TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

August 27, 2007

FROM:

MAYOR DEREK R. CORRIGAN

SUBJECT:

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL INDEMNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council appoint the following persons to the Council Indemnity Advisory Committee:

Mr. Russ Read, Retired Manager, Bank of Nova Scotia Mr. Ed Jaskula, General Manager, Hilton Vancouver Metrotown Hotel Diane Wood, Retired Secretary, B.C. Government Employees Union.

## REPORT

In 1992 and again in 2001, Council appointed a Council Indemnity Advisory Committee comprised of representatives from the local community. In both cases, the Committee's mandate was to review and report on Council indemnities and benefits in light of current economic conditions and indemnity levels of other local governments.

Since 2001, many B.C. communities have adjusted their indemnities and benefits, not only on the basis of inflation levels, but to additionally reflect the changing nature, scope and complexity of issues being dealt with by local government. The current formula has served well but it is prudent to periodically review the structure to ensure indemnity levels and benefits are fair and equitable within the changes experienced by municipal councils.

It is therefore recommended that Council approve the appointments to the Council Indemnity Advisory Committee and that the Committee's mandate be to review Council's current indemnity and benefit package. Further, it is recommended that the Committee complete its task and report to Council within 90 days from the date the Committee first meets.

Respectfully submitted,

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