 20, at 1:00 pm**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen Sorensen	Mayor	(Remote Participation)
Corrie DiManno	Councillor and Deputy Mayor	(Remote Participation)
Ted Christensen	Councillor and Acting Mayor	(Remote Participation)
Grant Canning	Councillor	(Remote Participation)
Chip Olver	Councillor	(Remote Participation)
Peter Poole	Councillor	(Remote Participation)
Brian Standish	Councillor	(Remote Participation)

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Kelly Gibson	Town Manager	(Remote Participation)
Silvio Adamo	Director, Emergency Management, Director, Protective Services, and Fire Chief	(Remote Participation)
Jason Darrah	Director, Communications & Marketing	(Remote Participation)
Darren Enns	Director, Planning & Development	(Remote Participation)
Adrian Field	Director, Engineering	(Remote Participation)
Chris Hughes	Director, Corporate Services	(Remote Participation)
Paul Godfrey	Director, Operations	(Remote Participation)
Barbara King	Director, Human Resources	(Remote Participation)
Randall McKay	Manager, Strategic Initiatives & Special Projects)	(Remote Participation)
Lisa Lee	Executive Assistant, Mayor's Office	(Remote Participation)
Tara Johnston	Legislative Advisor	(Remote Participation)
Libbey McDougall	Municipal Clerk	(Remote Participation)

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## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

To confirm Members of Council, who all participated virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, as present, the following roll call was conducted:

### ROLL CALL:

Present: (5): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, and Councillor Olver

Mayor Sorensen called the virtual Special Meeting of Council, Re: 2021 Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone, to order at 1:01 p.m.

## 2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Agenda for the 2021 April 20 Virtual Special Meeting of Council Re: 2021 Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone

COU21-121 **Moved by** Mayor Sorensen

That the Agenda for today's meeting be amended by adding Item to Section 3.2.2, Written Submissions, Item 3.2.4, entitled "Stephanie Ferracuti: Email Re: Please do Not Open Banff Avenue to Outdoor Dining at This Time, Received 2021 April 19 (Item 4.1, Request for Decision: Summer 2021 Downtown Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone)".

For: (5): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, and Councillor Olver

**MOTION CARRIED**



COU21-122 **Moved by** Councillor DiManno

That the Agenda for the 2021 April 20 Virtual Special Meeting of Council, Re: 2021 Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone, be approved, **as amended**.

For: (5): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, and Councillor Olver

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3.0 PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

3.1 Correspondence Postponed from the 2021 April 12 Virtual Regular Meeting of Council

3.1.1 Timothy Eckmier: Email Re: Request for an Early Start – Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone, Received 2021 April 07

Council, by unanimous consent, received Timothy Eckmier's Email. Re: Request for an Early Start – Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone, for the Corporate Record.

3.1.2 Darren Reeder, Executive Director, Banff and Lake Louise Hospitality Association, and Leslie Bruce, President & CEO, Banff & Lake Louise Tourism: Letter Re: 2021 Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone Plan – Early Rollout Request, Received 2021 April 07

Council, by unanimous consent, received Darren Reeder and Leslie Bruce's Letter, Re: 2021 Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone Plan – Early Rollout Request, for the Corporate Record.

3.1.3 Ken Campbell: Email Re: Support for Immediate Pedestrianization of Banff Avenue, Received 2021 April 07

Council, by unanimous consent, received Ken Campbell's Email, Re: Support for Immediate Pedestrianization of Banff Avenue, for the Corporate Record.

3.1.4 Yannis Karlos: Email Re: Provincial Restrictions, Received 2021 April 06

Council, by unanimous consent, received Yannis Karlos' Email, Re: Provincial Restrictions, for the Corporate Record.



3.1.5 Tony Gray, Area Manager, Boston Pizza and A&W, TRG Banff: Email Re: Banff Avenue, Received 2021 April 07

Council, by unanimous consent, received Tony Gray's Email, Re: Banff Avenue, for the Corporate Record.

3.1.6 Catherine Sinclair Smythe and Steve Smythe, Owner/ Operators, Tooloulou's: Email and Letter Re: Dine In Force Closure, Received 2021 April 07

Council, by unanimous consent, received Catherine Sinclair Smythe and Steve Smythe's Email and Letter, Re: Dine In Force Closure, for the Corporate Record.

3.1.7 Kathy Johnson, Owner, Coyotes: Letter, Received 2021 April 07

Council, by unanimous consent, received Kathy Johnson's Letter for the Corporate Record.

3.1.8 Kees Vanderlee, A Bit of Banff & Whiskey Jacks: Email: Re: Help for Our Restaurants and Town Business, Received 2021 April 08

Council, by unanimous consent, received Kees Vanderlee's Email, Re: Help for Our Restaurants and Town Business, for the Corporate Record.

3.1.9 Cam Baty, Co-Owner, Rocky Mountain Soap: Email Re: Open Banff Avenue to Pedestrian Traffic, Received 2021 April 09

Council, by unanimous consent, received Cam Baty's Email, Re: Open Banff Avenue to Pedestrian Traffic, for the Corporate Record.

3.1.10 Stephane Prevost, Chef/ Managing Partner, Block Kitchen + Bar, Shoku Izakaya: Letter, Received 2021 April 09

Council, by unanimous consent, received Stephane Prevost's Letter for the Corporate Record.

3.1.11 Tori Ames: Email Re: Patio Opening in Banff for the Summer, Received 2021 April 09

Council, by unanimous consent, received Tori Ames' Email, Re: Patio Opening in Banff for the Summer, for the Corporate Record.



3.1.12 James Clemens – Seely: Email Re: Pandemic Patios Pretty – Please, Received 2021 April 10

Council, by unanimous consent, received James Clemens – Seely’s Email, Re Pandemic Patios Pretty – Please, for the Corporate Record.

3.1.13 Gord Lozeman: Email Re: Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone 2021, Received 2021 April 11

Council, by unanimous consent, received Gord Lozeman’s Email, Re: Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone 2021, for the Corporate Record.

3.1.14 Stephane Prevost, Chef/ Managing Partner, Block Kitchen + Bar, Shoku Izakaya: Letter Re: Expedited Street Pedestrianization for Council Consideration, Received 2021 April 10

Council, by unanimous consent, received Stephane Prevost’s Letter, Re: Expedited Street Pedestrianization for Council Consideration, for the Corporate Record.

3.1.15 The Radiant Partnership Group: Letter, Dated 2021 April 10

Council, by unanimous consent, received The Radiant Partnership Group’s Letter for the Corporate Record.

3.2 Written Submissions

3.2.1 Darren VanMackelbergh, General Manager, Banff Park Lodge | Bow View Lodge | Peaks Hotel & Suites: Email Re: Early Banff Avenue Pedestrianization, Received 2021 April 15, 2021 (Item 4.1, Request for Decision: Summer 2021 Downtown Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Darren VanMackelbergh’s Email, Re: Early Banff Avenue Predestination, for the Corporate Record.

3.2.2 Melodie-Joy Miller and Heather Merrett: Email Re: Written Submission for Seed N Salt for Toady’s Council Meeting, Received 2021 April 19 (Item 4.1, Request for Decision: Summer 2021 Downtown Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Melodie-Joy Miller and Heather Merrett’s Email, Re: Written Submission for Seed N Salt for Today’s Council Meeting, for the Corporate Record.



- 3.2.3 Pete Woods, President, SKIBig3: Email Re: Council Letter, Received 2021 April 19 (Item 4.1, Request for Decision: Summer 2021 Downtown Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Pete Woods' Email, Re: Council Letter, for the Corporate Record.

- 3.2.4 Stephanie Ferracuti: Email Re: Please do Not Open Banff Avenue to Outdoor Dining at This Time, Received 2021 April 19 (Item 4.1, Request for Decision: Summer 2021 Downtown Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Stephanie Ferracuti's Email, Re: Please do Not Open Banff Avenue to Outdoor Dining at This Time, for the Corporate Record.

### 3.3 Verbal Submissions

- 3.3.1 Mike Mendelman, Banff Hospitality Collective (Item 4.1, Request for Decision: Summer 2021 Banff Downtown Pedestrian Zone)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Mike Mendelman's Verbal Submissions, with respect to Item 4.1, Summer 2021 Banff Downtown Pedestrian Zone, for the Corporate Record.

## 4.0 **SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS**

### 4.1 Request for Decision: Summer 2021 Downtown Pedestrian Zone

Council, by unanimous consent, recessed at 2:40 p.m. to reconvene at 2:55 p.m.

To confirm Members of Council, who all participated virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, as present, the following roll call was conducted:

#### ROLL CALL:

Present: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

Council reconvened at 2:57 p.m. with Mayor Sorensen in the Chair.



**COU21-123 Moved by Councillor DiManno**

That Mayor Sorensen's Motion, COU21-124, be amended by deleting the date "2021 April 30" and substituting with the date "2021 May 07)

For: (2): Councillor DiManno and Councillor Poole

Against: (5): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**COU21-124 Moved by Mayor Sorensen**

That with respect to Item 4.1, Summer 2021 Downtown Pedestrian Zone, the following be adopted, **after amendment:**

**That Council direct Administration to:**

1. **Open the Summer Downtown Pedestrian Zone as of Friday, 2021 April 30, for the duration of the summer season, and**
2. **Return to Council with potential end dates for the 2021 Summer Downtown Pedestrian Zone.**

For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**



## 5.0 ADJOURNMENT

COU21-125 **Moved by** Councillor Christensen

That this Council adjourn at 3:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Karen Sorensen  
Mayor

On Original  
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Libbey McDougall  
Municipal Clerk