

April 24, 2018

Mayor Lisa Helps  
City of Victoria  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Helps,

**Re: MAYORS' JOINT REPORT ON CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY**

This letter is to confirm that on April 23, 2018, Saanich Council considered the recommendation from the Mayors' Joint Report on Citizens' Assembly and resolved as follows:

*"That Council approve that Saanich and Victoria hold a joint Committee of the Whole meeting to determine which question both local governments will place on the October 20, 2018 General Local Election ballot."*

An excerpt of the minutes is attached for your information.

If Victoria Council approves a motion to hold a joint meeting, please contact my office with respect to scheduling.

Sincerely,



Angila Bains, B.A., CMC  
Manager, Legislative Services

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cc: Mayor and Council  
P. Thorkeleson, Chief Administrative Officer

1410-04  
Report – Council

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### **MAYORS' JOINT REPORT ON CITIZENS ASSEMBLY**

Report from Mayor Atwell recommending that Saanich and Victoria hold a joint Committee of the Whole meeting to determine which question both local governments will place on the October 20, 2018 General Local Election ballot.

Mayor Atwell stated:

- Mayor Helps and he met with Ministerial staff on April 11, 2018; there was no definitive request for funding.
- It is key that the process be locally driven and costs and benefits analyzed; a clear mandate from residents is essential to moving forward.
- A joint meeting will allow discussion of a potential referendum question.
- The study from the City of Duncan and the District of North Cowichan should be reviewed.

**MOVED by Councillor Harper and Seconded by Councillor Plant: "That Council approve that Saanich and Victoria hold a joint Committee of the Whole meeting to determine which question both local governments will place on the October 20, 2018 General Local Election ballot."**

Council discussion ensued with the following comments:

- This is an appropriate first step and a discussion worth having.
- A referendum will give residents the opportunity to vote on whether or not to proceed.
- The risks and costs need to be provided to residents before a vote.
- Great care is needed in the determining the question to be included on the ballot.

**The Motion was then Put and CARRIED**