

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015, 2:00 P.M.**

1. THE CHAIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 2:00 P.M.

- Committee Members Present:** Mayor Helps in the Chair; Councillors Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young.
- Absent:** Councillors Alto and Lucas
- Staff Present:** J. Johnson – City Manager; P. Bruce – Fire Chief; K. Hamilton – Director of Civic Engagement & Strategic Planning; J. Jenkyns – General Manager of the Victoria Conference Centre; R. Woodland – Director of Legislative & Regulatory Services; A. Hudson – Assistant Director of Community Development; C. Mycroft – Assistant to City Manager; C. Havelka – Recording Secretary.
- Guests:** N. Jensen - Chair, R. Lapham, D. Lokken, L. Hutcheson, T. Robbins, K. Lorette, and S. Bagh – CRD.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

- Action:** It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Young, that the Agenda of the March 23, 2015, Special Governance & Priorities Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC259

3. CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT PRESENTATION

Nils Jensen, Chair of Capital Regional District (CRD), led Committee through a PowerPoint Presentation that provided an overview of the services and strategic initiatives of the CRD. Senior staff provided information on their areas of responsibility within the CRD and outlined the aims and regional context of the Regional Sustainability Strategy (RSS) and next steps for this initiative. Committee were provided with a handout entitled *2014 Requisition and Invoices* and provided information on how services are budgeted throughout the CRD.

Committee discussed the following:

- The relatively high amount Victoria residents pay for CRD services.
- The shared levy for the Royal Theatre and the sole levy to the City for the MacPherson Theatre;

- Convincing other municipalities to participate in the MacPherson Theatre services when the land is transferred from the City to the CRD and working towards that goal.
- The municipalities that participate in the Arts Committee.
- The suggestion that local government policing be a CRD service.
- Making improvements to the Galloping Goose Trail.
- Proposed improvements at the Smith Hill Reservoir and working with the Hillside/Quadra community on possible amenities.
- The participation in the Regional Housing Trust Fund by all municipalities.
- The issue of illegal garbage dumping and using education to address this issue.
- The kitchen scraps program and information regarding organics disposal for the region and enforcement of the ban at the landfill.
- The process by which the Regional Sustainability Strategy (RSS) received input from municipalities and the approval process.
- The issue of urban sprawl the how that is addressed through the process of amendments.
- The projected population/de-population in certain municipalities.

Mayor Helms left the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Councillor Isitt assumed the Chair.

- The food systems policy and incorporating that into farmland protection.
- Ensuring that community well-being is fostered in individual communities through placemaking.

Committee thanked the CRD Board Chair and staff for their presentation.

Committee received a report dated March 11, 2015 on the Regional Sustainability Strategy (RSS), and the Assistant Director of Community Planning provided an update on the RSS.

Action: It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Committee recommends:

1. That Council receive this report for information to coincide with the presentation of the draft Regional Sustainability Strategy (RSS) by representatives of the Capital Regional District (CRD) at a special meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee schedule for March 23, 2015.
2. That staff report back to Council with comments on the proposed Regional Sustainability Strategy for Council's consideration to provide formal comments to the CRD as part of the formal referral process.

Amendment: It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Committee amend the motion as follows:

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2. That staff report back to Council with comments on the proposed Regional Sustainability Strategy for Council's consideration, **including discussions through the CRD in terms of supportive language regarding a sense of**

place and placemaking within each municipality's jurisdiction, and provide formal comments to the CRD as part of the formal referral process.

On the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC260

Committee noted the comments the CRD received from Victoria residents which should be taken into consideration.

Amendment: It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Committee amend the motion as follows:

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2. That staff report back to Council with comments on the proposed Regional Sustainability Strategy for Council's consideration, including discussions through the CRD in terms of supportive language regarding a sense of place and placemaking within each municipality's jurisdiction, and provide formal comments to the CRD as part of the formal referral process, and **considering comments provided by City of Victoria residents to the CRD.**

On the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC261

On the main motion as amended:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC262

4. ADJOURNMENT

Action: It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the Special Governance & Priorities Committee meeting of March 23, 2015, be adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC263

Mayor Helps, Chair