



## General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, November 1, 2021

Place: Council Chambers  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair  
Councillor Chak Au  
Councillor Carol Day (by teleconference)  
Councillor Andy Hobbs  
Councillor Alexa Loo (by teleconference)  
Councillor Bill McNulty  
Councillor Linda McPhail (by teleconference)  
Councillor Harold Steves (by teleconference)  
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

*That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on October 18, 2021, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### DELEGATION

1. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (copy on-file, City Clerk's Office), Dustin Bergstrom, Lauren Matthias, Darcy Paslawksi, Trevor Paul, Donald Trapp, and Darcy Vermeulen, Transportation Investment Corporation, provided an update on the George Massey Crossing Program and briefed Committee on (i) the proposed Steveston Interchange project, (ii) the Environmental Assessment process, (iii) project timelines, and (iv) the public consultation process.

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Discussion ensued with regard to (i) replacement options of the BC Hydro transmission lines from the existing tunnel, (ii) proposed configuration of the HOV and cycling and pedestrian lanes, and (iii) consultation with first responders on emergency vehicle access.

**LAW AND LEGISLATION SERVICES DIVISION**

**2. AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW-  
ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION**

(File Ref. No. 99-LAW) (REDMS No. 6766603)

Staff reviewed the proposed amendments, and spoke on legislative provisions allowing for electronic participation of Council members in Council and Committee meetings.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That Council Procedure Bylaw No. 7560, Amendment Bylaw No. 10302, which introduces amendments relating to electronic meetings and electronic participation, be introduced and given first, second and third readings;*
- (2) *That Council authorize participation by the public and the holding of public hearings and board of variance hearings by means of electronic or other communication facilities as contemplated in the report titled “Amendments to the Council Procedure Bylaw – Electronic Meetings and Electronic Participation” and dated October 18, 2021 from the Director, City Clerk’s Office; and*
- (3) *That staff report back to Council in the event technical or operational issues arise through the implementation of Recommendation 2 of the report titled “Amendments to the Council Procedure Bylaw – Electronic Meetings and Electronic Participation” and dated October 18, 2021 from the Director, City Clerk’s Office.*

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with regard to Council member meeting attendance requirements and options to allow electronic attendance of Council members by Council resolution at the beginning of a meeting.

As a result of the discussion, the following **amendment motion** was introduced:

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It was moved and seconded

*That Council Procedure Bylaw No. 7560, Amendment Bylaw No. 10302 be amended to insert the following at the end of Section 1.4.1: “provided the member of Council is approved to participate in this manner by Council Resolution.”*

**CARRIED**

Opposed: Cllrs. Day

Loo

McPhail

The question on the main motion, as amended, which reads as follows:

- (1) *That Council Procedure Bylaw No. 7560, Amendment Bylaw No. 10302, which introduces amendments relating to electronic meetings and electronic participation, be introduced and given first, second and third readings;*
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- (4) *That Council Procedure Bylaw No. 7560, Amendment Bylaw No. 10302 be amended to insert the following at the end of Section 1.4.1: “provided the member of Council is approved to participate in this manner by Council Resolution.”*

was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (4:54 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

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Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, November 1, 2021.

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Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie  
Chair

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Legislative Services Associate