

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014, 9:00 A.M.**

**1. THE CHAIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M.**

- Committee Members Present:** Mayor Fortin in the Chair; Councillors Alto, Coleman, Gudgeon, Helps, Isitt, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young.
- Staff Present:** J. Jenkyns – Acting City Manager; R. Woodland – Director of Legislative & Regulatory Services; J. Appleby – Recording Secretary.
- Staff Present for a Portion of the Meeting:** Deputy Fire Chief Cline; D. Day - Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; K. Hamilton – Director of Corporate Communications & Civic Engagement; D. Kalynchuk – Director of Engineering and Public Works; B. Warner – Director of Finance; T. Zworski – City Solicitor; A. Hudson - Assistant Director of Community Planning; K. Bouris – Senior Planner; J. Handy – Development Agreement Facilitator.
- Guests:** T. Alexis – President of the Victoria Fire Department Historical Society

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Committee considered the following amendments to the Agenda:

**Open Meeting:**

- Item # 8a – Grant Request to Achieve GHG and energy savings through Solar Rooftop Mapping
- Item # 8b – Twin City Tax Receipt Program
- Item # 8c – New Statutory Right-of-Way – 120 Kingston Street
- Item # 9a – Councillor Sharing - Councillor Thornton-Joe
- Item # 9b – Two Councillor Inquiries – Councillor Thornton-Joe
- Item # 9c – Councillor Sharing – Councillor Coleman
- Item # 9d – Councillor Sharing – Councillor Isitt

**Closed Meeting:**

- Item # 12a – Intergovernmental Negotiations / Land

**Action:** Councillor Alto moved that the Agenda of the January 16, 2014, Governance and Priorities Committee meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC05

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

**Mayor Fortin canvassed members of Council, who approved bringing forward the following items for approval:**

- Minutes from the Meeting held December 5, 2013
- Item # 2 – Minutes from the Special Meeting held December 9, 2013
- Item # 3 - Minutes from the Special Meeting held December 12, 2013

#### 3.2 Adoption of the Minutes from the Special Meeting held December 9, 2013

**Action:** Councillor Thornton-Joe moved that the Minutes from the Special Governance and Priorities Committee meeting held December 9, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC06

#### 3.3 Adoption of the Minutes from the Special Meeting held December 12, 2013

**Action:** Councillor Thornton-Joe moved that the Minutes from the Special Governance and Priorities Committee meeting held December 12, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC07

### 4. MINUTES

#### 4.1 Minutes from the Meeting held December 5, 2013

**Action:** Councillor Thornton-Joe moved that the Minutes from the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting held December 5, 2013 be corrected as follows on Page 15 - Item # 8.7, as follows:

##### **Housing Fund Request – 105 Wilson Street**

- Addition of 4<sup>th</sup> bullet

**Action:** *Councillor Thornton-Joe moved that Committee recommends that Council approve a grant from the Victoria Housing Fund in the amount of \$840,000 to the Pacifica Housing Advisory Association to assist in the development of 84 affordable rental housing units within the project proposed for 105 Wilson Street, on the following conditions:*

1. *That a Housing Agreement be used to secure the tenure of the building.*

2. *That the project receive all planning approvals necessary to proceed with the development in a way that achieves the housing affordability targets outlined in the application.*
3. *That construction of the project commence within two years of the date of the Development Permit approval.*
4. **That Pacifica Housing Advisory Association ensures the City of Victoria receives public recognition for its role as a financial contributor to this housing project and, upon project completion, submits a final report to the Sustainable Planning & Community Development Department.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC08

**Action:** Councillor Thornton-Joe moved that the Minutes from the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting held December 5, 2013 be adopted as corrected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC09

## 5. PRESENTATION

### 5.1 First Water, Tigers! Book Presentation

Deputy Fire Chief Cline and Ted Alexis, President of the Victoria Fire Department Historical Society presented to Committee the book *First Water, Tigers!*, which provides an historical account of the 150 year history of the Victoria Fire Department protecting Victoria.

