



AGENDA – WELCOMING CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 2, 2024, 5:17 P.M.

ESQUIMALT NATION ROOM, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

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

Meeting conducted electronically via Teams and in-person

PRESENT: Sandra Hough in the Chair, Nora Butz, Maureen Sawa, Daniela dos Santos Pinto, Luis Gutiérrez Aguirre

PRESENT

ELECTRONICALLY: Florentien Verhage

ABSENT: Kareece Whittle-Brown, Fiona Bramble, Isidoro Emmanuel, Vibha Gaonkar, Jibril Mohamed

STAFF PRESENT: A. Galiev – Equity Diversity & Inclusion Lead, S. Mangué Alene – Equity and Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, L. Klose – Manager of Community Planning S. Maichen – Legislative Coordinator

A. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:04 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 May 7, 2024

Moved and Seconded:

That the minutes from the Welcoming City Advisory Committee held May 7, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. Aguire joined the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

D. NEW BUSINESS

D.1 Official Community Plan Update Consultation

Committee received a presentation from Lauren Klose, Manager of Community Planning, regarding the Official Community Plan update Consultation

Committee discussed the following:

- *Parking concerns around new residential developments*
- *Growth in Victoria's population largely linked to immigration*
- *New multi-unit housing being built in Victoria requiring a minimum number of units to be 3 bedrooms or more to accommodate families*
- *Difficulties experienced by vulnerable populations to find housing in the City*
- *Considering future residents in the risk assessment of the OCP update*
- *Risk of gentrification*
- *Emphasis on transportation for people who work but don't live downtown*
- *The City of Victoria's stakeholder meeting with the Chamber of Commerce*
- *Improving existing infrastructure*
- *Overview of public transit and transportation consultation completed to date*
- *Necessity of ongoing, high-level communication with the Provincial Government*
- *Stakeholder meetings with Island Health, School District 61, and BC Transit*
- *Environmental and agricultural heritage*
- *The Capital Regional District's Regional Growth Strategy*

D. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY