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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am writing in response to a question regarding the ability of Council members to vote on a matter on the agenda for this Special Council meeting where a member was absent for some of the proceedings.

Unlike public hearings, there is no requirement to review the proceedings during a Council, Special Council or Standing Committee meeting before being eligible to vote, except in the case of a by-law which resulted from a public hearing. There is a rule for public hearings which requires the member to review the public hearing summary report (or watch the video), which is in sections 13.24 and 13.25 of the Procedure By-law.

For today's meeting, if a member of Council is present at the time the vote is called, that member may participate in the vote.

Best,  
Paul