

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014, 11:00 A.M.**

1. THE CHAIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:00 A.M.

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

Absent: Councillors Isitt and Thornton-Joe.

Staff Present: J. Johnson – City Manager; K. Hamilton – Director of Communications & Civic Engagement; D. Kalynchuk – Director of Engineering & Public Works; J. Sturdy – Assistant Director of Underground & Utilities; B. Dellebuur – Manager of Transportation; D. Schaffer – Deputy Corporate Administrator; C. Havelka – Recording Secretary.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Councillor Alto seconded by Councillor Helps, that the Agenda of the June 6, 2014, Special Governance and Priorities Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC310

3. DECISION REQUESTS

3.1 Motion – Liquid Waste Treatment Options

Councillor Alto provided background information on the motion for Liquid Waste Treatment Options and advised that there are some minor revisions to the motion from what was circulated last week.

Action: It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Mayor Fortin that Committee recommends that Council approve the following motion:

Be It Resolved that city staff be directed to provide to Council, on a priority basis, information regarding the implications, including both risks and opportunities, for the City of Victoria in proceeding with one or more, local liquid waste treatment facilities.

Councillor Alto advised that this motion recognizes the importance of protecting the interests of Victoria's citizens in terms of sewage treatment and the stalemate at

the CRD table. The intent is to receive information from staff on how a localized treatment may look and makes no assumptions. The City needs to know options in terms of impacts on funding agreements and other issues as well as determining what opportunities exist. The CRD are meeting next week to discuss options so this motion is timely.

Action: It was moved by Councillor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto that Committee amend the motion as follows:

That Council approve the following motion:

Be It Resolved that **the City Manager** ~~city staff~~ be directed to provide to Council, on a priority basis, information regarding the implications, including both risks and opportunities, for the City of Victoria in proceeding with one or more, local liquid waste treatment facilities.

On the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC311

Action: It was moved by Councillor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto that Committee amend the motion as follows:

That Council approve the following motion:

Be It Resolved that the City Manager be directed to provide to Council, on a priority basis, information regarding the implications, including both risks and opportunities, for the City of Victoria in proceeding with one or more, local liquid waste treatment facilities; **and explore whether funding is available from senior levels of government for local liquid waste treatment.**

Councillor Young expressed concerns that this amendment would affect the timelines for staff to complete this work.

Action: It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Helps that the question be divided.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC312

Action: It was moved by Councillor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto that Council approve the following motion:

Be It Resolved that the City Manager be directed to provide to Council, on a priority basis, information regarding the implications, including both risks and opportunities, for the City of Victoria in proceeding with one or more, local liquid waste treatment facilities.

Committee discussed the motion as follows:

- The options that were proposed for Esquimalt as a proposed site and the outcome of their public hearing.

- The benefits and drawbacks of having a liquid waste treatment facility in Victoria.
- Options and costs of different systems (tertiary, distributed) that have been considered.
- The suggestion that the motion include the option of having inter-municipal agreements.
- Providing a regional function and building a partnership within the region.
- Ensuring that new development incorporates source control into their plans.
- Encouraging the CRD to deal with the overflow issues at Clover Point.
- The importance of moving forward and retaining federal and provincial funding.
- This will help identify the risks and opportunities that exist; the next step would be community consultation.

Action: It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Gudgeon that Committee amend the motion as follows:

That Council approve the following motion:

Be It Resolved that the City Manager be directed to provide to Council, on a priority basis, information regarding the implications, including both risks and opportunities, for the City of Victoria in proceeding with one or more, local liquid waste treatment facilities; **which is not intended to preclude the potential for future intermunicipal agreements.**

Committee discussed the amendment as follows:

- Concerns that this may limit a response to the requested information.
- This is not the main thrust of the motion which is to look for liquid waste treatment options for Victoria.
- This is an opportunity for resetting how they do business in the region; having a service fee.
- Recognizing the size of a facility is based on flow so there is a reduced cost for Victoria alone.

On the amendment:
CARRIED 14/GPC313

For: Mayor Fortin, Councillors Coleman, Gudgeon, Helps and Madoff
Against: Councillors Alto and Young

In consideration of the motion she proposed, Councillor Helps asked for clarity on the main motion with respect to what information they are asking back from staff.

Mayor Fortin said the expectation is that staff will review all risks, opportunities and consequences and report back to Council. Public consultation would follow and the next step would be to review the principles developed through this process.

Councillor Young advised that it would be useful to receive information on the status of the funding agreements.

On the main motion as amended:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC314

Action: It was moved by Councillor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Committee withdraw the following motion:

To explore whether funding is available from senior levels of government for local liquid waste treatment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC315

Committee discussed the following:

- Bringing forward a motion encouraging the CRD to proceed with upgrades to the Clover Point Facility.
- Concerns that the issues at this site haven't been enforced at a federal level.
- Noting the liquid waste treatment facility project will proceed in a few years and the Clover Point site may be a part of that.
- Noting that it is unlikely that Seaterra would be authorized to spend money on one project.

Committee agreed to wait until the CRD meeting next week before proceeding with action regarding the Clover Point site.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Action: It was moved by Councillor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto that Committee adjourn the special meeting of June 6, 2014, at 12:01p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC316

Mayor Fortin, Chair