

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018, 9:00 A.M.**

1. THE CHAIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Mayor Helps (Chair), Councillors Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe, and Young

Absent: Councillor Alto

Staff Present: J. Jenkyns – Acting City Manager; C. Coates – City Clerk; C. Havelka – Deputy City Clerk; P. Bruce – Fire Chief; S. Thompson – Director of Finance; J. Jensen – Head of Human Resources; J. Tinney – Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; T. Soulliere – Director of Parks, Recreation, & Facilities; B. Dellebuur – Assistant Director of Engineering & Public Works; B. Eisenhower – Head of Engagement; J. O'Connor – Manager, Financial Planning; T. Zworski – City Solicitor; C. Mycroft – Manager of Executive Operations; D. Manak – Chief Constable, Victoria Police Department; S. Hurcombe – Controller, Victoria Police; A.K. Ferguson – Recording Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Madoff, that the Agenda of the January 8, 2018, Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

3. STAFF REPORTS

3.1 Draft 2018-2022 Financial Plan – Responses to Council Motions

Cameron Street/Kings Park Connection

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that Council direct staff to open up the fencing as soon as possible and report back in the context of 2019 financial planning options.

Committee discussed:

- How the connection will look given the easement.
- Ensuring the Garry Oak meadow is protected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

Community Garden Capital Improvements

Committee discussed:

- No action required, as it was discussed on January 4, 2017

3.2 Proposed Adjustments to the Draft 2018-2022 Financial Plan

Committee received a report dated December 21, 2017, from the Director of Finance regarding recommendations for proposed adjustments to the draft 2018-2022 Financial Plan prior to the final approval of the Financial Plan Bylaw.

Developing New Inclusion Policy and Program

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Council direct to allocate up to \$60,000 to develop this inclusion policy from the 2017 surplus.

Committee discussed:

- The possibility of having staff work with the ad hoc committee on this policy.

Amendment: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the motion be amended as follows:
that Council direct to allocate up to \$60,000 to develop this inclusion policy from the 2017 surplus **and the ad hoc committee be adopted as an advisory committee to support this work.**

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

On the main motion:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

Community Benefit Hub

Motion: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Madoff, that Council commit up to \$50,000 per year for two years from the 2017 surplus to incubate a Community Benefit Hub for a two-year period at the City of Victoria and that this contribution be subject to matching funding from at least six other local governments in the AVICC region as well as additional funding sources such as, but not limited to, the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICE-T).

CARRIED 18/COTW

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

Against: Councillor Young

Witness Reconciliation Program

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Mayor Helps, Be it resolved that any funds unspent from the 2017 budget allocation to the Witness Reconciliation Program be rolled over into 2018, and

Be it further resolved that the 2018 city budget include an additional \$50,000 allocation for the Witness Reconciliation Program, funded from the 2017 surplus.

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

Be it resolved that any funds unspent from the 2017 budget allocation to the Witness Reconciliation Program be rolled over into 2018, and

Be it further resolved that the 2018 city budget include an additional \$50,000 allocation for the Witness Reconciliation Program, funded from the 2017 surplus.

Subject to any expenditures beyond meeting expenditures be reported to Council for approval.

Committee discussed:

- Ensuring City staff has cultural training.

On the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

On the main motion as amended:

Be it resolved that any funds unspent from the 2017 budget allocation to the Witness Reconciliation Program be rolled over into 2018, and

Be it further resolved that the 2018 city budget include an additional \$50,000 allocation for the Witness Reconciliation Program, funded from the 2017 surplus.

Subject to any expenditures beyond meeting expenditures be reported to Council for approval.

On the main motion as amended:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

Ending Violence Association of BC

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council allocate \$2500 from surplus as outlined in option 1 of the document attached to the agenda.

Committee discussed:

- Rationale for the direct award and not going through a community group.

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

That Council allocate \$2500 from surplus as outlined in option 1 of the document attached to the agenda, **subject to a public event being offered in the City of Victoria.**

Amendment to the amendment:

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

That Council allocate \$2500 from surplus as outlined in option 1 of the document attached to the agenda, **subject to a at least one public event being offered in the City of Victoria.**

On the amendment to the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

Committee discussed:

- The definition of “public”.
- The potential to hold a public event at the Save on Foods Memorial Arena for all local school children.

On the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

On the main motion as amended:

That Council allocate \$2500 from surplus as outlined in option 1 of the document attached to the agenda, subject to at least one public event being offered in the City of Victoria.

On the main motion:
CARRIED 18/COTW

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

Accessibility Working Group – Implementing Requests

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Council direct staff to implement projects for the accessibility upgrades and work with the Accessibility Working Group to identify projects for 2018 and to authorize the expenditures to come from the accessibility reserve fund.

Committee discussed:

- Having accessibility being automatically included into renovations.
- Addressing concerns about accessibility and bike lanes.

Amendment: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the motion be amended to add:
to direct staff to report back to Council on options for expediting the implementation of projects.

