



AGENDA

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

September 29, 2017, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Board Room, Service and Resource Centre,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC

Pages

1. CALL THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO ORDER:

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

5. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Meeting Procedures

Sheila Gurrie, City Clerk, to provide a presentation regarding meeting procedures.

6. REPORTS:

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Online Survey Feedback

Purpose: To discuss the data received from the online public engagement survey.

b. Timeline and Options for First Public Engagement Session

Purpose: To discuss possible dates, locations and methods of engagement for the pilot program's first public engagement session.

c. Update on Outstanding Motions to Staff

Purpose: To discuss the motions made at the 17-SEP-14 Committee meeting regarding the creation of a news release and Facebook Notes feature.

d. List of Shared Principles for Effective Meetings

Recommendation: That the Committee approve the list of Shared Principles for Effective Meetings.

e. Community Engagement Mission Statement

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Recommendation: That the Committee approve the revised Community Engagement Mission Statement.

f. Committee Future Initiatives

Purpose: Sheila Gurrie, City Clerk, to speak regarding future initiatives for the Community Engagement Committee.

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Shared Principles for Effective Meetings

The Community Engagement Committee operates on the overarching principle that everything happens through conversation. We believe that productive conversations take place in an environment of respect, curiosity and, wherever possible, fun.

Further, we believe that:

1) Success depends on participation – we share ideas, ask questions, challenge beliefs and support others to do so.

2) Our job is to listen to understand – we ask questions, value all contributions, allow only one speaker at a time, seek common ground and understanding, remain open to new ideas and perspectives, work to identify our own assumptions and participate with integrity.

3) “I” statements create conversation where everyone is on equal footing – we speak from our own perspective and allow others to speak from theirs.

4) We are personally responsible – to show up prepared to participate, stay on schedule, manage tasks and be succinct.

Lastly, we recognize that change is difficult and that true conversation can be uncomfortable.

Community Engagement Committee Mission Statement

Our mission is to work alongside fellow residents, City Council and staff to design, implement and refine a community engagement pilot program which provides a clear and accessible means for citizens to discuss their thoughts and ideas with the community and its leaders.

Our goals and indicators of success are:

- Residents feel that they have influence in identifying which topics are important to them;
- Residents understand how to participate, and feel welcomed and respected while doing so;
- Residents feel that their input is valued; and
- Council decisions reflect knowledge of and appreciation for public input.