## 6. DECISION REQUESTS

### 6.1 Douglas Street Bus Lane Improvements - Authorization to Enter into Funding Agreement with BC Transit

Committee received a report dated January 6, 2014 from Engineering with respect to Douglas Street bus lane improvements. Council authorization was sought to enter into a Funding Agreement with BC Transit to implement Phase 1 of Option C of the Victoria Transit Corridor Plan. BC Transit requires that both parties enter into an agreement to allow BC Transit to pay for improvements to the public right-of-way.

*Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 9:20 a.m. as her husband works for BC Transit and there may be a non-pecuniary conflict of interest.*

Committee discussed:

- Safety concerns of having bicycles and buses sharing the same lane.
- Bus shelters and plans to upgrade and provide safe, aesthetically pleasing structures for the long term.
- Providing better street crossings.
- The potential of creating greenways.

**Action:** Councillor Isitt moved that Committee recommends that Council authorize the Mayor and the Corporate Administrator to execute a Funding Agreement with BC Transit, in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor, to enable BC Transit to fund improvements to the public right-of-way associated with Phase 1 of the Victoria Transit Priority Corridor Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC010

*Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to meeting at 9:36 a.m.*

## **6.2 Application for a Liquor Primary Licence for Peacock Billiards Ltd., 1175C Douglas Street**

Committee received a report dated December 13, 2013 from Legislative and Regulatory Services regarding an application for a Liquor Primary Licence for Peacock Billiards Ltd., located at 1175C Douglas Street. As this is a new licence application it will require that Council receive input from the public through a Public Hearing as set out in the *Liquor Licensing Fee Bylaw* and the City's Liquor Licensing Policy and Process. The applicant currently holds a Food Primary Liquor Licence within the same premises (James Joyce Bistro) which has an occupant load of 120 persons and operating hours of 11:00a.m. to 02:00a.m. daily.

Committee discussed:

- The consultation process and how stakeholders will be notified.
  - Public consultation occurs through a public hearing
- What would happen if the business was sold and if the license is attached to the property.
  - The license may be transferred, but the nature of the establishment could not be changed without approval from the Licensing Board.
- Committee requested staff clarify with the Liquor Control and Licensing Board whether the Liquor Primary License could transform into another business model such as a night club.

**Action:** Councillor Alto moved that Committee recommends that Council, after conducting a review of the staff assessment of the application for a Liquor Primary Licence for Peacock Billiards Ltd., located at 1175C Douglas Street and in accordance with the City's Liquor Licensing Fee Bylaw and Liquor Licensing Policy approve:

1. The scheduling of a Public Hearing before Council to receive written and oral submissions from residents, property owners and the public with respect to this application; and,
2. Based upon the results of the public input received through the public hearing process, approve a resolution (with comments on the relevant factors) either supporting the licence application or not supporting the licence application. The appropriate resolution will be brought to Council at the earliest opportunity after completion of the public hearing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC011

### **6.3 Application for a Permanent Change to Occupant Load in relation to a Liquor Primary Liquor Licence for Glo Restaurant & Lounge, 104 – 2940 Jutland Road**

Committee received a report dated December 9, 2013, from Legislative and Regulatory Services regarding an application by Glo Restaurant and Lounge in relation to their Liquor Primary Liquor Licence to increase their occupancy load.

The current occupant load for the liquor primary service area of the restaurant/lounge is 85 persons. The requested change would reconfigure the space within the restaurant, lounge and adjoining patio resulting in the liquor primary service area being relocated to a different area within the premises. The occupancy load would then be increased to 104 persons. There would be no change in the hours of operation.

Committee discussed:

- If parking will be a concern.
  - There are no parking issues as this application deals only with the reconfiguration of the interior with no net increase to the total occupancy load. The owners have met their parking obligation as there is underground parking.
- The application does not require a Public Hearing; however, neighbouring businesses and residents within a 50 metre radius have received notification and have been provided with an opportunity to provide written feedback.

#### **Action:**

Councillor Helps moved that Committee recommends that Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts regarding the application to amend the occupancy load respecting liquor service hours for the Liquor Primary Liquor Licence of the Glo Restaurant and Lounge, Liquor Licence No. 300963, located at #104 – 2940 Jutland Road, supports:

1. The application of the Glo Restaurant and Lounge to amend its Liquor Primary Liquor Licence to allow an increase in occupancy load to 104 persons.
2. That Council provides the following comments on the prescribed considerations:
  - a. The location is in a designated neighbourhood commercial area which authorizes restaurants, retail stores, neighbourhood pubs and office space, with some residential use in the immediate vicinity. The Liquor Primary operation within the lounge/restaurant is compatible with the neighbouring land uses. The business is located within the Large Urban Village District and is within the Intermediate Noise District which allows for a higher noise threshold.
  - b. There is expected to be minimal impact on the neighbourhood due to the small increase in capacity that would result from the request being approved. There is no concern that this change would result in the business being operated contrary to its primary purpose.

- c. The views of residents were solicited via a mail out to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 50 metres of the restaurant/lounge and a notice posted at the property. Two responses, both in favour of the proposed change, were received from the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC012

#### **6.4 Information Respecting Proposed Council Standing Committees**

Committee received a report dated January 8, 2014 from Legislative and Regulatory Services with information respecting proposed Council Standing Committees. Recommendations regarding Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the following committees was received:

1. The Council Standing Committees on Community Services and Corporate Services that include citizen members;
2. Other committees of Council; and
3. The Mayor's Agenda Management Meeting (Agenda Committee).

At the November 21, 2013 Governance & Priorities Committee meeting Committee passed a motion to consider proposed ToRs for two Council Standing Committees that would include members of the public. Council earlier resolved to consider ToRs for two Committees of the Whole, a Committee to consider property maintenance matters and the Agenda Committee. Proposed ToRs in response to these resolutions were appended as Schedule A.

#### **Action:**

- Councillor Helps moved that Committee recommends that Council:
1. Approve the proposed terms of reference attached as Schedule A in the report dated January 8, 2014.
  2. Commence a public recruitment of citizen members for the Standing Committees on:
    - a. Community Services
    - b. Corporate Services
  3. Rescind the terms of reference for the following Committees of Council:
    - a. Governance & Priorities Committee
    - b. Planning and Land Use Standing Committee
    - c. Environment & Infrastructure Standing Committee
    - d. Community Development Standing Committee
    - e. Corporate Services Standing Committee
  4. Rescind the terms of reference for the following Public Advisory Committees:
    - a. Environment & Infrastructure
    - b. Community Development
    - c. Planning

Committee discussed the motion as follows:

- There is a risk that the standing committees will become weak with these changes. They could become merely advisory and have no real work. They

- should remain as providing advice to Council.
- If the public committee members should sit on other committees within the community and who would determine what committees are appropriate.

- Action:** Councillor Gudgeon moved that Committee consider the following amendment:
1. Approve the proposed terms of reference attached as Schedule A in the report dated January 8, 2014.
  2. Commence a public recruitment of citizen members for the Standing Committees on:
    - a. Community Services
    - b. ~~Corporate Services~~ **Corporate and Strategic Services**
  3. Rescind the terms of reference for the following Committees of Council:
    - a. Governance & Priorities Committee
    - b. Planning and Land Use Standing Committee
    - c. Environment & Infrastructure Standing Committee
    - d. Community Development Standing Committee
    - e. Corporate Services Standing Committee
  4. Rescind the terms of reference for the following Public Advisory Committees:
    - a. Environment & Infrastructure
    - b. Community Development
    - c. Planning

- Action:** Councillor Isitt moved that Committee consider the following amendment to the amendment:
1. Approved the proposed terms of reference attached as Schedule A in the report dated January 8, 2014.
  2. Commence a public recruitment of citizen members for the Standing Committees on:
    - a. Community Services
    - b. ~~Corporate Services~~ **Corporate and Strategic Services The Strategic Services Standing Committee**
  3. Rescind the terms of reference for the following Committees of Council:
    - a. Governance & Priorities Committee
    - b. Planning and Land Use Standing Committee
    - c. Environment & Infrastructure Standing Committee
    - d. Community Development Standing Committee
    - e. Corporate Services Standing Committee
  4. Rescind the terms of reference for the following Public Advisory Committees:
    - a. Environment & Infrastructure
    - b. Community Development
    - c. Planning

Committee discussed the amended amendment:

- The Governance and Priorities Committee is the overarching committee and should be the committee to deal with strategic matters. The standing committees focus should be on policy development.
- Strategic in the title could be misunderstood when recruiting members of the public. It could raise expectations.

On the amendment to the amendment:

Defeated 14/GPC013

For: Councillor Isitt

Against: Mayor Fortin, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Helps, Gudgeon, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young

On the amendment:

CARRIED 14/GPC014

For: Mayor Fortin, Councillors Isitt, Helps, Gudgeon, Thornton-Joe and Young

Against: Councillors Alto, Coleman and Madoff

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED 14/GPC015

For: Mayor Fortin, Councillors Isitt, Helps, Gudgeon, Thornton-Joe and Young

Against: Councillors Alto, Coleman and Madoff

### **Committees - Appointment of Chair**

Committee discussed the specific Terms of Reference for the Governance & Priorities Committee and Planning and Land Use Committee. It was felt that the Chair should not specifically be the Mayor but could also be a Council member appointed by Council. The following amendment was proposed:

**Action:** Councillor Alto moved that Committee recommends that Council amend the Committee Terms of Reference to consider that the Chair of each standing committee be appointed by Council upon recommendation from the Mayor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC016

### **Committees – Mayor’s Agenda Management Review Meeting**

Committee discussed the purpose of the Agenda Management Meeting. The committee meets to review and approve the proposed order of meeting agendas for Council and Committees of Council and to allocate the appropriate amount of time for each item. The meeting occurs weekly with the Mayor, Acting Mayor, City Manager and Corporate Administrator in attendance. Committee voiced concerns that the process should be as transparent as possible and recommended the following amendment:



**Action:** Councillor Gudgeon moved that Committee recommends that Council instruct staff to amend the Committee Terms of Reference regarding the Mayor's Agenda Management Meeting to include forwarding all draft agendas electronically on a confidential basis to Council members for information prior to the Agenda Committee meeting. This will be on a trial basis of six months ending in July 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC017

**Action:** Councillor Gudgeon moved that Committee recommends that Council adopt the Council Standing Committee Terms of Reference as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC018

### **6.5 Grant Request to Achieve GHG and Energy Savings through Solar Rooftop Mapping**

Committee received a report dated January 10, 2014 from Engineering and Public Works with respect to a Grant Request to Achieve GHG and Energy Savings through Solar Rooftop Mapping. The City of Victoria has the opportunity to support a climate action initiative in our community by awarding a grant to the University of Victoria (UVic) of \$10,000. Staff propose this grant be funded from the Climate Action Reserve Fund (CARF). The City's contribution will account for approximately one third of the UVic solar rooftop mapping scholarship.

*Councillor Gudgeon withdrew from the meeting at 11:09 a.m. and returned at 11:10 a.m.*

**Action:** Councillor Gudgeon moved that Committee recommends that Council approve the release of a maximum of \$10,000 from the Climate Action Reserve Fund for the purpose of awarding a grant to the University of Victoria to create a one-time solar rooftop mapping scholarship.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC019

### **6.6 Twin City Tax Receipt Program**

Committee received a report dated January 8, 2014 from the City Manager's Office regarding Twin City Tax Receipt Program. The City of Victoria has twinning relationships with four Cities, three of which are currently supported by local associations. From time to time, these Twin City Associations engage in fundraising efforts in support of a charitable project based either in Victoria or a twin city. The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's endorsement of a program that will support CRA guidelines for issuing tax receipts for charitable donations receiving on behalf of Twin City Association fundraising efforts.

**Action:** Councillor Thornton-Joe moved that Committee recommends that Council authorize the Corporate Administrator to execute agreements in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor with the Victoria Morioka Friendship Society, the Victoria-Khabarovsk Association and the Victoria Suzhou Sister City Association in support of Twin City Associations' fundraising efforts that follow CRA guidelines for issuing tax receipts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC020

## **6.7 New Statutory Right of Way – 120 Kingston Street**

Committee received a report dated January 14, 2014 from Legislative & Regulatory Services regarding a new Statutory Right of Way (SRW) for 120 Kingston Street. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to maintain two proposed pedestrian bridges, part of the David Foster Way, and to indemnify Worldmark The Club, the owner of 120 Kingston Street, from any claim that may be brought against either party arising from the construction and use of the bridges.

**Action:** Councillor Thornton-Joe moved that Committee recommends that Council authorizes the Mayor and the Corporate Administrator to commit the City, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to:

1. Maintain the two pedestrian bridges connecting to 120 Kingston Street, once constructed, and
2. Indemnify Worldmark and Wyndham Resort Development Corporation from any and all liens or claims which may be brought against either party arising out of the construction and use of the bridges.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC021

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Official Community Plan Annual Review 2013**

At its meeting of December 12, 2013, Committee postponed the following motion to the January 16, 2014 meeting:

That Committee recommends that Council direct staff to provide every three years *Official Community Plan* indicators and the opportunity to input that information into the financial planning and corporate strategic planning three year cycles.

Staff advised that generating a three-year *Official Community Plan* (OCP) report in addition to an OCP Annual Report and Five Year Report will have an impact on staff time. The OCP Annual Report equals 3-4 weeks of staff time and the OCP 5-Year Report equals approximately two months of staff time. A number of indicators rely on five year census data and will not be available on a three-year basis, so the reports would draw on the OCP Annual Reports. Ideally, the corporate strategic planning and financial planning processes should be informed by the performance measures in the Corporate Strategic Plan and the indicators in the OCP. In the

past staff have provided a status report to Council at the end of a strategic planning cycle in advance of a new Corporate Strategic Plan process. The following motion was proposed to formalize the status report and expand it to include OCP indicators and the CSP performance indicators.

**Action:** Councillor Alto moved that Committee recommends that Council direct staff to integrate the new Official Community Plan indicators with the existing corporate performance indicators and that these be presented in a three-year status report for the purpose of providing input into the financial planning and corporate strategic planning processes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC022

## **7.2 Councillor Sharing – Mr. Tom Arkell**

Councillor Thornton-Joe advised that she attended the funeral service of Mr. Tom Arkell last Saturday and spoke on behalf of the Mayor. Mr. Arkell was a founding member of the Burnside Gorge Community Centre and served as president for many years. In recognition of Tom's work in the community, particularly in helping to clean up the Gorge and Selkirk Waterways, the City named a creek-side trail in Cecilia Ravine Park in his honour. Even in his last week of life Tom continued to help others, visiting fellow Ross Place residents who were in hospital and volunteering at the Rock Bay Landing homeless shelter on Christmas Eve.

## **7.3 Councillor Sharing – Home is a Beautiful World**

Councillor Thornton-Joe stated that she had recently attended the play *Home is a Beautiful Word*. She would highly recommend that everyone attend a performance. It is a balanced portrayal of the issue of homelessness and presented many perspectives. Councillor Thornton-Joe questioned how the discussion regarding homelessness could be initiated throughout the region.

## **7.4 Councillor Sharing – Hands Around the World**

Councillor Coleman advised that a unique and inspiring exhibition, entitled "Hands Around The World," will be coming to Victoria, from January 17th through February 16th, 2014. The Creative Peace Mural Society promotes international understanding through the creation of textile murals that represent local culture, history and geography. Since the millennium, the Society has worked on eleven textile murals with communities in Canada, China, Coast Salish Nation, Japan, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Switzerland, Uganda, Ukraine and Uruguay. All eleven murals will be on public exhibition together for the first time in North America.

## **7.5 Councillor Sharing – Family Day Rally to Save the Agriculture Land Reserve**

Councillor Isitt asked if he could encourage all staff to attend the Family Day Rally to save the Agricultural Land Reserve on February 10, 2014, at the Legislature grounds. There is great concern about farmland protection and food security and the fear that the BC Government is considering drastic changes to erode the reserve and the autonomy of the commission entrusted to protect it.

## **7.6 Councillor Inquiry – Proposed Changes to Province's Liquor Laws**

Councillor Thornton-Joe raised the issue of the proposed changes to the Province's Liquor Laws and the municipality's role. She requested that Council be provided with a better understanding of what their role will be should the changes be enacted.

**Action:** Councillor Thornton-Joe moved that Committee request that Council direct the Mayor in his role as Mayor of the Capital City of British Columbia, to write a letter to the appropriate Provincial ministry inviting a presentation to this Committee regarding the proposed liquor licensing changes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC023

## **7.7 Proposed Resolution for FCM, AVICC and UBCM Conventions**

Committee discussed possible resolutions to submit to the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Convention of AVICC AGM which requires that resolutions be received by February 24, 2014. The UBCM urges members to submit resolutions to Area Associations first, all UBCM resolutions should also be submitted at this time.

The FCM Annual Convention is May 30, 2014 and so resolutions are due on January 25, 2014.

### **Door-to-Door Postal Delivery in Canada**

Councillor Isitt proposed the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve forwarding the following resolution for consideration to the board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

WHEREAS local governments in Canada have a direct financial interest in the security and stability of Canada's postal system, to ensure reliable communications with rate-payers and certainty in the timely payment of taxes and other fees;

AND WHEREAS Canada Post, a consistently profitable Crown Corporation, has announced its intention to eliminate residential door-to-door mail delivery in Canada, calling into question the stability of Canada's postal system, the certainty

of communications and payments, the reliability of business transactions and the availability of municipal land for postal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS this fundamental change to Canada's communications system is unprecedented in the G7 countries and has been announced in the absence of any meaningful consultation with local governments, Canada Post customers or postal workers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Canadian Municipalities request that the Federal Government direct Canada Post to maintain the current system of residential door-to-door postal delivery in Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to other local governments in Canada for whom contact information is readily available, requesting favourable consideration of this resolution to FCM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC024

**Action:** Councillor Isitt moved that Committee forward the motion regarding Postal Delivery for consideration at the Council meeting of January 16, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC025

**Action:** Councillor Helps moved that Governance & Priorities Committee convene a Closed meeting that excludes the public under Section 12(6) of the *Council Bylaw* for the reason that the following agenda items deal with matters specified in the following sections of the *Council Bylaw*:

*Section 12 (3) (i) – the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.*

*Section 12 (4) (b) – the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the City and a Provincial government or the Federal government or both, or between a Provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC026

Committee adjourned at 11:45 a.m.  
Committee reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

## **8. CLOSED MEETING**

**Committee Members Present:** Mayor Fortin in the Chair; Councillors Alto, Coleman, Gudgeon, Helps, Isitt and Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young

**Staff Present:** J. Jenkyns – City Manager; D. Day – Director

of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; K. Hamilton – Director of Corporate Communications & Civic Engagement; B. Warner – Director of Finance; R. Woodland – Director of Legislative & Regulatory Services; T. Zworski – City Solicitor; J. Appleby – Recording Secretary.

