



Governance and Legislation Committee

Minutes

October 4, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 1Y6

PRESENT: Mayor Walker
Councillor Chesney
Councillor Johanson
Councillor Kristjanson (via electronic means)
Councillor Manning
Councillor Trevelyan

ABSENT: Councillor Fathers

STAFF: Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
Jacquie Johnstone, Director of Human Resources
Greg Newman, Acting Director of Planning and Development Services
Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture
Chris Zota, Manager of Information Technology
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Trevelyan, Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion Number: 2021-G/L-087 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee adopt the agenda for October 4, 2021 as circulated.

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion Number: 2021-G/L-088 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Governance and Legislation committee adopt the meeting minutes of September 20, 2021, as circulated.

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

4. **REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S 2021-2022 PRIORITIES**

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a verbal introduction to this topic.

The CAO noted the capacity challenges: 70% for operations, 30% strategic priorities and the rest of the plan surpasses the current capacity there is in the organization.

The Director of Human Resources noted challenges the industry is facing in terms of staff retention, work-life balance, and recruiting. The Acting Director of Planning and Development Services and the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations outlined some of the challenges they are facing in terms of staffing shortages and impacts this is having within their departments.

The following discussion points were noted:

- Some circumstances recruiters are brought in to help for higher positions within the organization (this is being considered for the current vacancy for the Director of Planning and Development Services)
- Review procedures, utilize improvement tools / financial planning tools may help with financial costs on the City
- Concern with the Solid Waste for Multi-Family and Commercial project and the time it is taking to address this

- Clarification regarding a Housing Needs Report (this is a provincial requirement that needs to be submitted this year) which is separate from Affordable Housing noted on the Council Strategic Priorities
- Land mass is required for Affordable Housing
- Affordable housing is a province wide issue - would like to discuss this further (list of City owned properties and groups suggested that the City can work with / options)
- Once the Housing Needs Study is complete the City will have a better understanding at to what the community needs are, this will help to facilitate seeking partnership(s)

Motion Number: 2021-G/L-089 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee request staff to schedule a public forum, whereby the present Council Priorities will be shown, and the public would be offered a further opportunity for feedback.

Voted in the Negative (5): Mayor Walker, Councillor Chesney, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Manning, and Councillor Trevelyan

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion DEFEATED (1 to 5)

Motion Number: 2021-G/L-090 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee request staff to schedule a meeting to discuss affordable housing as the only topic (a closed to discuss potential land assembly).

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

Motion Number: 2021-G/L-091 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee recommend Council reaffirm the following as its top Council Priorities:

- **Solid Waste Multi Family / Commercial Pick Up;**
- **Afford Housing;**
- **Shovel in the Ground Projects; and**
- **Semiahmoo First Nations Relations.**

Voted in the Negative (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

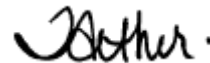
Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (4 to 2)

5. **CONCLUSION OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2021 GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 6:21 p.m.

Councillor Trevelyan, Chairperson



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration