



## **Bishop pledges to modernize Delta's 18 council committees**

August 8, 2018 – Delta, B.C. – Sylvia Bishop said today that if elected as Mayor of Delta in October she will immediately launch a review of the municipality's 18 advisory committees with a view to amalgamating some that serve duplicate functions, abolishing others and creating new ones to meet emerging priorities.

"Our city's existing advisory committees were established to assist Council and encourage public involvement in decision-making," said Bishop, a two-term Delta councillor first elected in 2011, and re-elected in 2014.

"I believe they generally have performed a very valuable service for our community, but it also is clear that a rigorous review and update now are needed to ensure that the committees are working well and adequately addressing newly-arising issues, challenges and opportunities."

Bishop pointed to a number of committees that touch on economic development opportunities for the City of Delta, but do not seem to operate with a clear focus on working together to promote investment and job creation.

In July, Bishop vowed to establish a new Economic Development Office for Delta, which remains one of the few sizeable communities in B.C. without a dedicated department or staff to coordinate or assist new initiatives.

"For some time now we've had an Invest in Delta Mayor's Standing Committee – which meets infrequently – along with a Mayor's Standing Committee on Regional Transportation, an Agricultural Advisory Committee, an Advisory Design Panel and a Community Planning Advisory Committee," said Bishop.

“These committees have done much valuable work on behalf of our city, and I believe it is important that we continue to involve community residents in considering important issues.

“Still, I’m interested both in finding efficiencies in all aspects of our municipal governance, and bringing a sharper focus to Economic Development opportunities in the City of Delta.”

Bishop is seeking election as the mayoral candidate on a slate of candidates called Team Delta, which also features veteran Delta councillor Robert Campbell. Joining Bishop and Campbell on Team Delta are a trio of political newcomers: Dr. Joan Hansen, Kim Kendall and Simran Walia.

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### **Backgrounder attached**

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## **BACKGROUND**

Current roster of Committees established by the City of Delta:

Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

Advisory Design Panel (ADP)

Boundary Bay Airport Advisory Committee (BBAAC)

Boundary Bay Airshow Advisory Board

Board of Variance (BOV)

Community Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC)

Delta Council/Delta Board of Education Liaison Committee (DCDBELC)

Dikes and Drainage Advisory Committee (DDAC)

Environment Advisory Committee (EAC)

Financial Assistance Review Committee

Heritage Advisory Commission (HAC)

Hunting Regulation Advisory Committee (HRAC)  
Invest in Delta Mayor's Standing Committee (IDMSC)  
Mayor's Standing Committee on Regional Transportation  
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission (PRCC)  
Standing Committee on Finance (SCF)  
Seniors Advisory Sub-Committee (SASC)  
Tour de Delta (TDC)