



Welcoming Cities Task Force Meeting Notes
Monday November 16, 5pm – 6:30pm on Microsoft Teams

Attachments

- 1) Presentation on role of local government and Task Forces**
 - 2) Welcoming Cities Task Force Terms of Reference**
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1. Mayor Helps opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement
 2. Round Table introductions were given from all members of the Task Force
 3. Chris Coates, City Clerk, provided a presentation on the role of local government and how committees and task forces interact with Council (presentation attached)
 4. Mayor Helps reviewed the Task Force Terms of Reference (document attached)
 1. Councillor Sharmarke proposed an amendment to the Terms as originally written to add the Downtown Victoria Business Association (1 representative) and the VicPD (1 representative) to the membership of the Task Force. The Task Force was in agreement to these additions
 2. A motion to Council will go forward this Thursday to extend the invitation to each organization to join the Task Force.
 5. Meeting dates / time schedule for ongoing meetings. It was agreed that Monday at 5pm is a good time for these meetings and we will meet once more this year (November 30) and every two weeks beginning in January until March.

Next meeting – November 30, 5pm on Microsoft Teams

Agenda items

- Welcoming International will make a presentation on what it means to be a welcoming city
- Mayor Helps will provide an overview of Victoria 3.0, the City's economic action plan
- We will have a discussion on the qualities we will be looking for in the consulting team that will work with the Task Force to write our Welcoming Cities plan

Homework for November 30 meeting

1. Review [Welcoming International](#) webpage to get a sense of this international organization
2. Review [Victoria 3.0](#), the City's economic action plan
3. Think about the qualities and experience of the consulting team

Attendees v

Members	Organization	16/11
Antonia Paquin	Member at Large	
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Daniela dos Santos Pinto	Member at Large	
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Jibril Mohamed	Member at Large	
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Silvia Mangué Alene	Member at Large	
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Agnes Myhre	Bayanihan Community Centre	Sent regrets
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David Lau	Victoria Immigrant & Refugee Centre Society	
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Florentien Verhage	Intercultural Assn	
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Gayle Nye	Chinese Community Services Society	
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Jefus Godwin-Enwere	Here Magazine	
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Maureen Sawa	Greater Victoria Public Library	
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Sandra Hough	George Jay School PAC	
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Tracy Ryan	Silver Threads	
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Garry Sam	Songhees Nation	
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Jerome Thomas	Esquimalt Nation	
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Annie Djioṣta	Societe Francophone	
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Mayor Helps

Councillor Sharmarke Dubow

Kimberley Stratford, City staff

Chris Coates, City Clerk (guest)