



MINUTES – CITIZENS ASSEMBLY ON AMALGAMATION

March 22, 2019, 12:00 P.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 Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. READING OF MINUTES

B.1 Minutes from the meeting held March 19, 2019

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the minutes from the meeting held March 19, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Committee continued discussions from March 19, 2019, regarding transparency and number of members.

Committee discussed Section 5 of the terms of reference.

- Saanich's proposal and receiving feedback from a consultant/focus group.

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Young

Recommended changes:

Replace the "XX"s in Section 5 as follows: "4-6" full-day Saturdays; beginning in "September 2019"; concluding in "March 2020"; host "3" public roundtable meetings; meet according to the following schedule (6 bullets reading "tbd")

FOR (3): Mayor Helps, Councillor Young, and Councillor Isitt

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Loveday

CARRIED (3 to 1)

Additional recommended changes:

Include additional sentence at the end of the section: "All meetings of the assembly will be open to the public."

Committee discussed Section 6 of the terms of reference.

Recommended changes:

Interim Directions Document: Replace the "XXXX meetings" with "second meeting"

Final Report: Replace the "XXXX"s with "April 2020"

Final Report: Include in the last sentence of documents the appendix will also include "a glossary of terms prepared by staff".

Recommended change to the overall document:

Change the word "Chair" to "facilitator"

Committee discussed Section 7 of the terms of reference.

Recommended changes:

7.2: Delete wording in the first bullet as follows: "as defined by the area map. (See Map - XXXX)" and change wording at the beginning of the bullet to "reside within the legal municipal boundaries"

7.1: Delete the following wording in the first paragraph: "and business owners are selected to participate".

7.2: Add a sentence to the first paragraph as follows: "The number of the members of the Citizens' Assembly will be 21 Victoria residents and 28 Saanich residents determined jointly by Victoria and Saanich Council's in consultation with the Citizens' Assembly consultant."

7.2: Delete second bullet.

7.2: In the last bullet of the first section change "2014" to "2019"

7.2: Remove additional qualifications and all bullets except the fourth. And place this fourth bullet with the first list of bullets in this section, to read as follows: "Must not be a City of Victoria or District of Saanich employee, as

well as elected officials (municipal, provincial or federal), are ineligible to serve as Assembly members.”

7.3: Rewording in the fourth bullet as follows: "A proportional number of members from the two municipalities - 28 members from Saanich, 21 members from Victoria."

7.3: Replace "X" in the first paragraph with 2.5.

Recommended change to the overall document:

Change the number "96" to "49" throughout the document.

Continued recommended changes for Section 7:

7.3: Rewording follows: “Composition of the Assembly will generally reflect the composition of the population of the two municipalities with regard to gender, broad age group, renter vs. home owner, and aboriginal/metis status and at least 5 who self-identify as aboriginal or metis.”

7.3: In the first sentence of the third paragraph change "(2011)" to "(2016)" in relation to the census reference, and remove reference to BS Statistics.

7.3: Add wording in the second sentence of the third paragraph as follows: after transportation costs add "and will receive honorarium of \$100 per meeting".

7.3: Delete the last two sentences in the final paragraph regarding the working language.

Committee discussed Section 8 of the terms of reference.

The Committee agreed to resume discussions on March 27, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR