



MINUTES – SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

July 2, 2019, 9:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

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

PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow

ABSENT FOR A PORTION OF THE MEETING: Councillor Collins

ABSENT: Councillor Young

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Coates - City Clerk, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, F. Work - Director of Engineering & Public Works, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, A. Hudson - Acting Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations, P. Angelblazer - Committee Secretary, Mike Palmer – Chief Information Officer

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Update

Council received a report dated June 26th, 2019 from the City Manager seeking Council direction and/or clarification on select future Strategic Plan Actions in order to inform the 2020 Financial Plan development, as well as longer-term projects and operational planning.

On Governance Review:

- *The importance of filtering feedback accrued through engagement.*
- *The terms of a governance review.*

- *Separation of public hearing items with the regular biweekly council meeting, thereby having one council meeting a week.*
- *Possible limits of a video submission policy.*

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council strike a working group consisting of Councillors Isitt, Alto, and Loveday, to work with Legislative Services and Engagement to report back to Council by the end of 2020 for a proposed governance review.

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council strike a working group consisting of Councillors Isitt, Alto, and Loveday, to work with Legislative Services and Engagement ~~by the end of 2020~~ **in the first quarter of 2021** and report back to Council for a proposed governance review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the motion:

That Council strike a working group consisting of Councillors Isitt, Alto, and Loveday, to work with Legislative Services and Engagement in the first quarter of 2021 and report back to Council for a proposed governance review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the Lobbyist Registry:

- *Definition of lobbyist as defined or implied by the proposed policy*
- *Separation between casual meetings or conversations with members of the public, and government relations specialists.*

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council direct staff to convene a workshop in the first quarter of 2020 to identify criteria for the proposed lobbyist registry.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the Indigenous Relations Function, and Indigenous Elders in Residence:

- *Importance of direct consultation with First Nations.*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council consult with the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations as per direction in the Strategic plan to get their ideas on what these ideas look like and get that information back no later than October 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Collins joined the meeting at 10:05 am.

The following discussion ensued:

On the Technology Advisory Committee

- *Importance of having a tech advisory committee that connects directly with workers in the tech sector on tech integration and ancillary issues.*

On Low Cost or Free Internet Service:

- *A workshop or town hall happening in the future on municipal broadband to include tech sector workers, as well as city staff.*
- *Discussed through a brainstorming session, but no final resolution this Council term.*

On the Welcoming Strategy:

- *Creating a new taskforce that would develop a detailed strategy.*
- *Applicable models for Victoria such as the Welcoming America Initiatives.*
- *Terms of reference will be developed and brought in next year.*

On the LGBTQi2S Task Force:

- *Similar execution to other task forces.*
- *Will commence late 2020, following the conclusion of the transinclusionary policy work, as well as the Mental Health & Addictions Task Force.*

On Energy Utility:

- *The initial scope of the possible energy utility, as well as the final intention of the strategic objective.*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Collins

To amend the Strategic Plan:

Strike items #18 & #19.

Explore opportunities for renewable energy generation and district energy opportunities starting in 2021.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Mayor Helps

Explore opportunities for renewable energy generation and district energy opportunities starting in 2021. **Explore the creation of a municipal energy utility (2022).**

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Collins

Explore opportunities for renewable energy generation and district energy opportunities starting in 2021, ~~Explore the creation of a municipal energy utility (2022).~~ **including the option of establishing a municipal energy utility.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

Explore opportunities for renewable energy generation and district energy opportunities starting in 2021, **including the option of establishing a municipal energy utility.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Collins

Explore opportunities for renewable energy generation and district energy opportunities ~~starting in 2021, including the option of establishing a municipal energy utility.~~ **starting in 2020, and the option of establishing a municipal energy utility in 2021.**

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Explore opportunities for renewable energy generation and district energy opportunities ~~starting in 2021, including the option of establishing a municipal~~

~~energy utility.~~ **starting in 2020, including the option of establishing a municipal energy utility in ~~2021~~ 2020.**

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On the amendment:

Explore opportunities for renewable energy generation and district energy opportunities **starting in 2020, including the option of establishing a municipal energy utility in 2021.**

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Collins, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Dubow

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Mayor Helps

Explore opportunities for renewable energy generation and district energy opportunities starting in ~~2020~~ **2019**, including the option of establishing a municipal energy utility in 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Collins

- i. Explore opportunities for renewable energy generation and district energy opportunities starting in 2019, including the option of establishing a municipal energy utility in 2021.
- ii. **Based on the exploration in 2021, create a municipal energy utility in 2022.**

Failed to proceed due to no seconder

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

- i. Explore opportunities for renewable energy generation and district energy opportunities starting in 2019, including the option of establishing a municipal energy utility in 2021.
- ii. **Create a municipal energy utility in 2022 if supported by the analysis from the preceding years.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion:

Amend the Strategic Plan:

Strike items #18 & #19 and replace with;

- i. Explore opportunities for renewable energy generation and district energy opportunities starting in 2019, including the option of establishing a municipal energy utility in 2021.
- ii. Create a municipal energy utility in 2022 if supported by the analysis from the preceding years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On Local Area Planning:

- *Engaging with community associations to create community boundaries that better reflect the experiences of citizens living in those neighbourhoods.*
- *Having Council identify areas of focus before consulting.*

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Mayor Helps

Convene a workshop in 2020 to resolve the anomalies in neighbourhood boundaries.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR