



**AGENDA – WELCOMING CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**March 4, 2025, 5:00 P.M.**

**ESQUIMALT NATION ROOM, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE**

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

**Meeting to be conducted electronically via Teams and in-person**

- A. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – Sandra Hough 5:00 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.**
- B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA 5:05 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.**
- C. READING OF MINUTES**
  - C.1 Minutes from the meeting held on January 7, 2025**
- D. NEW BUSINESS 5:10 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
  - D.1 Fostering Inclusion for People with Dementia Project – Carolyn Brandly**
  - D.2 Welcoming City Conference – Sandra Hough**
- E. Committee Roundtable 6:00 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.**
- F. Next Meeting Agenda & Date**
- G. ADJOURNMENT 6:25 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Attachments:

Attachment A: 2025\_01\_07 \_Welcoming City Minutes Draft Minutes



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**January 07, 2024, 5:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

**ELECTRONICALLY:** Sandra Hough in the Chair, Gayle Nye (for Nora Butz), Maureen Sawa, Jibril Mohamed, Daniela dos Santos Pinto, Isidoro Emmanuel

**ABSENT:** Fiona Bramble, Florentien Verhage

**STAFF PRESENT:** A. Galiev – Equity Diversity & Inclusion Lead, S. Mangué Alene – Equity and Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, A. Klus – Senior Legislative Coordinator

**GUEST:** Renee Proulx, Licker GeoSpatial, Tanyss Knowles – Senior Planner, Social Policy

**A. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Xwsepsum First Nation communities.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C. READING OF MINUTES**

**C.1 Minutes from the meeting held on September 09, 2024**

**Moved and Seconded**

That the minutes from the Welcoming City Advisory Committee held September 09, 2024 be approved.

## **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **D. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **D.2 Complete Communities initiative – Renee Proulx, Licker GeoSpatial (tentative)**

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Add to concept of safe and accessible commute/infrastructure*
- *The unique needs of immigrants and newcomers when it comes to complete communities*
- *Daily needs and what would be important from the perspective of a welcoming city*
- *Thoughts on the pedestrian network and what is key to safe and accessible transportation*
- *How welcoming cities can work to integrate and support with a building occupancy model*

#### **D.1 Community Infrastructure Strategy Engagement – Tanyss Knowles**

*Committee discussed the following:*

- *Key themes of being responsive to community need, promoting social inclusion, supporting liability, well-being, and thronging; creating connections and reducing barriers*
- *The experience of “Community infrastructure” in the City of Victoria*
- *Hopes and concerns about “community infrastructure” as Victoria grows and urbanizes*
- *The role of the public library, beyond a community hub (ie point of refuge, gathering space, etc.)*
- *The translation of key services and barriers to safely accessing community spaces*

### **E. Committee Roundtable**

Equity and Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator provided an update on the Welcoming City Conference.

### **F. Next Meeting Agenda & Date**

This item was not discussed.

### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

*Committee, by unanimous consent, adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.*