

DATE OF MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2023

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**SUBJECT MAYOR'S LEADERS' TABLE REIMAGINED**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To request that the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council endorse the terms of reference for the Mayor's Leaders' Table.

### **Recommendation**

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council endorse the Mayor's Leaders' Table terms of reference as attached to the staff report dated 2023-FEB-13.

## **BACKGROUND**

In May 2020 the Mayor's Task Force on Recovery and Resilience (MTFRR) was established to work in collaboration with public bodies, private institutions and community organizations to build resilience and provide strategic recommendations to Council in relation to recovery and relief efforts to support the community through the COVID-19 pandemic. A key recommendation from the MTFRR was to create a Mayor's Leaders' Table (MLT) to advise, inform and collaborate across the community to further Nanaimo's opportunities and address challenges. Throughout 2021 and 2022, the Mayor's Leaders' Table focussed on developing recommendations in three specific areas "Infrastructure Ask", "Doughnut Economics" and "Youth Attraction and Retention". Recommendations from each of the working groups were developed and at the July 18, 2022 Council meeting, Council endorsed the following Mayor's Leaders' Table recommendations:

*It was moved and seconded that Council support and endorse the recommendations of the Mayor's Leaders' Table Infrastructure Ask Working Group and, where applicable, include in corporate work plans.*

*It was moved and seconded that Council support and endorse the recommendations of the Mayor's Leaders' Table Doughnut Economics Working Group and, where applicable, include in corporate work plans.*

*It was moved and seconded that Council support and endorse the recommendations of the Mayor's Leaders' Table Youth Attraction and Retention Working Group and, where applicable, include in corporate work plans.*

*It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to develop a Terms of Reference for a Table of Champions to be convened by the 2022-2026 Council to ensure continued advocacy of projects and programs. The motion carried unanimously.*

Discussions at the Council table have noted a preference to refrain from using the term “Table of Champions”. Staff have maintained the name of the group as the Mayor’s Leaders’ Table and have brought forward updated terms of reference for Council’s endorsement. ]

## **DISCUSSION**

By endorsing the continuation of Mayor’s Leaders’ Table, Council has shown a commitment to further support the continued prosperity and evolution of Nanaimo. The Table supports the City Plan Goal of A Prosperous Nanaimo: Thriving & Resilient Economy. Staff have worked with Mayor Krog to draft the attached terms of reference for the Mayor’s Leaders’ Table. Based on the original Mayor’s Task Force on Recovery and Resilience terms of reference, the key points include:

- The purpose of the group is to ensure the continued advocacy of projects and programs to support capital infrastructure asks;
- Membership will include the Mayor and five (5) to seven (7) additional members appointed by the Mayor;
- Meetings will be held generally quarterly, at the call of the Chair or two members; and,
- The term will be a minimum of two years.

Staff are requesting that the Governance and Priorities Committee review the proposed terms of reference and recommend that Council endorse the terms of reference. If approved, Staff will work with the Mayor to engage members and convene a meeting. ]

## **OPTIONS**

1. That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council endorse the Mayor’s Leaders’ Table terms of reference as attached to the staff report dated 2023-FEB-13.
  - The advantages of this option: This recommendation supports and continues the work of the Mayor’s Task Force on Recovery and Resilience and the Mayor’s Leaders’ Table.
  - The disadvantages of this option: The Governance and Priorities Committee may wish to provide alternative direction to Council regarding the terms of reference.
  - Financial Implications: A budget to facilitate the Mayor’s Leaders’ Table is available.
2. That the Governance and Priorities Committee provide alternate direction.
  - The advantages of this option: The Governance and Priorities Committee may wish to provide alternative direction regarding the Mayor’s Leaders’ Table terms of reference.
  - The disadvantages of this option: The work of the Mayor’s Leaders’ Table may be delayed while updated terms are developed.

- Financial Implications: Staff will determine financial implications based on direction received.

### **SUMMARY POINTS**

- In July 2022, Council supported the continuation of the Mayor's Leaders' Table to ensure continued advocacy of projects and programs.
- The Governance and Priorities Committee is asked to recommend Council endorse the Mayor's Leaders' Table terms of reference.
- Once endorsed, Staff will work with the Mayor to engage members and convene a meeting.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Mayor's Leaders' Table proposed Terms of Reference  
Attachment B: Mayor's Leaders' Table current Terms of Reference  
Attachment C: Mayor's Leaders' Table Final Report dated 2022-JUL-18

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