

Council Member Motion Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 12, 2024

To: Committee of the Whole Date: December 06, 2024

From: Mayor Alto

Subject: Council External & Internal Appointments

Rationale for Same Day Consideration

These appointments take effect January 1, 2025, before which there are no further City Council meetings. To ensure the appointments may take effect on that date, same day consideration is required.

Background:

Periodically, the City of Victoria appoints Council members to a number of external and internal bodies, with varying expectations and responsibilities. Council policy allows these appointments to be rotated mid-term, after approximately two years of service.

The CRD requires a formal Motion confirming Victoria's CRD Board members. In addition, there are five CRD commission, committee and/or task force appointments:

- 1. Arts Commission
- 2. Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force
- 3. Regional Housing Trust Fund Commission
- 4. Regional Water Supply Commission
- 5. Royal and McPherson Theatres Service Advisory Committee.

There are Council member appointments to these 18 external organizations:

- 1. Board of Cemetery Trustees of Greater Victoria
- 2. Canadian Capital Cities Organization
- 3. CREST (Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications)
- 4. Destination Greater Victoria
- 5. Downtown Victoria Business Association
- 6. Greater Victoria Airport Authority Consultative Committee
- 7. Greater Victoria Harbour Authority Board Member
- 8. Greater Victoria Harbour Authority Member Agency Representative
- 9. Greater Victoria Public Library Board
- 10. Municipal Insurance Association of BC
- 11. Royal and McPherson Theatres Society
- 12. South Island Prosperity Partnership Partners' Table
- 13. South Island Reconciliation and Advisory Committee (formerly the Te'Mexw Treaty Advisory Committee)
- 14. University of Victoria Community Liaison Committee

- 15. Victoria Civic Heritage Trust
- 16. Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee
- 17. Victoria Heritage Foundation
- 18. Victoria Regional Transit Commission

In addition, Council appoints liaisons to two active internal committees:

- 1. Citizens' Assembly Council Committee
- 2. City of Victoria Youth Council

The city has also had other internal committees that have existed with intermittent support and connection to current city priorities. An analysis of those committees' relationship to Council's current Strategic Plan is underway. Recommendations arising from that analysis will be offered to Council for its consideration in early January 2025.

Discussion continues on the matter of compensation for appointments to external bodies when those appointments arise as a result of Council membership. Some municipalities require Council appointees to external bodies to decline any compensation for that service, with the rationale that such duties fall within the regular responsibilities of being a member of city council. Eliminating such extra compensation would 'level the playing field' when appointments are distributed among Council members, eradicating the perception (and arguably the reality) of unfair reward for some appointments when others receive no financial reward. Locally, considering recent decisions regarding increased Victoria City Council member compensation, the bulk of which take effect after the next civic election in October 2026, a recommendation is included that eliminates external compensation for appointments that arise from election to Council, after the 2026 civic election.

The following recommendations are made after a careful review of Council members' expressions of interest, skills, and experience, and their experience in, and feedback from, their first two years of service, balanced with the needs of each organization and association. This suite of Council appointments also considers existing committee policies and mandates, and seeks to make the best use of Councillors' individual and collective talents and abilities, in the service of collaboration with each of these community partners. To address these considerations, some appointments have changed, while some remain the same.

Each of these appointments will conclude on October 16, 2026. Two appointments required a four year appointment of the Mayor to the South Island Reconciliation and Advisory Committee (formerly the Te'Mexw Treaty Advisory Committee) and the Greater Victoria Regional Transit Commission, thus these are noted as re-appointments. The GVHA has requested continuity of appointments for a whole term.

Recommendations:

1. That Council confirm the following Victoria City council members as Municipal Directors to the Capital Regional District Board, the Capital Regional Hospital District Board, and the Capital Regional District Housing Corporation Board, for the electoral term 2022 – 2026:

Mayor Marianne Alto (5 Votes)

Councillor Jeremy Caradonna (5 Votes)

Councillor Dave Thompson (5 Votes)

Councillor Christopher Coleman (4 Votes).

2. That Council confirm the following Victoria City councillors as Alternate Municipal Directors to the Capital Regional District Board, the Capital Regional District Board, and the Capital Regional District Housing Corporation Board, for the electoral term 2022 – 2026:

Councillor Susan Kim
Councillor Matt Dell
Councillor Krista Loughton
Councillor Stephen Hammond
Councillor Marg Gardiner

- 3. That the following Council members be appointed or re-appointed to these CRD committees for the period January 1, 2025, until October 16, 2026:
 - a. Arts Commission Mayor Alto
 - b. Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force Councillor Gardiner
 - c. Regional Housing Trust Fund Commission Councillor Thompson
 - d. Regional Water Supply Commission Councillors Caradonna, Coleman, Hammond and Kim
 - e. Royal and McPherson Theatres Service Advisory Committee Councillors Caradonna and Loughton
- 4. That the following Council members be re-appointed or appointed to these external bodies for the period January 1, 2025, until October 16, 2026:
 - a. Board of Cemetery Trustees of Greater Victoria Councillor Hammond
 - b. Canadian Capital Cities Organization Councillors Gardiner and Loughton
 - c. CREST (Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications) Councillor Dell
 - d. Destination Greater Victoria Councillor Hammond
 - e. Downtown Victoria Business Association Councillor Thompson
 - f. Greater Victoria Airport Authority Consultative Committee Councillor Gardiner
 - g. Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (Board Member) Councillor Kim
 - h. Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (Member Agency Representative) Councillor Dell
 - i. Greater Victoria Public Library Board Councillor Kim
 - j. Municipal Insurance Association of BC Councillor Coleman
 - k. Royal and McPherson Theatres Society Board Councillor Dell
 - l. South Island Prosperity Partnership (Partners' Table) Councillor Gardiner
 - m. South Island Reconciliation and Advisory Committee (formerly the Te'Mexw Treaty Advisory Committee) Mayor Alto
 - n. University of Victoria Community Liaison Committee Councillor Thompson
 - o. Victoria Civic Heritage Trust Councillor Loughton
 - p. Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Councillor Kim
 - q. Victoria Heritage Foundation Councillor Loughton
 - r. Victoria Regional Transit Commission Councillor Caradonna
- 5. That Mayor Alto, Councillor Coleman and Councillor Caradonna be re-appointed or appointed to Victoria's Citizens' Assembly Council Committee for the period January 1, 2025, until October 16, 2026.
- 6. That Councillor Kim be re-appointed to liaise with the City of Victoria's Youth Council for the period January 1, 2025, until October 16, 2026.

- 7. That Mayor Alto be re-appointed to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission for the period January 1, 2025, until October 16, 2026.
- 8. That, after the next civic election October 16, 2026, Council members undertaking appointments to external bodies shall not accept compensation from said bodies, if such appointments arise as a function of being a Council member.
- 9. That these recommendations be forwarded to the December 12, 2024, daytime Council meeting, with the exception of the recommendations regarding appointments to the CRD Regional Water Supply Commission, for which city staff will provide an opportunity for public comment before Council's final approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor Alto