



Council Member Motion

For: Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting, January 21, 2016

From: Councillor Alto

Subject: Council Sharing

*Here are a few highlights of my last three months' work with Board and Committee appointments, some special projects and strategic priorities, and some notable events.*

### **Appointments**

#### *Canadian Capital Cities Organization*

As an appointed Board member and elected Vice President, worked with colleagues across Canada through Board and three Executive committee conference calls speaking to the CCCO 2015-2018 strategic plan, 150th anniversary funding and next year's annual meeting in Quebec

#### *Community Action Plan on Discrimination*

Worked with colleagues from community organizations to create better GNAs, improve relationships with VicPD (including work on anti-discrimination, budget and reducing stigma), supported relationships that challenge discriminatory assumptions and barriers

#### *Te'mexw Treaty Advisory Committee*

Two meetings have been held at host Esquimalt Town Hall. With other members of the TTAC, met with Minister Rustad at UBCM.

#### *Victoria Regional Transit Commission*

At VRTC's bi-monthly meetings, worked with colleagues from around the region providing oversight to regional transit service, most recently: budget and fare review, route upgrades, introduction of automated voice bus stop call-outs, complimentary 2016 annual passes for refugees.

#### *Liaison to the University of Victoria*

Worked to build and support a close relationship between UVic and the City through quarterly meetings with Carmen Charette, Vice President External Relations, and other UVic staff, along with councillors from Oak Bay and Saanich. Recent issues of note: downtown land management, students in the community, transportation and parking, late night transit

#### *Accessibility Working Group*

With Councillor Loveday, helped draft Terms of Reference for the AWG, facilitated new membership, supported AWG members to provide feedback on the Johnson street bridge and Harbour Pathway, and to prepare comments on the upcoming city budget.

#### *Liaison to Oaklands Neighbourhood*

- Hosted twice a month councillor 'open door' sessions, attended monthly Oaklands Community Association Board and CALUC meetings, met monthly with Executive Director and Board Chair, met quarterly with Executive Director of the Cridge Centre
- Some recent issues and initiatives: resolved neighbour concerns about Oaklands Neighbourhood House, Lang street parking, Cedar Hill crosswalk, Ivy Place greenway, Jewish cemetery, roadway sinks on Victor Street, resident only parking, Haultain traffic

#### *Capital Regional District (CRD) Board*

- Chair, First Nations Task Force – Met with Premier and Minister Rustad at UBCM; met with 7 of 9 local First Nations; reported to Governance Committee with request to extend mandate through 2016 (Board approved); worked with Aboriginal Relations Division to further First Nations' involvement in regional decision-making
- Member: Core Area Liquid Waste committee, Eastside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select committee – worked to move forward to establish regional sewage treatment
- Member, Finance Committee – provided oversight for financial operation of the CRD
- Vice Chair, Governance Committee – a new appointment, working with regional colleagues to bring greater transparency and efficiency to CRD operations
- Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness – a new appointment, working to help reduce chronic homelessness in greater Victoria

#### **A snapshot of a few Projects & Strategic Priorities**

- Facilitated return of Beacon hilltop to the Songhees and Esquimalt people for their use as a building site for a traditional longhouse
- Supported MicroHousing Victoria Society in their quest to build microhousing in Victoria, working with their finance and steering committees
- Facilitated preliminary conversation with Island Health, Yes2SCS, VicPD and some community allies on how to establish supervised consumption services in Victoria
- Supported Vic High in its ongoing renovation of its track and field facilities, working with a school, district and community group on fundraising and community engagement
- Facilitated the first in a series of LGBTQ community planning events

#### **A random sample of some memorable events at which I represented, and/or made remarks on behalf of, the city**

- Consulate General concert for Morioka/Victoria
- AIDS Walk
- Vikes Community Breakfast
- Hospice AGM
- Cops for Cancer Fundraiser with Councillor Coleman
- A Port in the Storm: Symposium on Palliative Care for Structurally Vulnerable People
- Souper Bowls
- PEERS 20th Anniversary
- AVI/PEERS anti-stigma workshop
- Lekwungen First Nations Burning Ceremony
- Red Umbrella event to end violence against sexworkers