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,

[Signature]

Angela Bain, B.A., CMC
Manager, Legislative Services

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