



## General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, May 2, 2022

Place: Council Chambers  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair  
Councillor Chak Au  
Councillor Carol Day  
Councillor Andy Hobbs  
Councillor Alexa Loo (by teleconference)  
Councillor Bill McNulty  
Councillor Linda McPhail (by teleconference)  
Councillor Harold Steves (by teleconference)  
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 19, 2022, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

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**ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION**

**1. CALL FOR A GLOBAL FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY**

(File Ref. No. 10-6000-00) (REDMS No. 6871598)

The following speakers urged the City of Richmond City to endorse a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty (Treaty) to address the climate emergency:

- Naomi Leung, Climate Justice UBC
- Jennifer Nathan, Faculty of Education, Simon Fraser University
- Yuyang Huang, Richmond resident.

In response to queries, staff advised (i) City staff consistently consider opportunities to decarbonize existing buildings, (ii) the City has several low carbon or low emission buildings, (iii) the possibility of tying the Treaty into the Tilbury Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Expansion Project will be investigated, (iv) incentives are available for high performance and natural gas free buildings, and (v) conversations regarding natural gas free buildings are held with developers throughout the building process.

Discussion ensued regarding (i) the benefit of sending the Treaty to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), and (ii) informing residents that the City has a good alternative to fossil fuels.

It was moved and seconded

**(1) *That, as described in the report titled “Call for a Global Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty”, from the Director, Sustainability & District Energy, dated April 19, 2022:***

- (a) *The resolution in support of the call for a global fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty, as outlined in Attachment 1, be endorsed;***
- (b) *The resolution calling on the BC Government to put in place a fossil fuel production cap, and to end subsidies for fossil fuel production and consumption, be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for consideration during their 2022 Convention, as outlined in Attachment 2; and,***
- (c) *Letters be sent to Richmond MLAs and MPs, the Premier of British Columbia and the Prime Minister of Canada, asking them to support the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and take necessary actions to initiate, negotiate and implement such a treaty.***

**CARRIED**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded  
*That the meeting adjourn (4:37 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 2, 2022.

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Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie  
Chair

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Recording Secretary