



MINUTES – CITIZENS ASSEMBLY ON AMALGAMATION

March 27, 2019, 9:00 A.M.

City Hall, 1 Centennial Square, Victoria, BC

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

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

STAFF PRESENT: A. M. Ferguson - Recording Secretary, C. Coates - City Clerk

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Young

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. READING OF MINUTES

B.1 Minutes from the meeting held March 22, 2019

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Young

That the minutes from the meeting held March 22, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Committee continued discussions on the terms of reference for the Committee.

Committee discussed Section 8 of the terms of reference:

- The need for an advisory working group for oversight of the joint committee.

Recommended changes:

8.2: Rewording in bullet three as follows: "Supporting respectful dialogue and deliberation amongst members leading to consensus based decisions and uphold assembly procedures as per these terms of reference. If members feel that consensus based decision making is not working at any given point in the deliberations, a group of three members may request that

the chair call a vote on any given matter. Once five members ask for this the chair must ask the assembly to decide the matter by vote."

8.3: Rewording of the first sentence as follows: "A Working Group will be approved by the Council's of Saanich and Victoria".

8.4: Delete the second bullet.

Committee discussed Section 9 of the terms of reference:

9.0: Rewording of the first paragraph as follows: "It is expected that discussion, debate and decision making of the Citizens' Assembly will be undertaken based on consensus of members. If members feel that consensus based decision making is not working at any given point in the deliberations, a group of three members may request that the chair call a vote on any given matter. Once five members ask for this the chair must ask the assembly to decide the matter by vote."

Addition of a new section 10 named process concerns: "If the facilitator or the majority of the members of the citizens' assembly lose confidence in the process there is an appeal for review to the Council of Saanich and Victoria through the joint standing committee."

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the draft Terms of Reference for the Citizens' Assembly be provided to Council for information at the March 28, 2019 Council Meeting, and placed on the agenda for the April 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting for consideration.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Loveday

CARRIED (3 to 1)

E. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Young

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR