

Utility Commission

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

**Meeting held electronically and in Committee Room 2
City Hall**

PRESENT

Mayor Patrick Johnstone	Commissioner
Sally Bhullar-Gill	Commissioner
Maya Chorobik*	Commissioner
Councillor Paul Minhas	Commissioner
Lino Siracusa	Commissioner

REGRETS

Lisa Spitale	Commissioner
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GUESTS

Scott Jamieson	Jamieson Design Inc.
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STAFF PRESENT

Ronald Au	Senior Financial Services Analyst
Rod Carle	General Manager, Electrical Operations
Jacqueline Dairon	Chief Financial Officer / Director of Finance
Phil Kotyk	Fibre Networks Operations Manager
Katie Stobbart	Committee Clerk

*Denotes electronic attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Lino Siracusa opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and 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. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of June 20, 2023

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the June 20, 2023 Utility Commission meeting be adopted.

Carried.

All Commissioners present voted in favour of the motion.

3.2 Minutes of June 29, 2023

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the June 29, 2023 Utility Commission meeting be adopted.

Carried.

All Commissioners present voted in favour of the motion.

4. MOTION TO GO 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 person 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.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 New Westminster Electric 2023 Customer Satisfaction Survey

Rod Carle, General Manager, Electrical Utility, provided a presentation titled "New Westminster Electric 2023 Customer Satisfaction Survey."

In response to a question from the Commission, Mr. Carle advised that staff can look at what BC Hydro has done that we could compare client satisfaction rates to.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Purchases and Sales

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Utility Commission adopt item 6.1 on Consent.

Carried.

All Commissioners present voted in favour of the motion.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

8. END OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 3:56 p.m.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The remaining meetings for 2023 are scheduled on September 19 and November 2. As September 19 is during UBCM, that date will be rescheduled.