



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, May 1, 2023

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Laura Gillanders
Councillor Kash Heed
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Alexa Loo
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Michael Wolfe

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 April 17, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

1. **CHANGES IN PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION NEEDED TO ADDRESS GAS UTILITIES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

(File Ref. No. 10-6000-00) (REDMS No. 7185313)

A brief discussion ensued with respect to low carbon energy systems. Staff noted 75% of current development in Richmond is effectively occurring in city centre, which is caught by the district energy system, currently using low carbon.

General Purposes Committee
Monday, May 1, 2023

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That, as described in the report titled ‘Changes in Provincial Legislation Needed to Address Gas Utilities in British Columbia’ from the Director, Sustainability & District Energy, dated March 17, 2023:*
- (a) *Letters be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation and to local Members of the Legislative Assembly, asking the Government of British Columbia to*
 - (i) *reform the British Columbia Utilities Commission in the context of a changing climate as noted in the report; and*
 - (ii) *urgently enact legislation that regulates greenhouse gas emissions from gas utilities; and*
 - (b) *Letters be sent to Metro Vancouver, Metro Vancouver member local governments, the City of Victoria and the District of Saanich requesting their support by sending letters to the Office of the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation accordingly.*

CARRIED

CAO'S OFFICE

2. **TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION UPDATE**

(File Ref. No. 01-0152-01) (REDMS No. 7120015)

Discussion ensued with respect to the role and responsibilities intended in hiring a Manager, Indigenous Relations, in particular, (i) liaise and work collaboratively with First Nation groups, stakeholders and community partners, (ii) establish a work plan to address the City's commitment to truth and reconciliation, and (iii) develop steps necessary for implementation.

In response to queries from the Committee, staff noted (i) in addition to the City's recognition as a statutory holiday, staff are currently exploring opportunities for event initiatives to further educate and acknowledge the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, (ii) 8 of the 16 calls for action that pertain to local government, as noted in the report, have been identified as a starting point to move forward, and (iii) an updated Flags Policy for Council's endorsement is forthcoming.

General Purposes Committee
Monday, May 1, 2023

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled "Truth and Reconciliation Update", dated April 11, 2023, from the Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Corporate and Strategic Planning, be endorsed.

CARRIED

Opposed: Cllrs. Day
Heed

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:42 p.m.).

CARRIED

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, May 1, 2023.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Lorraine Anderson
Legislative Services Associate