

Citizens' Advisory Panel

Date: Friday, September 10, 2010
Time: 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM
Place: Victoria City Hall – Committee Room 1

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members: Andrew Turner, Jim Kerr, Richard Linzey, Cara Segger, Margaret Lucas, David Cubberly, Don Prittie
Staff: Peter Sparanese [Chair], Dwayne Kalynchuk, Katie Josephson, Mike Lai, Howard Markson, Allison Ashcroft and Chaz Whipp
Sherri Andrews (recording secretary)

Peter Sparanese, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:50 am.

1. Agenda

There being no additions to the Agenda; it was adopted as circulated.

2. Minutes of the Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on August 11, 2010 were approved as circulated.

3. Draft Public Engagement Process for Referendum

Katie Josephson took the Panel through a powerpoint presentation on the draft public engagement process for the referendum noting that the City is striving for a 30% turnout.

The next 7 to 8 weeks will see the City engaging in a focused campaign designed to both inform and encourage the public to participate in the referendum. Since it is already known that over 75% of Victorians receive their information from newspapers, the City will be using the power of the press and will be working closely with the Times Colonist.

Panel members were asked to advise Katie of any opportunities they may be aware of for City staff to speak to interested groups and/or organizations about the upcoming referendum and the importance of participation.

4. **CRD Report to Board of Directors, City Presentation to CRD Board**

City staff met with the CRD Board of Directors to request that the CRD make the Johnson Street Bridge (JSB) project (both rail and trail) a priority for funding under the General Strategic Priorities Fund as part of the Canada-BC-UBCM Gas Tax Agreement. The item; however, was deferred to the next CRD Board meeting as the report put forward by CRD Staff on the JSB project, had not yet been reviewed or endorsed by the CRD's Planning and Transportation Committee.

It was noted that the CRD report recommends approval for \$17M for the multi-purpose trail component and the balance of the funding (\$15M) for the E&N Rail and Trail project. It is expected that the report will be reviewed at the Board's October meeting.

The funding application process is a competitive one as other projects are vying for access to these funds as well.

If the City is unable to secure funding for the rail portion of the JSB project through outside sources, it will continue to protect the rail corridor for future consideration.

5. **Other Business: Referendum Question & Bylaw Synopsis – Loan Authorization (Johnson Street Bridge) Bylaw, 2010**

A copy of the above-noted report that was approved by Council at the meeting held on September 9, 2010 was distributed for information purposes.

6. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, October 15, 2010.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.