

## Utility Commission

### MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 18, 2022**

**Committee Room 2**

**City Hall**

#### PRESENT

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

#### STAFF

Ron Au	Senior Financial Services Analyst
Leya Behra	Manager, Climate Action
Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Operations
Steven Faltas	Business Process Manager, Electrical Operations
Harji Varn	Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Katie Stobbart	Committee Clerk

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#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Len Kelsey opened the meeting at 2:40 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. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**3. 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 basis 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.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**4.1 Minutes of September 20, 2022**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the September 20, 2022 Utility Commission meeting be adopted.

**Carried.**

All Commissioners present voted in favour of the motion.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5.1 Financial Statements**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Utility Commission adopt item 5.1 except Bridgenet on consent.

**Carried.**

All Commissioners present voted in favour of the motion.

In response to questions from the Commission, Rod Carle, General Manager, Electrical Operations, advised that the Utility has recruited a specialist to work on Bridgenet.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Bridgenet item be adopted.

**Carried.**

All Commissioners present voted in favour of the motion.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items.

**7. END OF MEETING**

The meeting ended at 3:00

**8. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The next meeting is to be determined.