

DATE OF MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2023

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SUBJECT MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BACKGROUND REPORT

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Governance and Priorities Committee with background information on Municipal Development Corporations.

BACKGROUND

At the 2023-MAY-15 “In Camera” Council Meeting, the following motion was passed:

“That an information report be prepared that provides background on municipally owned development corporations, their purpose and governance structures; the steps required for establishing a development corporation in British Columbia; and high-level costs and considerations associated with establishing a municipally owned development corporation in Nanaimo.

That the report on development corporations be brought to a Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting for discussion prior to 2024 budget deliberations, and that topic matter experts be identified and invited to provide information at the meeting.” |

Neilson Strategies were engaged by staff to prepare the discussion paper for the Committees consideration (Attachment A).

DISCUSSION

The discussion paper is divided into six sections, each of which explores a specific question on municipally owned development corporations (MDCs):

- What are MDCs and what do they do?
- Why do municipalities choose to create MDCs?
- Where have MDCs been established?
- How are MDCs governed, and what is their relationship to their host municipalities?
- What is the process to create an MDC?
- What cost and other factors should Nanaimo consider in assessing the MDC option?

Neilson Strategies will provide the Committee with a presentation summarizing the paper and will facilitate discussion around the role an MDC could play in Nanaimo.

In addition, two subject matter experts have been invited to the Committee meeting to provide their views and observations on MDCs. |

CONCLUSION

The discussion paper presented in Attachment A provides the Committee with background information on MDCs and is intended to facilitate a discussion around the role this tool could be used to realize several of the City's objectives. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- At the 2023-MAY-15 Council meeting, staff were requested to prepare a report on municipally owned development corporations, their purpose and governance structures, the steps required to establish a development corporation and high-level costs and considerations associated with establishing a development corporation.
- In addition, Council requested the report be brought to a Governance and Priorities Committee meeting for discussion prior to the 2024 budget deliberations and that topic matter experts be identified and invited to provide information at the meeting.
- Neilson Strategies have prepared a background report for the Committee's information (Attachment A).
- Two subject matter experts have been invited to the Committee meeting to provide their perspective on the topic of municipally owned development corporations.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: City of Nanaimo Municipal Development Corporations October 2023 Discussion Paper |

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