## **9. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED AGENDA**

The following item was added to the Closed Agenda:

- Item # 12 – Intergovernmental Negotiations / Land

**Action:** Councillor Alto moved that the Closed Agenda of the Special Governance and Priorities Committee of January 16, 2014, meeting be approved as amended

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 13/GPC027

## **10. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **10.1 Minutes from the Closed Meeting held December 5, 2013**

**Action:** Councillor Alto moved that the Closed Minutes from the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting held December 5, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC028

### **10.2 Adoption of the Minutes from the Special Meeting held December 12, 2013**

**Action:** Councillor Alto moved that the Minutes from the Special Closed Governance and Priorities Committee meeting held December 12, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC029

## **11. DECISION REQUESTS**

### **11.1 Intergovernmental Negotiations / Land (Verbal)**

Committee received an update regarding the Intergovernmental Negotiations / Land

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC030

### **11.2 Legal Advice**

Committee received legal advice from the City Solicitor.

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
14/GPC031

### **11.3 Legal Advice**

Committee received legal advice from the City Solicitor.

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC032

## **12. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED MEETING**

**Action:** Councillor Helps moved that Committee adjourn the closed meeting of January 16, 2014 at 2:37 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC033

## **13. OPEN MEETING – STRATEGIC PLAN & PRIORITIES WORKSHOP**

### **Motion to shift one percent of capital expenditures for 2014 and 2015 to pedestrian and cycling infrastructure**

Councillors Gudgeon, Helps and Isitt provided Committee with a motion which proposes to shift one percent of capital expenditures for 2014 and 2015 to pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and outlined information related to this proposal.

**Action:** Councillor Isitt moved that Committee approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS in the summer of 2012 Council identified “explore alternate transportation options” as its top priority giving this item a score of 43 out of a possible 45 points;

AND WHEREAS on the negative side, yet another pedestrian was hit by a car in a crosswalk last month;

AND WHEREAS on the positive side, study after study indicates the social, economic and environmental benefits to cities of increasing walking and cycling as modes of transportation;

AND WHEREAS total projected capital expenditures for 2014 and 2015 are \$28 Million and \$31.7 Million respectively (excluding costs associated with the Johnson Street Bridge Replacement Project);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to shift 1 percent of the capital budget for 2014 and 2015, \$280,000 and \$317,000 respectively to enhance pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

Committee discussed the motion as follows:

- The Director of Finance advised that staff have had discussions with Engineering, Finance and other staff. A plan is currently being put together and she suggests waiting as those funds are required for existing projects. It was suggested that new construction revenue could be used to fund new projects. The City's policy is to take care of what they own first and deferred maintenance. By shifting funds, deferred maintenance could be affected.

Councillor Isitt moved the following amendment:

WHEREAS in the summer of 2012 Council identified "explore alternate transportation options" as its top priority giving this item a score of 43 out of a possible 45 points;

AND WHEREAS on the negative side, yet another pedestrian was hit by a car in a crosswalk last month;

AND WHEREAS on the positive side, study after study indicates the social, economic and environmental benefits to cities of increasing walking and cycling as modes of transportation;

AND WHEREAS total projected capital expenditures for 2014 and 2015 are \$28 Million and \$31.7 Million respectively (excluding costs associated with the Johnson Street Bridge Replacement Project);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to **shift \$250,000 in the Capital Budget in 2015**, to enhance pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

**Action:** Councillor Young moved that Committee postpone consideration of this motion until such time as all priorities can be reviewed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC034

**Action:** Councillor Alto moved that the Key initiatives on page 101- 104 remain priorities and continue to be acted upon by staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC035



**Action:** Councillor Alto moved that Committee postpone further discussion of Strategic Priorities to the next Governance & Priorities meeting to be held on January 30, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC036

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action:** Councillor Alto moved that Committee adjourn the meeting of January 16, 2014, at 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 14/GPC037

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Mayor Fortin, Chair