

**Whatcom County
Council Public Works & Health Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

1 PM

Council Chambers

COUNCILMEMBERS

Todd Donovan
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Carol Frazey, Todd Donovan and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Also present: Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, and Ben Elenbaas

Special Briefing from the Health Department Concerning Corona Virus

The following Health Department Staff gave an update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19):

John Wolpers
Mark Raaka
Cindy Hollinsworth

They spoke and answered questions about recent guidance changes from the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and how to prepare for a potential pandemic, Health Department staffing capacity, how agencies such as schools are taking direction from the CDC and how they are coordinating with other agencies, how the agencies are planning for shut-down scenarios, ways to be proactive, what authority the Health Department has for helping people to get an adequate supply of their prescriptions in case that becomes difficult, and what the treatment protocol looks like now and if there is an outbreak.

Committee members approved a motion to request that the Health Department come up with guidelines that can be shared with the public.

Special Presentation

1. [AB2020-096](#) Presentation regarding pipeline safety

PRESENTED

2. [AB2020-097](#) Update on the Lummi Island ferry

PRESENTED

A motion was approved to forward the full Council Public Work's recommendation to establish a work group with membership as described by Public Works staff.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2020-094](#) Resolution amending the membership of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye: 3 - Frazey, Donovan and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Other Business

Adjournment