

Minutes of the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2014, 11:15 a.m.
Committee Room # 1

1. THE CHAIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:18 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Acting Mayor Young in the Chair;
Councillors Alto, Coleman, Gudgeon, Helps,
Madoff and Thornton-Joe.

Absent: Mayor Fortin, Councillor Isitt

Staff Present: J. Jenkyns – Acting City Manager; R.
Woodland – Director of Legislative &
Regulatory Services; T. Zworski – City
Solicitor; C. Havelka – Recording Secretary.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Action: Councillor Coleman moved that the Agenda of the January 9, 2014
Special Governance and Priorities Committee be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 1/GPC001

Committee discussed reasons for going into a closed meeting related to the proposed discussion on the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA). It was originally proposed that the meeting be closed under Section 12 (4) (b) of the Council Bylaw but staff advised that this section of the bylaw does not allow for discussions with a third party alone; Provincial and/or Federal governments must be a part of those discussions.

Committee also discussed process with respect to commencing the open meeting in Council Chambers with live webcasting to publicly record why Council is going in camera with meetings such as these. Staff advised that there are costs triggered by web casting. In the future, options on how to proceed with these types of meetings can be discussed at Agenda Review meetings.

Action: Councillor Gudgeon moved that Governance & Priorities Committee convene a Closed meeting that excludes the public under Section 12(6) of the *Council Bylaw* for the reason that the following agenda items deal with matters specified in Section 12 (3)(i) of the *Council Bylaw*.

Section 12 (3) (i) – the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC002

3. CLOSED MEETING AT 11:23 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Acting Mayor Young in the Chair;
Councillors Alto, Coleman, Gudgeon, Helps,
Madoff and Thornton-Joe.

Absent: Mayor Fortin, Councillor Isitt

Staff Present: J. Jenkyns – Acting City Manager; R.
Woodland – Director of Legislative &
Regulatory Services; T. Zworski – City
Solicitor; C. Havelka – Recording Secretary.

3.1 Legal Advice – Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

Committee received legal advice regarding the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority.

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

4. RISE AND REPORT

The Chair proposed that Committee rise and report as follows:

Victoria City Council's Governance & Priorities Committee discussed the position of the City of Victoria's Member Representative to the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) at the Special General Meeting on January 17, 2014. Following that meeting, Victoria City Council intends to have a public discussion of Council's views and objectives on the governance of the harbour.

Action: Councillor Alto moved that Committee rise and report as proposed by the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 13/GPC003

5. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Action: Councillor Alto moved that the Special Governance and Priorities Committee meeting of January 9, 2014, be adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 13/GPC004

Acting Mayor Young, Chair