



AGENDA – WELCOMING CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 07, 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 conducted electronically via Teams and in-person

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. Mangu 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.