

## **LCC Advisory Committee (LCCAC) Minutes**

### **Meeting of May 27, 2022**

#### **In attendance:**

**LCACC:** Gayle Baker, Darryl Martin, Kees Ruurs, Sonja Collumbin, Peter Meyer (Alternate for Mary Richardson), Director Gary Holman. **Regrets:** Gerard Zentner, Jamie Holmes, Michael McCallister.

**Discussion Paper Authors:** Brian Webster

#### **1. Election of Chair**

Gayle Baker elected Chair. Darryl Martin elected Vice-Chair. Agreement to approve motions by consensus unless explicit disagreement within Committee. Director Holman to take minutes for this one meeting.

#### **2. Agenda Approved**

#### **3. Minutes May 3 Meeting Approved.**

Director Holman designated as minute taker for this meeting. Chair Baker will explore possibilities for archiving minutes for public review.

#### **4. Role of Committee**

**Additional comments on Discussion Paper** - The key issue is that the bylaws delegate authority to the LCC on local taxes, bylaws, capital plans, grants and other local issues. It was noted by Brian Webster that if the LCC was not delegated authority, the CRD Board would regard it as advisory only, and could lead to the Director frustrating LCC recommendations on local matters. Brian noted that a simple way to clarify the LCC's delegated authority would be to list it along with the five other CRD Commissions that have been given this status (e.g., the CRD Water Supply Commission, the Peninsula Parks and Recreation Commission).

The proposed salary for LCC Commissioners should be clarified for the referendum vote. Strategies to better engage the public (e.g., evening meetings, "hybrid" Zoom/ in person meetings, recording of meetings) would be procedural matters to be decided by an LCC.

**Public meetings/feedback on Discussion Paper** - Agreed that an important role of the LCCAC is to consider public feedback on the Discussion Paper in formulating recommendations to CRD regarding the establishment bylaws. It was agreed that comments from the public would best be addressed to Chair Baker and Director Holman, who would then pass on these comments and any replies from them to the Committee.

**Review of CRD establishment bylaw** - CRD staff have agreed that the LCCAC will make recommendations regarding the LCC based on their review of the Discussion Paper and also on public feedback. Director Holman has proposed that the LCCAC review and make recommendations on the bylaws drafted by CRD staff, to be confirmed.

**Committee role after CRD Board bylaw approval** - General agreement that the LCCAC has a useful role to play in terms of public information after the draft bylaws are approved by the CRD Board, predicated on the assumption that the bylaws confer meaningful delegated authority to an LCC. NGOs such as SSI Transition Society, Chamber of Commerce, and ASK would be encouraged to hold public information meetings. Chair Baker will take the lead in contacting NGOs regarding such meetings. Director Holman stated that he will step down from the LCCAC if he declares his CRD candidacy.

### **5. Comments by Public Attendees**

Most attendees agreed that the LCC, structured properly, could improve governance on SSI, and several expressed appreciation for the work undertaken to produce the Discussion Paper and the effort being made to address the issue. One attendee stated that the paper should have been undertaken by a professional consultant. Several attendees were concerned that the public were generally uninformed about the proposal and a rushed process, which could result in its defeat in the referendum. Particular concern was expressed about CRD Board approval of bylaws by July 13, and there was a question about whether this could be delayed. A comment was made that dates for the LCCAC meetings in June should be advertised as soon as possible. It was suggested that minutes and perhaps recordings of the LCCAC meetings be “archived” for future public review, and that evening meetings would encourage greater attendance.

There were a number of comments regarding the substance of the LCC proposal, most made by Bob Moffatt who will also be providing a written submission. Issues raised included: LCCs exist only for very small communities in BC, inadequate financial information to substantiate claim that LCC costs will be very modest.

### **6. Next Meetings**

Agreed that two meetings would be held in the first and third weeks in June. The first meeting would be devoted primarily to public comments, the second to decide on recommendations to CRD regarding LCC establishment bylaws. Director Holman to clarify with CRD staff the deadline for comments on the establishment bylaws.

### **7. Adjournment**