

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015, 12:00 P.M.**

1. THE CHAIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 12:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Mayor Helps in the Chair; Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff and Young.

Absent for a Portion of the Meeting: Councillor Thornton-Joe

Staff Present: J. Johnson – City Manager; P. Bruce – Fire Chief; K. Hamilton – Director of Citizen Engagement & Strategic Planning; J. Jenkyns – Deputy City Manager; C. Coates – City Clerk; T. Soulliere – Director of Parks & Recreation; F. Work – Director of Engineering and Public Works; J. Tinney – Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; S. Thompson – Director of Finance; J. MacDougall – Assistant Director of Parks; J. O’Connor – Manager of Financial Planning; C. Mycroft – Assistant to City Manager; L. Maxwell – Recording Secretary.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Action: It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the Agenda of the November 12th, 2015, Special Governance & Priorities Committee meeting be approved.

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3. BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Committee received a report dated October 22nd, 2015 from Finance providing information on the 2016 Draft Financial Plan. This report was received for information at the Governance & Priorities Committee of October 22nd, 2015. Presentations of each department’s financial plan are continuing from the Governance & Priorities Committee Special Meeting of November 9th, 2015.

Frank Elsner, Chief Constable, Victoria Police Department, presented Committee with the proposed budget for VicPD. The presentation included an overview of services provided by the department; a summary of their operating budget and their proposed initiatives for 2016.

Councillor Thornton-Joe joined the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Committee discussed:

- Expansion of and possible increase in funding for outreach services in 2016.
- Idea of providing outreach services on a fee for service basis, if arrangement with Island Health is proposed.

Action: It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Committee requests the Police Board to report back to Council on options for recovering costs for the proposed mental teams from Island Health or another provincial source.

Committee discussed:

- Whether funding for treatment facilities is also necessary, instead of just community outreach programs.

Councillor Coleman withdrew from Committee at 12:45 p.m. and returned 12:46 p.m.

- Becoming proactive to initiate development of mental health programs, and the need for Provincial involvement.
- FTE increases and officer retention.

Amendment: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the motion be amended as follows:

That Committee requests the Police Board to report back to Council on options for recovering costs **or to explore a funding partnership for a two year pilot project** for the proposed mental health teams from Island Health or another provincial source.

Committee discussed:

- Concerns that the amendment dilutes the spirit of the original motion.

On the amendment:
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For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Lucas, Madoff, and Thornton-Joe

Against: Councillors Isitt, Loveday, and Young

Committee discussed:

- Proving the value of the pilot project first, then discussing funding partnerships.

On the main motion as amended:
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Committee discussed:

- Increased costs of training and the possibility of requiring recruits to bear the costs of their individual training.
- The Chief of Police clarified the role of the department in regards to training and housing costs; which costs are contractual and which are provincially funded.
- Amalgamation of the police and fire dispatch centres.
- Possible changes to Police uniforms.

Councillor Isitt withdrew from Committee at 1:11 p.m. and returned at 1:14 p.m.

- Charging for policing for City events.
- Use of jail cells through reciprocal agreement with Citizenship and Immigration Canada.
- Information regarding reserve accounts and fleet maintenance costs.

Jocelyn Jenkyns, Deputy City Manager, presented Committee with the proposed budget for Victoria Conference Centre. The presentation included an overview of services provided by the department; a summary of their operating budget and their proposed initiatives for 2016.

Councillor Coleman withdrew from Committee at 1:41 p.m. and returned at 1:44 p.m.

Committee discussed:

- Concerns regarding the current operations model of the parkade in the Victoria Conference Centre.

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from Committee at 1:46 p.m. and returned at 1:47p.m..

Action: It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Committee recommends that Council direct staff to report back with information on the current operations model of the Victoria Conference Centre parkade and if there are any recommended alternatives to the current approach.

Committee discussed:

- Examining the operations model for all City parkades.

Committee proposed a Notice of Motion to extend the aforementioned report to all City parkades, and will be discussed at the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting scheduled for January 7, 2016.

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For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, and Thornton- Joe

Against: Councillor Young

- Generating revenue, increased usage, and waste removal contract at Crystal Garden.

Jocelyn Jenkyns, Deputy City Manager, presented Committee with the proposed budget for Arts & Culture. The presentation included an overview of services provided by the department; a summary of their operating budget and their proposed initiatives for 2016.

Committee discussed:

- Increasing the reserve for Festival Investment Grants.
- Cost benefits for City-organized programs and events.

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from Committee at 2:15 p.m. and returned 2:17 p.m.

Councillor Loveday withdrew from Committee at 2:21p.m. and returned 2:23 p.m.

Jocelyn Jenkyns, Deputy City Manager, presented Committee with the proposed budget for Economic Development. The presentation included an overview of services provided by the department; a summary of their operating budget and their proposed initiatives for 2016.

Committee discussed:

- Concerns that the proper number of FTEs (Full-time Equivalents) were not properly reflected.

Action: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Committee recommends that Council increase FTE in Economic Development by one to come from the \$250,000 Economic Development budget allocation.

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Jocelyn Jenkyns, Deputy City Manager, presented Committee with the proposed budget for Real Estate. The presentation included an overview of services provided by the department; a summary of their operating budget and their proposed initiatives for 2016.

Fraser Work, Director of Engineering & Public Works, presented Committee with

the proposed budget for Engineering & Public Works. The presentation included an overview of services provided by the department; a summary of their operating budget and their proposed initiatives for 2016.

Committee discussed:

- Contracted services regarding line painting.
- Concerns about the CRD Kitchen Scrap service and the potential of the City taking over the program for our municipality.

Action: It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Committee recommends that Council direct staff to review the current kitchen scrap processing arrangement and provide any recommendations they deem advisable.

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- Addressing neighbourhood concerns of bringing compost into the City.
- Storm drain maintenance and active plans going forward.
- Innovation regarding the Garden Waste Drop-off Program.
- Paving and traffic signals for bike lane projects.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Action: It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the Special Governance & Priorities Committee meeting of November 12th, 2015, be adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

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Mayor Helps, Chair