



## New Dashboard Tracks Council Meeting Voting, Improves Transparency

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VICTORIA, BC — The public can now see and track Council voting records at the click of a mouse with the introduction of the City of Victoria *City Council Meeting Dashboard*.

“We’re proud to follow the lead of Vancouver and launch our region’s first online Council meeting dashboard,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “This new tool is another step in the City’s commitment to open government and transparency around all the decisions we make at City Hall.”

The new dashboard makes it easier to see how members of Council voted on a particular motion and gives the public more tools to access and analyze information about decisions that impact them. Prior to its implementation, Council meeting minutes were searched manually to see voting and attendance records.

The dashboard includes voting at City Council meetings where final decision-making occurs, and has been updated to the start of Council’s four-year term in November 2018.

Dashboard users can search by keyword in the motion and month/year, and further refine their search by Council member or voting type (e.g., in favour, opposed, conflict or absent). Upon typing in a keyword and/or date, the system displays one or more Council Meeting motions. Clicking on a motion links the user to the corresponding City Council Meeting Agenda where the report is located, and cues up the discussion in the archived webcast.

The City of Victoria is committed to making its data more accessible to all users. The most recent Council voting data will be available as soon as possible after the Council meeting minutes are adopted at a subsequent meeting.

The *City Council Meeting Dashboard* is available on the Council Meetings and Open Data web pages of the City of Victoria website. For more information, visit: [www.victoria.ca/CouncilDashboard](http://www.victoria.ca/CouncilDashboard).

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