

**MINUTES OF THE  
GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015, (8:00 A.M. CLOSED MEETING)  
PUBLIC MEETING AT 9:00 A.M.**

**1. THE CHAIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:01 A.M.**

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the Governance & Priorities Committee convene a Closed meeting that excludes the public under Section 12(6) of the *Council Bylaw* for the reason that the following agenda items deal with matters specified in Sections 12(3) and/or (4) of the Council Bylaw, namely:

- Section12(3)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.
- Section12(4)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between a Provincial government or the Federal government or both, or between a Provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

**2. CLOSED MEETING AT 8:01 A.M.**

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

**Absent:** Councillors Coleman.

**Staff Present:** J. Johnson – City Manager; J. Jenkyns – Deputy City Manager; C. Coates – City Clerk; P. Bruce – Fire Chief; J. Tinney – Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; F. Work – Director of Engineering & Public Works; S. Thompson – Director of Finance; T. Soulliere – Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities; K. Hamilton – Director of Citizen Engagement & Strategic Planning; J. Huggett – Project Director, Johnson Street Bridge; C. Mycroft – Assistant to City Manager; A. Ferguson – Recording Secretary.

**Guest:** Karen Martin, Dentons

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED AGENDA

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the Closed Agenda of the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Governance & Priorities Committee meeting be approved.

**Amendment:** It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the Closed Agenda of the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Governance & Priorities Committee meeting be amended to include an additional item pertaining to intergovernmental relations.

On the amendment:  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

On the main motion as amended:  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

### 4. DECISION REQUEST

#### 4.1 Legal Advice

*Councillor Loveday joined the closed meeting at 8:03 a.m.*

Committee received legal advice.

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

### 5. INFORMATION

#### 5.1. Intergovernmental Relations

Committee discussed intergovernmental relations.

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

### 6. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED MEETING

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the Closed Governance & Priorities Committee meeting of November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

## 7. THE CHAIR CALLED THE PUBLIC MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:06 A.M.

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

**Absent:** Councillor Coleman.

**Staff Present:** J. Johnson – City Manager; J. Jenkyns – Deputy City Manager; C. Coates – City Clerk; P. Bruce – Fire Chief; K. Hamilton – Director of Citizen Engagement & Strategic Planning; T. Soulliere – Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities; S. Thompson – Director of Finance; F. Work – Director of Engineering & Public Works; J. Tinney – Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; F. Elsner - Police Chief; C. Mycroft – Assistant to City Manager; A. Ferguson – Recording Secretary.

## 8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the Agenda of the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Governance & Priorities Committee meeting be approved.

**Amendment:** It was moved by Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the agenda of the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Governance & Priorities Committee meeting be amended to include the following agenda item on the consent agenda.

Item # 14 – Motion - Support for Co-Operative Housing

On the amendment:  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

On the main motion as amended:  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

## 9. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the following item be approved without further debate:

### 9.1. Motion – Support for Co-Operative Housing

Committee received a motion dated November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, from Councillors Madoff and Thornton-Joe regarding support for co-op housing.

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Committee recommends that Council consider the following motion:

WHEREAS a significant challenge to the supply of affordable housing exists in the expiry of the federal co-op housing agreements that provide rent support for thousands of low-income households across B.C. and Canada, including some 1,172 in the Capital Region;

AND whereas maintaining support for co-op housing is a key component of providing affordable housing for our residents, as well as our municipal economic vibrancy and sustainability;

THEREFORE be it resolved that Council write to the Provincial and Federal governments, including the Premier, the Prime Minister, local MPs and MLAs, Ministers responsible for Housing, Health and Finance, requesting that they work jointly and separately on developing mechanisms to maintain a rent supplement program for the more than 20,000 low-income members in housing co-ops and that we call upon the Federal Government to commit now to reinvest the savings from expiring federal housing agreements to share the costs of funding this program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

*Councillor Madoff took a moment to hand out cookies that were made in celebration of the Victoria Civic Heritage Trust's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

*Mayor Helps took a moment to acknowledge Councillor Coleman's absence as he is working in Ottawa representing the City with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.*

## **10. REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

### **10.1 Johnson Street Bridge Replacement Project Quarterly Update**

Committee received a report dated November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, from the Project Director of the Johnson Street Bridge Replacement Project, providing a quarterly update on the progress of the Project.

The Project Director provided Committee with a detailed presentation.

Committee discussed:

- Appreciation for staff's hard work.
- Potential design alternatives to simplify building the bridge; although it was noted that various delays and costs impacts would be associated with a design change at this point.
- Costs and time involved with litigation as opposed to mediation.
- Identifying the root causes of the faulty steel and taking preventative action from there.
- The lengthy process involved to ensure the quality of the steel.

- Measures to compensate for the additional costs incurred from the delays.
- Implementing night shifts once the steel has arrived to speed up the project while ensuring that noise and light are not affecting nearby residents.
- The complexities involved with manufacturing the type of steel for moving bridges as opposed to fixed bridges.
- The level of inspection taking place on site where the steel is being fabricated and the detailed record of each piece of steel that is being fabricated.
- Whether a repaired piece of steel is as robust as a piece of steel that never needed repair.
- The effects of not approving further budget increases for this project.
- Holding off on progress payments to PCL until an acceptable schedule is received.
- Sending PCL a clear message that a completion date in 2018 is not acceptable and that the project needs to be completed in 2017.
- The delays affects on the project's federal funding.
- The need for assurance that PCL is disposing of hazardous waste material in a proper way.
- Provincial regulation in terms of hazardous waste disposal and the desire to go above what provincial regulations require to demonstrate leadership and to not risking anyone's water supply.

**Action:** It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Committee recommends the following motion:

That City Council:

1. Direct staff to arrange for the Hardesty & Hanover Engineer of Record (Keith Griesing) to appear before Council in public session to present his opinions on the quality of the structural steel being fabricated in China.
2. Direct staff to advise PCL that the City will not accept the schedule proposing a January 2018 project completion date and that the City will not authorize any further progress payments until an acceptable schedule is received.
3. Advise PCL that the City will recover 1.0 million from the next progress payment to offset the City's additional costs.
4. Direct staff to transfer to the Building and Infrastructure Reserve any costs recovered from other parties.

Committee discussed:

- Sending a strong message to PCL that the City wants a schedule with a completion date in 2017.
- Appreciation for the honest evaluation and support for the Project Director's hard work on this project.
- The delays affects on residents.
- The potential cost recovering through mediation.
- Having the engineer from Hardesty & Hanover discuss the steel issues in an open meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

**Action:** It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Committee recommends that Council increase the budget by \$1.253 subject to Council and the Project Director being satisfied by the presentation from Keith Griesing as to the quality of the steel and the quality assurance measures in place.

Committee discussed:

- The delays and issues that have occurred throughout the project and the need to receive assurance of the quality from the engineer before approving any further funding.
- The need for convincing on the quality and viability of the product.

**Postpone:** It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the following motion be postponed until a report from Keith Griesing is received: That Council increase the budget by \$1.253 subject to Council and the Project Director being satisfied by the presentation from Keith Griesing as to the quality of the steel and the quality assurance measures in place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

Committee discussed:

- PCL's handling of contaminants.

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Council direct staff to report back on PCL's handling of contaminated soils and whether or not those soils are ending up in the SIA Facility.

Committee discussed

- Content of the contract in terms of disposing contaminants.
- The past contamination of Shawnigan Lake.
- Desire to determine where the contaminated soils are ending up.

**Amendment:** It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the motion be amended as follows:  
That Council direct staff to report back on PCL's handling of contaminated soils and **information on where soils are being transported to** ~~whether or not those soils are ending up in the SIA Facility.~~

On the amendment:  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

On the main motion as amended:  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

*Committee recessed at 10:17 a.m. and returned at 10:21 a.m.*

## 11. PRESENTATIONS

### 11.1 Tourism Victoria – Annual Presentation & Municipal Regional District Tax

Committee received a letter from Tourism Victoria dated October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, requesting to speak at the Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting to present a framework for a renewed relationship proposal. Mayor Helps and Councillor Lucas submitted a motion dated November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, with recommendations regarding this renewed relationship.

The Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman of Tourism Victoria provided Committee with a presentation.

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Mayor Helps, that Committee recommends that Council approve in principle the development of a renewed relationship with Tourism Victoria based on the following four principles:

1. Remove Grandfather Status and name Tourism Victoria the Eligible Entity for Destination Marketing.
2. Continue with the VCON partnership. Tourism Victoria will take the lead on the Sales & Marketing function at the Victoria Conference Centre. This will drive synergies and improve performance.
3. The Tourism Industry, through Tourism Victoria, will make a \$1M dollar industry contribution towards the David Foster Harbour Pathway, focused on Phase 2 of the Belleville Street Harbour Pathway. This matches the City of Victoria's contribution of \$1M dollars.
4. Accommodation sector voluntarily agrees to raise MRDT from 2% to 3%.

Committee discussed:

- The positive affect that tourism has on the economy and the support for the hard work of Tourism Victoria.
- The readiness to move forward with a new model for Tourism Victoria.
- Attracting tourism through building a great city.
- Desire to receive staff's advice on the potential financial implications of the proposed change in taxation.

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

That Council approve in principle the development of a renewed relationship with Tourism Victoria based on the following four principles:

1. Remove Grandfather Status and name Tourism Victoria the Eligible Entity for Destination Marketing.
2. Continue with the VCON partnership. Tourism Victoria will take the lead on the Sales & Marketing function at the Victoria Conference Centre. This will drive synergies and improve performance.
3. The Tourism Industry, through Tourism Victoria, will make a \$1M dollar industry contribution towards the David Foster Harbour Pathway, focused on Phase 2 of the Belleville Street Harbour Pathway. This matches the City of Victoria's contribution of \$1M dollars.
4. Accommodation sector voluntarily agrees to raise MRDT from 2% to 3%.

**5. Financial analysis of the implications to the City including clear metrics for success.**

**Amendment to the amendment:**

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the amended motion be amended as follows:

That Council approve in principle the development of a renewed relationship with Tourism Victoria based on the following four principles:

1. Remove Grandfather Status and name Tourism Victoria the Eligible Entity for Destination Marketing.
2. Continue with the VCON partnership. Tourism Victoria will take the lead on the Sales & Marketing function at the Victoria Conference Centre. This will drive synergies and improve performance.
3. The Tourism Industry, through Tourism Victoria, will make a \$1M dollar industry contribution towards the David Foster Harbour Pathway, focused on Phase 2 of the Belleville Street Harbour Pathway. This matches the City of Victoria's contribution of \$1M dollars.
4. Accommodation sector voluntarily agrees to raise MRDT from 2% to 3%.
5. Financial analysis of the implications to the City including clear metrics for success **and including comparative data for existing practices in other BC local governments.**

Committee discussed:

- Ensuring financial transparency.
- Timelines for consideration of a draft contract for Tourism Victoria's operations of the Conference Centre.

*Councillor Isitt requested that the motion be voted on separately as follows:*

**Action:**

It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Mayor Helps, that Committee recommends that Council approve in principle the development of a renewed relationship with Tourism Victoria based on the following four principles:

1. Continue with the VCON partnership. Tourism Victoria will take the lead on the Sales & Marketing function at the Victoria Conference Centre. This will drive synergies and improve performance.
2. The Tourism Industry, through Tourism Victoria, will make a \$1M dollar industry contribution towards the David Foster Harbour Pathway, focused on Phase 2 of the Belleville Street Harbour Pathway. This matches the City of Victoria's contribution of \$1M dollars.
3. Accommodation sector voluntarily agrees to raise MRDT from 2% to 3%.

**Amendment:**

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

That Council approve in principle the development of a renewed relationship with Tourism Victoria based on the following four principles:

2. Continue with the VCON partnership. Tourism Victoria will take the lead on the Sales & Marketing function at the Victoria Conference Centre. This will drive synergies and improve performance.
3. The Tourism Industry, through Tourism Victoria, will make a \$1M dollar industry contribution towards the David Foster Harbour Pathway, focused



on Phase 2 of the Belleville Street Harbour Pathway. This matches the City of Victoria's contribution of \$1M dollars.

4. Accommodation sector voluntarily agrees to raise MRDT from 2% to 3%.
5. **Financial analysis of the implications to the City including clear metrics for success.**

**Amendment to the amendment:**

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the amended motion be amended as follows:

That Council approve in principle the development of a renewed relationship with Tourism Victoria based on the following four principles:

2. Continue with the VCON partnership. Tourism Victoria will take the lead on the Sales & Marketing function at the Victoria Conference Centre. This will drive synergies and improve performance.
3. The Tourism Industry, through Tourism Victoria, will make a \$1M dollar industry contribution towards the David Foster Harbour Pathway, focused on Phase 2 of the Belleville Street Harbour Pathway. This matches the City of Victoria's contribution of \$1M dollars.
4. Accommodation sector voluntarily agrees to raise MRDT from 2% to 3%.
5. **Financial analysis of the implications to the City including clear metrics for success and including comparative data for existing practices in other BC local governments.**

On the amendment to the amendment:  
CARRIED 15/GPC

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

On the amendment:  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

On the main motion as amended:  
CARRIED 15/GPC

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

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Mayor Helps, that Committee recommends that Council approve in principle the development of a renewed relationship with Tourism Victoria based on the additional principles:

1. Remove Grandfather Status and name Tourism Victoria the Eligible Entity for Destination Marketing.

CARRIED 15/GPC

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Lucas, Loveday, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young  
Against: Councillor Isitt

Committee discussed:

- The various directions of other municipalities.
- Investing confidence in the tourism sector.
- Co-operation and innovation between Tourism Victoria and the City.
- Desire for a regional approach.

*Committee recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m.*

## **11.2 Regional Economic Development Presentation**

Committee received a motion dated November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, from Mayor Helps and Councillor Lucas with recommendations regarding a proposed Regional Strategy and Model for Economic Development.

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Committee allow the Greater Victoria Development Agency to present their Regional Economic Development proposal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

The Greater Victoria Development Agency provided Committee with a presentation.

Committee discussed:

- Ensuring the First Nations are involved in the meaningful engagement as partners.
- Consideration of how the First Nations can still benefit from the initiative without being held to the same contribution standards as the municipalities.
- The interest expressed from other municipalities.
- Various funding for the initiative.

**Action:** It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that Committee recommends that Council:

1. Support in principle the proposed Regional Strategy and Model for Economic Development in South Vancouver Island provided that a majority of municipalities (7/13 at a minimum) participate in the new Regional Strategy and Model for Economic Development in South Vancouver Island; and,
2. Allocate \$129,545 from the unspent portion of the 2015 budget approved allocation for economic development for the purposes of creating a new regional economic development organization, subject to municipal inclusion on the Funding Partner's Council as laid out in the attached Report and subject to the creation of the new entity;
3. Appoint Mayor Helps as a designate to sit as a voluntary member of the Funding Partner's Council to represent the City of Victoria for an initial term of three years and appoint Councillor Lucas as alternate.

Committee discussed:

- The level of co-operation amongst the region for the initiative.
- The various strengths the different municipalities will bring to the initiative.
- Importance of having the opportunity to help shape the strategy.
- Funding and benefits for the various stakeholders.
- The comfort in the exit clause.
- Accountability for expenditures and ensuring proper public oversight.
- The CRD's effectiveness and efficiency with acting regionally.

CARRIED 15/GPC

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young  
Against: Councillor Isitt

*Councillor Isitt noted that he was only opposed to point 1 of the recommendation.*

## 12. DECISION REQUESTS

### 12.1 Regulations for Medical Marijuana-Related Businesses

Committee received a report dated November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, from the City Clerk which provided information on proposed regulations for medical marijuana-related businesses and recommendations regarding the public consultation.

The City Clerk, Policy Analyst, and Constable with the Victoria Police Department provided Committee with a presentation.

Committee discussed:

- The various users who rely on edibles and concerns of implementing regulations that would restrict the sale of edibles.
- Food safety concerns with edibles as well as potential to under estimate the potency of the edibles.
- Concerns of restricting delivery through regulations.
- The nonprofit and for profit dispensaries.
- Enforcement, revenues and fines pertaining to the dispensaries.
- Provisions to allow for licence suspensions.

*Committee recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 12:59 p.m.*

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the continuation of the agenda be reordered the as follows:

1. Continuation of Regulations for Medical Marijuana-Related Businesses
2. David Foster Harbour Pathway – Heron Cove & Raymur Point Bridges
3. Fibre Optic Connection Shared Infrastructure Agreement with Shaw
4. Great Neighbourhoods
5. Crystal Pool Long Term Plan
6. Status Report - Action Plan for Housing, Supports & City Services
7. Motion - McPherson Theatre

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

Committee continued discussing the item:

- The need for broader public consultation including reaching out to the community associations.
- Regulations for labeling edible products.
- Having staff develop a cost recovery analysis.
- The municipal vs. federal authority to regulate.

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Committee recommends that Council direct staff to:

1. Communicate regulations being considered broadly to the public, and invite feedback online and at an engagement event by early February 2016.
2. Bring back results of consultation and proposed bylaws for consideration after the public engagement.

**Table:** It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Committee recommends that the following motion be tabled:

1. Communicate regulations being considered broadly to the public, and invite feedback online and at an engagement event by early February 2016.
2. Bring back results of consultation and proposed bylaws for consideration after the public engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

Committee discussed:

- Moving forward with incremental regulations to prevent the proliferation of dispensaries.

*Committee brought forward the following motion that was postponed from the November 5, 2015 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting:*

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Mayor Helps, that Committee recommends that Council postpone the following motion: That Council postpone consideration of the following proposed motion for two weeks:  
Further, that Victoria City Council postpone consideration of any local regulatory regime until a response to that letter to the Prime Minister is received, or at February 19, 2016, whichever comes first.

DEFEATED 15/GPC

**For:** Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Madoff and Young  
**Against:** Councillors Isitt, Loveday, Lucas and Thornton-Joe

Committee discussed:

- Taking action or waiting for a response from the federal government.

**Action:** It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Committee recommends that Council approve the following motion: Further, that Victoria City Council postpone consideration of any local regulatory regime until a response to that letter to the Prime Minister is received, or at February 19, 2016, whichever comes first.

DEFEATED 15/GPC

For: Councillor Alto

Against: Mayor Helps, Councillors Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young

*Mayor Helps lifted the following motion from the table:*

**Action:**

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Committee recommends that Council direct staff to:

1. Communicate regulations being considered broadly to the public, and invite feedback online and at an engagement event by early February 2016.
2. Bring back results of consultation and proposed bylaws for consideration after the public engagement.

**Amendment:**

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the motion be amended as follows:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Communicate regulations being considered broadly to the public, and invite feedback online and at an engagement event by early February 2016.
2. Bring back results of consultation and proposed bylaws for consideration ~~after the public engagement~~ **by the first Governance & Priorities Committee meeting in February 2016.**

Committee discussed:

- Treating marijuana as a legalized controlled substance.
- Protecting minors and ensuring there are no unreasonable impacts on the community by implementing regulations.
- Interest in hearing the public's feedback on proposed regulations.
- Concerns of implementing regulations without federal guidelines.

On the amendment:  
DEFEATED 15/GPC

For: Councillors Isitt

Against: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young

Committee discussed:

- Reflecting a distinction between the nonprofit and for-profit retailers in any type of administrative oversight.
- Various regulations that could be implemented to ease the concerns of allowing the sale of edibles.
- Staffing to aid with enforcement of the dispensaries.
- Adequate public consultation to help inform the decision and ensuring there are ways for residents to remain anonymous when submitting their feedback.
- Ensuring adequate distances between the dispensaries and schools and other dispensaries through regulating.
- Prioritizing this initiative on the strategic plan.
- Liability concerns for regulating an illegal substance.

**Amendment:** It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the motion be amended as follows:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Communicate regulations being considered broadly to the public, and invite feedback online and at an engagement event by early February 2016.
2. **And that the City share their public engagement feedback with the Federal Government for their consideration as they move forward with the legalization and regulation of marijuana.**
3. Bring back results of consultation and proposed bylaws for consideration after the public engagement.

Committee discussed:

- Sending a letter to the federal government expressing a desire to help shape the legalization and regulation.
- Inclusion of the dispensaries and compassion clubs in the public engagement.
- Welcoming the dispensaries as part of the community.

On the amendment:  
CARRIED 15/GPC

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young  
Against: Councillor Alto

On the main motion as amended:  
CARRIED 15/GPC

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young  
Against: Councillor Alto

## **12.2 David Foster Harbour Pathway – Heron Cove & Raymur Point Bridges**

Committee received a report dated November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, from Citizen Engagement and Strategic Planning; Parks, Recreation and Facilities; and the Manager of Interdisciplinary Projects, with recommendations regarding the proposed Heron Cove and Raymur Point Bridges.

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities and the Interdisciplinary Planner provided Committee with a presentation.

Committee discussed:

- Consultation with neighbouring properties.
- Design scheme and desire for this to come back for Council's consideration.
- Involving the Accessibility Working Group.
- Ensuring sufficient trail width for various users to enjoy.
- Developing a cost analysis to determine if a wider bridge is feasible.

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Committee recommends that Council direct staff to proceed with a detailed design and costing for two steel pony truss multimodal bridges at Heron Cove and Raymur Point, at 39 metre and 49 metre lengths respectively.

Committee discussed:

- Providing sufficient space for future users through proactive planning.
- Mechanisms for determining adequate bridge width.

**Amendment:** It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the motion be amended as follows:

That Council direct staff to proceed with a detailed design and costing for two steel pony truss multimodal bridges at Heron Cove and Raymur Point, at 39 metre and 49 metre lengths respectively.

**And that staff report back on the advisability of expanding the bridge to 5m or 5.5m when the recommendation is considered by Council on November 26, 2015.**

Committee discussed:

- Concerns of the staff report being deferred and desire for immediate response.
- The intended use of the path and ensuring adequate space for that use.
- Balancing costs with esthetics.

**Amendment:** It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Young, that the amended motion be amended as follows:

That Council direct staff to proceed with a detailed design and costing for two steel pony truss multimodal bridges at Heron Cove and Raymur Point, at 39 metre and 49 metre lengths respectively.

And that staff report back **as soon as practicable** on the advisability of expanding the bridge to 5m or 5.5m. ~~when the recommendation is considered by Council on November 26, 2015~~

Committee discussed:

- Timeline for a detailed design review.
- Ensuring the bridge width is adequate and potential involving the cycling “dream team”.

On the amendment to the amendment:  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

Committee discussed:

- Ensuring the design of the path clearly signifies the intended primary use.

*Councillor Isitt discussed a potential amendment to advise on the advisability of expanding the bridge to six meters however this amendment was not supported by the majority of Committee.*

Committee discussed:

- Having staff advise on the best use for the trail be it for pedestrians, cyclists or both.
- The notion that the paths original intent was to have a place for people to enjoy a leisure walk with points of interest and concerns of cyclists whizzing by pedestrians.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

### **12.3 Fibre Optic Connection Shared Infrastructure Agreement with Shaw**

Committee received a report dated November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, from Engineering & Public Works providing recommendations regarding a potential agreement with Shaw Cablesystems Limited.

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Committee recommends that Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Administrator to execute an agreement with Shaw Cablesystems Limited ("Shaw") to permit the City's use of Shaw's fibre optic pipe conduits in the 500 block of Pandora Avenue in exchange for the City transferring to Shaw an abandoned 50 metre portion of watermain located on Pandora, in a form satisfactory to staff.

Committee discussed:

- The value of the watermain and how much of the block will be used for the pipe conduits.
- The costs saving associated with the agreement.
- Exploring the notion of the City's own internet.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

### **12.4 Great Neighbourhoods**

Committee received a report dated November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, from Citizen Engagement and Strategic Planning providing information and recommendations on a model to better support the City's neighbourhoods.

The Director of Citizen Engagement and Strategic Planning provided Committee with a presentation.

Committee discussed:

- Improvements to the sharing of routine information.

*Councillor Loveday left the meeting at 3:03 p.m. and returned at 3:05 p.m.*

Committee discussed:

- A potential land surplus that could be used to provide residents with an informal garden.
- Determining the population numbers of various neighborhoods across the municipality.
- The interest expressed for more parks and play structures downtown.
- Dog licensing and off-leash parks.
- Potentially moving the Fairfield neighbourhood boundary one block, so that the Broughton area of Fairfield can be considered Downtown.
- Concern that the initiative may require more staff support than what is proposed.
- Looking at ways to engage renters in the City and not just homeowners.



**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Committee recommends that Council direct staff to provide routine updates on the new neighbourhood model within Quarterly Operational Plan.

Committee discussed:

- Looking forward to seeing the progress on the initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

*Committee recessed at 3:21 p.m. and returned at 3:22 p.m.*

## **12.5 Crystal Pool Long Term Plan**

Committee received a report dated November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, from Parks, Recreation and Facilities regarding an update on the proposed approach for Crystal Pool's Long Term Plan.

Committee discussed:

- Having conceptual designs prepared to easily act on any federal funding that comes available.
- Requesting a financial plan for the proposal.
- The future of Crystal Pool and potential siting options.

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Committee recommends that Council approve the following motion:

WHEREAS, the City's Strategic Plan identifies the objective to "Facilitate Social Inclusion and Community Wellness," with the 2016 action: "Tender required upgrades and invest in public pool and fitness facility," and the 2017 outcome: "Crystal Pool issues are resolved by replacing or renovating the facility. Victoria has a modern, inclusive public pool and fitness facility in a central location, with increased revenue. Opportunities for accessible sports and fitness by children and adults."

AND WHEREAS, it is not desirable for Victoria to initiate a new mega-project at this time, in light of other priorities and due to existing borrowing capacity and resource requirements for other infrastructure projects;

AND WHEREAS, studies previously commissioned by the City provide a roadmap for the refurbishment of the Crystal Pool, to restore the physical plant, increase energy efficiency, and improve change-room, fitness and other facilities in the building.

AND WHEREAS, members of the public desire a high-quality and universally accessible fitness facility in the capital city;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Canada is preparing to launch a \$5-billion infrastructure program, with shovel-ready projects best suited to seize opportunities created by this program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report on a priority basis on options for the refurbishment of the Crystal Pool including alignment with federal and provincial infrastructure funding.

Committee discussed:

- Desire to refurbish the existing building if its condition will allow this.
- Various upgrades and amenities that could be implemented based on community need.

*Councillor Isitt circulated letters from various stakeholders that were written to Council regarding the future of the Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre.*

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

That Council approve the following motion:

WHEREAS, the City's Strategic Plan identifies the objective to "Facilitate Social Inclusion and Community Wellness," with the 2016 action: "Tender required upgrades and invest in public pool and fitness facility," and the 2017 outcome: "Crystal Pool issues are resolved by replacing or renovating the facility. Victoria has a modern, inclusive public pool and fitness facility in a central location, with increased revenue. Opportunities for accessible sports and fitness by children and adults."

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AND WHEREAS, members of the public desire a high-quality and universally accessible fitness facility in the capital city;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Canada is preparing to launch a \$5-billion infrastructure program, with shovel-ready projects best suited to seize opportunities created by this program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report on a priority basis on options for the refurbishment **and or replacement** of the Crystal Pool including alignment with federal and provincial infrastructure funding.

Committee discussed:

- Having the community decide the future of the Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre.
- Considering all the options before making a decision.

On the amendment:  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

Committee discussed:

- Concerns that the community has not yet written to Council asking for a new pool.
- Residents choosing to attend facilities in other municipalities and desire to produce recreation opportunities in Victoria.
- Ensuring the needs of the current user groups are met with any future changes to the pool.

**Amendment to the amendment:**

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the amended motion be amended as follows:

That Council approve the following motion:

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AND WHEREAS, the Government of Canada is preparing to launch a \$5-billion infrastructure program, with shovel-ready projects best suited to seize opportunities created by this program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report on a priority basis on options for the refurbishment and or replacement of the Crystal Pool **and Fitness Centre** including alignment with federal and provincial infrastructure funding.

On the amendment to the amendment:  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

On the main motion as amended:  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action:** It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the Governance & Priorities Committee meeting of November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15/GPC

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Mayor Helps, Chair