

Utility Commission

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 29, 2022
Meeting Held Electronically

PRESENT

Len Kelsey	Commissioner, Chair
Mayor Jonathan Cote	Commissioner
Councillor Patrick Johnstone	Commissioner
Sally Bhullar-Gill	Commissioner
Maya Chorobik	Commissioner
Lino Siracusa	Commissioner
Lisa Spitale	Commissioner

GUESTS

Victoria Barr	LevelUp Planning
Laveleen Sahota	LevelUp Planning
Elle Wayara	LevelUp Planning

STAFF

Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Operations
Christine Cho	Human Resources Business Partner
Steven Faltas	Business Process Manager, Electrical Operations
Phil Kotyk	Manager, Fiber Networks
Denise Tambellini	Intergovernmental and Community Relations Manager
Patrick Shannon	Manager, Purchasing
Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer
Katie Stobbart	Committee Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m. Rod Carle recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. He acknowledged that colonialism has made

invisible their histories and connections to the land. He recognized that, as a City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

2. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED MEETING

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Utility Commission will now go into a meeting which is closed to the public in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, on the bases that the subject matter for all agenda items relate to matters listed under sections:

(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee, or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;

(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

Carried.

All commissioners present voted in favour of the motion.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Minutes of January 25, 2022

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Utility Commission meeting held on January 25, 2022 be adopted.

Carried.

All commissioners present voted in favour of the motion.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Electrical Purchases & Sales Report - 2022

a. January

b. February

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Utility Commission adopt item 5.1 on consent.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Cold snap and rate increase reflected on New West electrical utility bills (New Westminster Record)

6.2 New Westminster, Metro Vancouver Collaborate on Sapperton Energy District

6.3 Sapperton project to provide 'sewer heat' to New Westminster (New Westminster Record)

The above correspondence items were received for information.

7. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no items.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

9. END OF MEETING

On MOTION, The meeting ended at 3:25.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Remaining scheduled meetings for 2022, which take place at 2:00 p.m.:

- May 17
- June 28
- September 20
- October 18
- November 22

Certified Correct,

Original Signed
Len Kelsey
Chair

Original Signed
Katie Stobbart
Committee Clerk