



MINUTES - CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY ON AMALGAMATION COMMITTEE

March 19, 2019, 8:00 A.M.
Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor Helps, Councillor Young, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday

STAFF PRESENT: A. M. Ferguson - Recording Secretary, C. Coates - City Clerk, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Mycroft – Manager of Executive Operations

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the agenda be approved.

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D. NEW BUSINESS

D.1 General Discussion on the Citizens' Assembly on Amalgamation Committee Process

The Mayor provided a verbal overview outlining the process to form a Citizens' Assembly on Amalgamation Committee.

Committee discussed Section 1 of the terms of reference:

Councillor Isitt joined the meeting at 8:04 a.m.

Recommended changes:

Last Bullet: Change "Saanich" to "their communities".

First Bullet: Include "emergency services" in the list of considerations.

Second Bullet: Change the word "City" (last word of the sentence) to "municipality".

Committee discussed Section 2 of the terms of reference:

- Debate on the rules of order to govern the committee.

Recommended changes:

2.1: Rewording as follows: “The Assembly will share learning and deliberations with the public on an ongoing and predictable basis.”

2.8: Add wording to the end: “and retaining a recourse to majority vote”.

2.7: Add wording to the end: “and the chair will work to ensure that there is room for all voices”.

Recommended change to the overall document:

Change the order in instances where Saanich and Victoria are mentioned together so that Saanich comes first (alphabetical and population size rationale).

Committee discussed Section 3 of the terms of reference:

Recommended changes:

New item between 3.13 & 3.14: “Consideration of democratic representation and accessibility of elected officials to residents and other stakeholders.”

3.8: Rewording as follows: “Delineation of the clear weighing off of the overall advantages vs. any disadvantages accruing to individual municipalities.”

3.13: Rewording as follows: “Consideration of congruency and alignment of the OCPs and other significant strategic and plan documents of the municipalities.”

3.6: Rewording as follows: “Cultural and land use priorities and similarities and differences of the two municipalities and any impacts arising from amalgamation.”

Committee discussed Section 4 of the terms of reference:

No recommended changes.

Committee discussed Section 5 of the terms of reference:

- Debate on the number of sessions to be held.

The Committee agreed to resume debate on this section at the Friday meeting.

Committee discussed Section 6 of the terms of reference:

- The Province’s overview document noting the requirements of the transition plans.

Recommended changes:

Communications: In the first sentence delete the word "exclusive" and delete the line "and will approve all public communications regarding the conduct of the Assembly unless otherwise delegated".

Communications: Add wording: "Members of the assembly are free to share personal views regarding the assembly's conduct whenever and however they choose."

Interim Directions Document: Delete the following sentence: "This document will be conveyed to the Amalgamation Study team for the purpose of shaping their research activities."

Final Report: Add the following wording to the final sentence "any correspondence provided by individual members of the Assembly" after "a list of the members of the Assembly".

E. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

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CITY CLERK

MAYOR