



**AGENDA - WELCOMING CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 3, 2026, 5:02 P.M.**

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees Nation and Xwsepsum Nations.

Meeting to be conducted electronically via Teams

PRESENT

ELECTRONICALLY: S. Hough in the Chair, D. dos Santos Pinto, M. Sawa, F. Verhage, N. Hamed,

ABSENT: T. Dominga, J. Mohamed, N. Butz,

STAFF PRESENT: A. Galiev – Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Lead, M. Moore – Lived Experience Consultant, S. Mangu-Alene, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, S. Maichen – Legislative Coordinator

GUEST: Z. Chaudhry - Coastal Research, Education, and Advocacy Network

Welcoming and Land Acknowledgement

This item was not discussed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded:

That the agenda be approved

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

C.1 Minutes from the meeting held on January 6, 2026

Moved and Seconded:

That the minutes from the Welcoming City Advisory Committee held January 6, 2026 be approved with the following changes:

A. Welcoming and Land Acknowledgement - Sandra Hough

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

D.1 Zara Chaudhry (CREAN) – 2026 Welcoming City Conference Planning

Z. Chaudhry with Coastal Research, Education, and Advocacy Network provided the Committee with a presentation regarding the Welcoming City Conference on Friday, April 10th.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Focusing on the Connected Communities theme*
- *Inviting Welcoming City network partners*
- *Extending invitation to Councilors and Mayor*
- *Highlighting the impact of the Welcoming City initiative*
- *Youth Poet Laureate's attendance and theme*
- *Engagement and agenda for the event*
- *Need of local governments to support of the Welcoming City initiative*
- *The Committee's involvement in drafting recommendations*

Community Round Table

Committee discussed the following:

- *Upcoming events the Committee can attend*

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY