

MINUTES
JOINT CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE
City of Victoria, 1 Centennial Square, Council Chambers
Monday, July 22, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Haynes and Councillors Brownoff, Chambers and Plant
Mayor Helps and Councillors Alto, Loveday and Young

Staff: Saanich: Paul Thorkelsson, Chief Administrative Officer; Angila Bains, Manager, Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk and Lynn Merry, Senior Committee Clerk

Victoria: Jocelyn Jenkyns, City Manager; Christine Havelka, Deputy City Clerk; Colleen Mycroft, Manager of Executive Services; Monika Fedyczkowska, Legislation and Policy Analyst; Bill Eisenhauer, Head of Engagement; and Pierre-Paul Angelblazer, Committee Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Haynes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Plant: "That the agenda for the Joint Citizens' Assembly Standing Committee meeting of July 22, 2019 be approved."
CARRIED

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mayor Haynes and Councillors Brownoff, Chambers and Plant provided introductory remarks and advised that the Saanich Mayor's Standing Committee would be reporting back to Saanich Council on the comments/recommendations made at the meeting noting that Council will then provide direction on how to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Draft Terms of Reference from the respective municipalities, the Substantive Differences Table and the Terms of Reference Comparison Document were reviewed and the following comments were made:

- It was the intent that emergency services would be included in the scope.
- It would be helpful to document which emergency services are currently integrated.
- It is important to ensure that residents are kept up-to-date throughout the process.
- It is understood that a third-party consultant will facilitate the process.
- The process needs to be research-based and technical report should be considered as part of the process.
- Consensus should be sought, but where consensus is not realized, diverging views should be documented.
- It is important that the mandate of the committee remains the same as the ballot question.
- Clarification from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is needed to see if the committee has to make a yes/no recommendation on amalgamation.
- Recommendations made by the Citizens' Assembly are non-binding.
- Even if amalgamation is not recommended, the Assembly should consider recommendations on integration of services.
- It is important to consider the similarities and differences in the municipalities including the

rural component.

- Allowing the public to provide input on the technical report would be helpful to the Assembly.
- Live webcasting, although costly, is necessary to provide a venue for the public to watch meetings.
- Having the public attend Assembly meetings could hamper open debate.
- Roundtable meetings will held to receive feedback from the public.
- Further discussion is needed on allowing Assembly members with divergent opinions to provide correspondence to be included in the Final Report.
- It is appropriate that the Chair/Facilitator approve all official communications.
- Business owners who reside in either municipality will not be precluded in participating as a member of the Assembly.
- It is important that members of the Assembly have an open mind.
- Board members and staff, past and present, of Amalgamation Yes and Grumpy Tax Payers will be excluded from the Assembly.

The Saanich meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at Saanich Municipal Hall, 770 Vernon Avenue, Council Chambers.

CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY