

MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2014, 9:00 A.M.

1. THE CHAIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:02 A.M.

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

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

Staff Present for a Portion of the Meeting: Police Chief Elsner; Deputy Chief Manak; Deputy Chief Ing; S. Seivewright, Controller; D. Day - Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; K. Hamilton – Director of Corporate Communications & Civic Engagement; D. Kalynchuk – Director of Engineering and Public Works; E. Robertson – Assistant Director of Engineering & Public Works; J. Sturdy – Assistant Director of Underground & Facilities; S. Thompson – Assistant Director of Finance; T. Zworski – City Solicitor.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Committee considered the following amendments to the Agenda:

Open Meeting:

- Item # 2 – Minutes from the Meeting held January 16, 2014
- Item # 4 – Quarterly Progress Report - Addition of Report
- Item # 20 – Strategic Plan and Priorities – Addition of Report
- Item # 12A – Councillor Inquiry – Councillor Gudgeon
- Item # 12B – Councillor Inquiry – Councillor Isitt
- Item # 12C – Councillor Sharing – Councillor Alto
- Item # 12D – Councillor Sharing – Councillor Thornton-Joe

Closed Meeting:

- Item # 14 - Closed Minutes from the Meeting held January 16, 2014
- Item # 19A - Land / Proposed Acquisition
- Item # 19B - Councillor Inquiry / Legal Advice – Councillor Gudgeon

Action: Councillor Coleman moved that the Agenda of the January 30, 2014, Governance and Priorities Committee meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC038

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Fortin canvassed members of Council, who approved bringing forward the following items for approval:

- Item # 1 - Minutes from the Special Meeting held January 9, 2014
- Item # 2 – Minutes from the Meeting held January 16, 2014
- Item # 7 – Approval for One-Third Payment of Community Recreation Grants to Community and Senior Centres
- Item # 9 – Boulevard Removals from the Taxed Boulevard Program
- Item # 10 – Appointment of Election Officers

3.1 Adoption of the Minutes from the Special Meeting held January 9, 2014

Action: Councillor Helps moved that the Minutes from the Special Governance and Priorities Committee meeting held January 9, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC039

3.2 Adoption of the Minutes from the Meeting held January 16, 2014

Action: Councillor Helps moved that the Minutes from the Special Governance and Priorities Committee meeting held January 16, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC040

3.3 Approval for One-Third Payment of Community Recreation Grants to Community and Senior Centres

Committee received a report dated January 30, 2014 from Parks, Recreation & Culture regarding Approval for One-Third Payment of Community Recreation Grants to Community and Senior Centres. The purpose of this report is to request approval for the early (March 1, 2014) payment of one-third of the fee-for-service grants.

Action: Councillor Helps moved that Committee recommends that Council approve the disbursement of one-third of the 2014 community recreation grants to community and seniors centres on March 1, 2014 as outlined in Appendix A attached to the report dated January 30, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC041

3.4 Boulevard Removals from the Taxed Boulevard Program

Committee received a report dated January 14, 2014 from Parks, Recreation & Culture regarding Boulevard Removals from the Taxed Boulevard Program. The residents of the following street are requesting the removal of their block from the Taxed Boulevard Program:

- Pinewood Avenue between St. Charles Street and Wildwood Avenue.

Action: Councillor Helps moved that Committee recommends that Council approve the removal of the Pinewood Avenue Boulevard from the Taxed Boulevard Program to be effective for the 2014 tax year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC042

3.5 Appointment of Chief Election Officer & Deputy Chief Election Officers

Committee received a report dated January 23, 2014 from Legislative & Regulatory Services regarding the appointment of Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officers. The Local Government Act (the Act) specifies that, on the third Saturday in November every third year, municipalities in the Province of British Columbia must hold a local general election. In 2014, the date of the general voting day is Saturday, November 15. The Act further requires each municipal Council to appoint a Chief Election Officer (CEO) and Deputy CEO, who are responsible for the administration and conduct of the local general election.

Action: Councillor Helps moved that Committee recommends that, pursuant to Section 41(1) of the Local Government Act Victoria City Council appoints:

1. Mr. Robert Woodland as Chief Election Officer for the 2014 local general election; and
2. Ms. Sheryl Masters and Mr. Don Schaffer as Deputy Chief Election Officers for the 2014 local general election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC043

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 2014 Police Budget

Chief Elsner, Deputy Chief Manak, Deputy Chief Ing and S. Seivewright, Controller presented the 2014 Police Budget to Committee with a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the following:

- Strategic direction
- Activities in 2014
- Budget changes
- Budget allocation
- Statistical comparisons
- Cost pressures
- Cost reduction measures

Chief Elsner welcomed Board members present in the audience and advised Committee that a review of the Strategic Plan is underway that will focus the Board on a direction to ensure that resources are being used in the most effective and efficient way and to represent the values of the community. The budget is sustainable with what the Police are currently doing, understanding that there is a target of 2% as a maximum increase. The reallocation of pension costs is part of that increase but they have a solution to work around that.

Committee discussed the following:

- Details regarding the relocation of the computer server.
- Implementing the pension increase in phases;
 - Regulations governing how the pension adjustment is implemented and the negotiated agreement.
- Concerns regarding the police budget increase that affects other organizations funded by the City; alternatives for moving forward.
- Crime rate versus case load and suggestions for a leaner policing model;
 - The case loads reflect criminal charges; statistics and how demand for police services is captured.
- The reallocation of pension costs between Esquimalt and Victoria and other cost allocations;
 - The amalgamation in 2003 which captured fair allocation of costs.
- The Police budget and maintaining the 3.25% tax increase;
 - Finance staff has strategies to deal with this.
- Concerns regarding overtime costs in the Police Budget;
 - Reviewing the organizational culture regarding overtime costs and how it is allocated in the budget.
- Concerns about reducing the budget and impacting the effectiveness of police officers;
 - This budget is lean but manageable.
- Concerns regarding residents' ability to pay; strategic planning for the budget and looking ahead ten years;
 - The expense of policing is an issue across the country; lobbying senior levels of governments to express concerns about government downloading that affect policing costs.
 - The core mandate of policing and the levels of services provided by the Police.
- Crime reduction through prevention and the various policies and issues that affect this.
- Adding to the property tax notice a breakdown of policing costs.
- Support for the proposed focus on community engagement and collaboration.

Committee noted the positive changes in policing that have occurred over the past few years and expressed support for the development of the new Strategic Plan.

Action: Councillor Helps moved that Committee recommends that Council receive and refer the draft 2014 Police Budget to the Director of Finance for comment in the 2014 budget deliberations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC044

Councillor Helps withdrew from the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

4.2 Quarterly Progress Report on Strategic Initiatives

Committee received a Quarterly Progress Report on Strategic Initiatives dated January 24, 2014 from the City Manager and a PowerPoint Presentation which provided updates on the progress of strategic initiatives covering the period from October to December 2013.

Councillor Helps returned to the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Committee discussed the following:

- The housing project at 120 Gorge Road and Council receiving a memo on the status of this project.
- Open Government and continuing to develop this initiative.
- The Parking Services Review and if the timelines on this project can be maintained;
 - Staff intends to have some of the initiatives in place this summer to improve customer service and availability of parking.
- Concerns regarding the growing scope of the marketing contract for the Naming Rights for the Victoria Conference Centre (VCC);
 - The feasibility study and findings that will be discussed in the closed meeting.
- The Crystal Pool condition assessment and when that will be coming to Council;
 - Staff will be hiring a consultant to provide more details on the scope of what is being proposed to better determine the costs of the project.
- The Economic Development function in the City and what is proposed once Ms. Baker's contract expires;
 - Having a discussion to review the models of in-house versus a contracted Economic Development employee.
- The proposal that Council convenes a closed meeting discussion with the Acting City Manager and new City Manager.

Action: Councillor Gudgeon moved that Committee receive the Quarterly Progress Report on Strategic Initiatives - October to December 2013 for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC045

5. DECISION REQUESTS

5.1 Stormwater Utility Engagement and Program Report

Committee received a report dated January 14, 2014 from Engineering and Public Works regarding the Stormwater Utility Engagement and Program. City of Victoria property owners and other stakeholders were recently consulted about the shift to a Stormwater Utility funding model and the proposed Rainwater Credit program.

The goal of the engagement initiative was to raise awareness of the changes and impacts to how the Stormwater program would be funded and to seek feedback on the proposed Rainwater Credit program, as well as highlighting the benefits of sustainable rainwater management. Staff also provided a PowerPoint Presentation

Councillor Isitt withdrew from the meeting at 11:05 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Committee discussed the following:

- The rebate program and rewarding early applicants;
 - Staff will be using experience gained from the CRD water rebate program.
- The commitment not to raise taxes above 3.25% and noting that this utility is not a new tax;
 - The Stormwater Utility system is a self-funded program and property taxes will be reduced in proportion to the utility rate;
 - Overcoming the idea that it is a new tax and clearly communicating that.

Action: Councillor Gudgeon moved that Committee recommends that Council:

1. Receives this report for information
2. Approves the 2015 implementation date for the Stormwater Utility launch.

Committee discussed the motion as follows:

- The success of the engagement process and distributing that information to the public through the website, tax notices and Connect publication;
- This engagement process is a useful template and best practice for future public engagement.
- The rebate program and the suggestion to work with the CRD to pursue opportunities such as cisterns.
- The actual cost to properties that have a lot of impermeable surface which is subsidized by others.

Committee thanked staff for the successful engagement process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC046

5.2 Utility Bill Deferral

Committee received a motion dated January 23, 2014 from Mayor Fortin and Councillor Isitt regarding Utility Bill Deferral. The Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program is a low-interest Provincial loan program designed to help low-income seniors and people with disabilities to pay their annual property taxes. The program is administered by the Province and there is no financial risk to the City.

The City of Victoria is changing the way it manages and bills for municipal services and utility expenses are directly linked to delivered service. Currently the Provincial Tax Deferment Program does not allow for deferral of municipal utility bills. In order to assist low-income seniors and people with disabilities to remain in

their homes longer, the recommendation is to encourage the Provincial Government to include municipal utility bills in a deferment program.

Committee discussed the following:

- Details on this program that will support home ownership.
- The suggestion to amend the motion to include families with children;
 - Noting the motion doesn't name the user groups.
- The Tax Deferment program and receiving information on how many users are families;
 - Staff will return with that information.
 - The current Tax Deferment form which covers families with children only under extraordinary circumstances.
- The suggestion of proposing to the Province the option of deferring utilities or taxes;
 - Allowing the Province to do that analysis; not being too prescriptive on how this proposed program may unroll.
 - Asking the Province what next steps would be.

Action:

Councillor Isitt moved that Committee recommends that Council:

1. Write to the Provincial Government requesting that municipal utility bills be eligible for a Provincial deferment program.
2. Forward a motion to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, encouraging the associations to write to the Province of British Columbia, requesting that municipal utility bills be eligible for a Provincial deferment program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC047

5.3 Victoria Housing Fund – Managing Applications

Committee received a report dated January 17, 2014 from Sustainable Planning & Community Development which provided information, analysis and recommendations regarding management of the Victoria Housing Fund. The current *Victoria Housing Fund Program Application Guidelines* do not include a time limit within which the applicant is expected to use the grant for its intended purpose. In some cases, funds remain unavailable for new projects that are more likely to proceed than previously approved projects. Unless City Council rescinds a previous grant approval those grant funds must be held for subsequent expensing.

Committee discussed the following:

- The time limit and how that affects housing fund commitments that have yet to be realized;
 - This policy change is for future applications. Current funding commitments can be considered separately.
- “Door to door” funding for housing which hasn’t increased since 2005 and considering an increase in that amount.
 - Noting that allocating a larger grant reduces the funding level of grants.

- Confirming that project eligibility would allow the City to fund youth housing outside of the City's municipal boundaries;
 - This is correct.

Action: Councillor Thornton-Joe moved that Committee recommends that Council approve that the *Victoria Housing Fund Program Application Guidelines*, Funding Assistance section, be amended to include the following clause:

“Should construction of a project for which a grant is approved not commence within two years of the Development Permit approval or should a Development Permit in respect of an approved project not be issued within two years of Council's approval of the grant, the approved grant shall be rescinded.”

Committee discussed:

- Not releasing property owners from their current housing obligations.
- Suggestions for increasing the levy for housing purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC048

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

At its Special Closed Meeting of January 9, 2014, the Governance and Priorities Committee agreed to rise and report of the following:

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.

At its January 17, 2014 Special General Meeting the GVHA voted against the City of Victoria motion to amend the Bylaws regarding the appointment of member representatives.

Councillor Gudgeon advised that she has received independent legal advice with respect to her role as Director of the GVHA board and she will remain at the table for the discussion, as she does not believe she is in conflict.

Committee discussed the following:

- Proposed actions Council can take on this matter including reviewing the governance of the GVHA and hosting a public meeting to receive the public's input.
- Public participation and the desire to move from a corporate model to a more democratic model.
- The complexity attached to the governance of these types of bodies and more public debate needed on how they might be governed.

- The accountability of the GVHA, which is a private Society and concerns regarding their management of public assets.

Councillor Coleman withdrew from the meeting at 12:16 p.m. and returned at 12:18 p.m.

- The need to respond to the defeat of the City's motion.
- The City's position when the GVHA bylaws were amended from appointing to nominating Directors and building a strong case going forward.
- Manage expectations of the future of the GVHA as it can only be dissolved by a vote of the member agencies.
- Public input and having a discussion with the GVHA.

Action:

- Councillor Isitt moved that Committee recommends that Council:
1. Request that staff report on alternatives for governance of Victoria Harbour including legal advice and specifically addressing issues of:
 - a. Transparency
 - b. Community input
 - c. Accountability
 2. Resolve that a non-statutory public hearing be convened to receive input from the public and stakeholders on the information and recommendations in the staff report.

Councillor Gudgeon withdrew from the meeting at 12:23 p.m. due to her appointment as a Director on the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) which creates a conflict.

Action:

Councillor Thornton-Joe moved that Committee divide the question.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC049

Action:

Councillor Isitt moved that Committee recommends that Council request that staff report on alternatives for governance of Victoria Harbour including legal advice and specifically addressing issues of:

- a. Transparency
- b. Community input
- c. Accountability

Committee discussed the motion as follows:

- Meeting with the GVHA an important first step;
 - More effective for the City to bring information to a meeting with the GVHA that would provide direction the City would like to move towards.
 - Noting that the first stakeholder the City would consult with would be the GVHA.

The City Solicitor advised Committee that the GVHA is a Society and it is not the Board that changes the rules, but the Members who decide the rules of the Society.

Action: Councillor Helps moved that Committee amend the motion as follows:

1. That Council request that staff report on alternatives for governance of Victoria Harbour including legal advice and specifically addressing issues of:
 - a. Transparency
 - b. Community input
 - c. Accountability
2. **That upon receipt of the staff report, the City invite the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority Members to meet with Victoria City Council.**

On the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC050

Action: Councillor Isitt moved that Committee amend the motion as follows:

1. That Council request that staff report on alternates for **improved** governance of Victoria Harbour including legal advice and specifically addressing issues of:
 - a. Transparency
 - b. Community input
 - c. Accountability
2. That upon receipt of the staff report, the City invite the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority Members to meet with Victoria City Council.

On the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC051
On the main motion as amended:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC052

Action: Councillor Isitt moved that Committee recommends that Council resolve that a non-statutory public hearing be convened to receive input from the public and stakeholders on the information and recommendations in the staff report.

Action: Councillor Isitt moved that Committee postpone the motion pending the meeting with the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC053

Councillor Gudgeon returned to the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

6.2 Motion – Public Access to Victoria Archival Records

Councillors Alto and Isitt provided Committee with a motion and they outlined the rationale for allowing digital photography as a part of public access to archival records.

Action: Councillor Alto moved that Committee recommends that Council approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the City of Victoria holds extensive and important archival resources;

WHEREAS access to these resources by the public enhances awareness and appreciation of Victoria's history;

WHEREAS handling and exposure to high intensity light from photocopying deteriorates documents and shortens their lifespan;

WHEREAS digital technology allows for duplication of historical documents with little harm to those documents;

WHEREAS digital photography is considered a standard method of duplicating historical documents, and is allowed in archives across Canada and the US;

WHEREAS, in keeping with Copyright Acts, digital photographs are not allowed to be published or distributed but are intended only for use in historical research;

WHEREAS digital photography of archival records reduces materials costs to archives, insofar as photographic costs are borne by the photographer, and no archival resources are spent for paper or copy supplies;

WHEREAS digital photography of archival records affords Victorians access to a rich archive of public documents;

WHEREAS such access is in keeping with the City of Victoria's ongoing commitment to open government, open data and access to information;

AND WHEREAS such access is complementary to other City of Victoria open government initiatives already underway;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria allow onsite digital photography of records held within the City of Victoria Archives;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT before doing so staff provide Council with a memo outlining any policy or operational changes required to enable such access at the earliest possible opportunity.

Action: Councillor Helps moved that Committee amend the motion as follows:

That Council approve the following resolution:

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Committee discussed the amended motion as follows:

- The final paragraph was added to allow staff to comment if there are concerns;
 - Staff is comfortable moving forward with this operational issue and will report back if there are any conflicts with the bylaw.

On the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC054

On the main motion as amended:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC055

6.3 Councillor Inquiry – Pedestrian Lights

Councillor Gudgeon outlined an inquiry regarding the countdown for crossing at pedestrian lights. She had brought this concern to light a while ago with respect to having a consistent countdown for the pedestrian crossings. It has come to her attention that the matter is not with Victoria but neighbouring municipalities. It would be helpful to have conversations with those municipalities to work together as a region to increase safety at those crossings. The City Manager advised that she will have a discussion with the Director of Engineering & Public Works on this matter and respond with possible actions.

6.4 Councillor Inquiry – Council Motion Regarding Kinder Morgan Pipeline Expansion

Councillor Isitt outlined an inquiry regarding the motion on the Kinder Morgan Pipeline Expansion that will be going to the Council Meeting tonight and if there is a desire to participate in the public input process. He requested that Council members bring input to the meeting tonight as the deadline for local governments to provide input is February 12, 2014.

Councillor Coleman suggested that the City may want to endorse the City of Vancouver's motion on intervenor's status.

6.5 Councillor Sharing – Standing Committee on International Trade

Councillor Alto advised Committee that she accepted an invitation to speak to the Standing Committee on International Trade in Vancouver with respect to a motion she brought to Council in 2012 regarding the Canadian European Trade Agreement. All expenses are being paid by the trade association and, as the author of the motion, she will speak to the concerns of municipalities and take part in a question and answer session.

6.6 Councillor Sharing – Chinese New Year

Councillor Thornton-Joe noted that tonight is the eve of Chinese New Year and the Year of the Horse starts tomorrow. There will be a Lion Dance on Sunday at noon in Chinatown and she described the significance of this event.

Mayor Fortin reviewed the agenda with Committee and advised that it was unlikely they would be able to consider the Strategic Plan and Priorities item.

Action: Councillor Helps moved that Item # 20 in the Agenda "Workshop – Strategic Plan and Priorities" be postponed to a date to be determined.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC056

Action: Councillor Coleman 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 the following sections of the *Council Bylaw*:

Section 12 (3) (c) – Labour relations or employee relations

Section 12 (3) (e) - the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure might reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the City.

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

Section 12 (3) (k) - negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a City service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC057

Action: Councillor Helps moved that Committee recess at 12:58 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC058

Committee reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

7. CLOSED MEETING at 1:36

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Fortin in the Chair; Councillors Alto, Coleman, Gudgeon, Helps, Isitt, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young

Staff Present:

J. Jenkyns – City Manager; R. Woodland – Director of Legislative & Regulatory Services; C. Havelka – Recording Secretary.

Staff Present for a Portion of the Meeting:

D. Day – Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; K. Hamilton – Director of Corporate Communications & Civic Engagement; T. Harrison – Director of Human Resources; D. Kalynchuk – Director of Engineering & Public Works; T. Zworski – City Solicitor; K. Blokmanis – Assistant City Solicitor; A. Hudson – Assistant Director of Community Planning; A. Meyer – Assistant Director of Development Services; S. Olak – Assistant Director of Human Resources; J. Sturdy – Assistant Director of Underground & Facilities; S. Thompson – Assistant Director of Finance; S. Barber – Senior Heritage

Planner; K. Jarvela – Senior Project Manager,
Johnson Street Bridge.

Guests: R. Cameron – Criterion Communications; D.
Boniface – Spectrum Marketing.

8. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED AGENDA

The following item was added to the Closed Agenda:

- Item # 19A – Land / Proposed Acquisition
- Item # 19B – Closed Inquiry – Councillor Gudgeon

Action: Councillor Madoff moved that the Closed Agenda of the Governance and Priorities Committee of January 30, 2014, meeting be approved as amended

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC059

9. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

9.1 Minutes from the Special Closed Meeting held January 9, 2014

Action: Councillor Madoff moved that the Special Closed Minutes from the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting held January 9, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC060

9.2 Adoption of the Minutes from the Closed Meeting held January 16, 2014

Action: Councillor Madoff moved that the Minutes from the Closed Governance and Priorities Committee meeting held January 16, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC061

10. DIRECTION REQUESTS

10.1 Land / Proposed Municipal Service / VCC Optimization Review

Committee received information from Mr. Rod Cameron and the City Manager about the VCC Optimization Review.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

Councillor Isitt withdrew from the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

10.2 Proposed Municipal Service / Naming Rights

Committee received information from Mr. Dale Boniface and the City Manager regarding Naming Rights opportunities for the Victoria Conference Centre.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

Councillor Isitt returned to the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

10.3 Employee Relations

The recording secretary was excused from the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

The Director and Assistant Director of Human Resources provided Committee with information on employee relations.

The recording secretary returned to the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

10.4 Legal Advice

Committee received information from the City Solicitor regarding a legal matter.

Mayor Fortin withdrew from the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Councillor Isitt assumed the Chair.

Mayor Fortin returned to the meeting at 3:57 p.m. and assumed the Chair.

Councillor Coleman withdrew from the meeting at 4:08 p.m. and returned at 4:12 p.m.

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 4:31 p.m. and returned at 4:34 p.m.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

Action: Councillor Helps moved that Committee recess until after this evening's Council meeting.

DEFEATED 14/GPC069

Action: Councillor Isitt moved that Committee recess at 4:52 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC070

Committee reconvened at 4:59 p.m.

Councillors Helps and Isitt were not present when the meeting reconvened.

10.5 Legal Advice

Committee received information from the City Solicitor regarding a legal matter.

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

Councillors Helps and Isitt joined the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

10.6 Land / Proposed Acquisition

Committee received a report dated January 28, 2014 from Engineering & Public Works and Legislative & Regulatory Services regarding a Land / Proposed Acquisition matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

10.7 Councillor Inquiry – Legal Advice

Councillor Gudgeon outlined an inquiry regarding legal advice.

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Action: Councillor Coleman moved that Committee adjourn the meeting of January 30, 2014, at 5:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC072

Mayor Fortin, Chair