Amendment to the amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Mayor Helps, that the amendment be amended as follows:

that Council direct staff to implement project for the accessibility upgrades and work with the Accessibility Working Group to identify projects for 2018 and to authorize the expenditures to come from the accessibility reserve fund **and to direct staff to report back to Council on options for expediting the items identified as priorities by the AWG.**

On the amendment to the amendment:

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

that Council direct staff to **report back to Council on options for expediting the implementation of** projects for the accessibility upgrades and work with the Accessibility Working Group to ~~identify~~ **prioritize** projects for 2018 and to authorize the expenditures to come from the accessibility reserve fund.

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

Main motion as amended:

that Council direct staff to report back to Council on options for expediting the implementation of projects for the accessibility upgrades and work with the Accessibility Working Group to prioritize projects for 2018 and to authorize the expenditures to come from the accessibility reserve fund.

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

Committee recessed at 9:56 am and returned at 10:00 am

3.3 Victoria Police Budget update Report

Committee received Memorandum from the Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board dated Jan 4, 2017 regarding cost savings associated with the Victoria Police Budget.

Committee discussed:

- The implications of approving less officers.
- The size of the Victoria Police jurisdiction versus other jurisdictions.
- The costs of 2 officers, 1 civilians (\$71,908), 4 officers, 2 civilians (\$338,385), and 6 officers, 2 civilians (\$547,626)
- Whether costs would be reduced following regionalization of police services.
- The potential for civilians taking over more paper work from the officers.

Motion: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that Council allocated \$548,000 from the new assessed revenue to add six new

officers and accompanying civilian staff, subject to Esquimalt Council approval.

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 10:27 am and returned at 10:28 am

Committee discussed:

- The need for an increase in new officers, as none have been approved since 2010.
- The need for mental health issues being dealt with by public health workers and not police.

CARRIED 18/COTW

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

Motion: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the remaining \$247,000 in ongoing new assessed revenue be used to bring the tax increase from 2.8% down to 2.6%.

Amendment: It was moved by Councillor Isitt, that ~~the remaining \$247,000 in ongoing new assessed revenue be used to bring the tax increase from 2.8% down to 2.6%.~~ **and that the remaining amount go to the Festival Investment Grants.**

Failed due to no seconder 18/COTW

Motion to postpone:

It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the motion be Postponed until hearing from staff on Festival Investment Grants

On the motion to postpone:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

3.4 Allocation of Remainder of Funds

Committee received a report, first seen at the December 14, 2017 meeting, dated December 5, 2017, from the Director of Finance regarding responses to Council motions passed during the October 30, 31 November 2, and 7, 2017.

Motion: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that Council allocate \$217,000 one-time request for the 2 year pilot for the expansion to Mental Health Integration subject to Esquimalt Council approval

Committee discussed:

- Whether the City has asked the Ministry of Health to takeover this pilot.

Motion to postpone:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday that the motion be postponed until a response has been received from the Minister.

On the motion to postpone:
DEFEATED 18/COTW

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

Committee discussed:

- The timeline for the third party review.

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

That Council allocate \$217,000 one-time request for the 2 year pilot for the expansion to Mental Health Integration subject to Esquimalt Council approval.

That the Mayor follow up with the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to request that the Province assist with funding.

Amendment to the amendment:

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

That Council allocate \$217,000 one-time request for the 2 year pilot for the expansion to Mental Health Integration subject to Esquimalt Council approval.

That the Mayor follow up with the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to request that the province assist with funding and to report back to Council prior to approval of this expenditure.

On the amendment to the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

Amendment to the amendment:

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

That Council allocate \$217,000 one-time request for the 2 year pilot for the expansion to Mental Health Integration subject to Esquimalt Council approval.

That the Mayor follow up with the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to request that the province assist with funding and to report back to Council prior to approval of this expenditure.

That the Province assist with funding the program as a stop gap measure while they work to address the root causes of addictions and mental health issues.

On the amendment to the amendment:
CARRIED 18/COTW

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

On the amendment:
DEFEATED 18/COTW

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

The City Clerk advised Committee that a letter was sent to the Minister and a response was received in January 2017 denying the request for funding.

Committee recessed at 11:15 am and reconvened at 11:22 am

Motion to Postpone:

It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that consideration be postponed until Council receive the independent study of the Mental Health Pilot.

On the motion to postpone:
DEFEATED 18/COTW

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

Committee discussed:

- When Council may receive a preliminary report on the study.
- How postponing the motion may affect the ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) Team.

Move to Postpone:

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Council postpone consideration of this matter until council receive the preliminary report from the University of Victoria.

On the motion to postpone:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that Council lift the motion regarding the tax increase from the table

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

Motion: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the remaining \$247,000 in ongoing new assessed revenue be used to bring the tax increase from 2.8% down to 2.6%.

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

That Council allocates \$50,000 of the remaining new assessed revenue to the festival investment grants and that the remaining \$247,000 in ongoing new assessed revenue be used to bring the tax increase from 2.8% down to 2.6%.

Amendment to the amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, that the amendment be amended as follows:

That **Council allocates ~~\$50,000~~ \$75,000 of the remaining new assessed revenue to the festival investment grants** and that the remaining \$247,000 in ongoing new assessed revenue be used to bring the tax increase from 2.8% down to 2.6%.

On the amendment to the amendment:

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On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

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

That Council allocates \$50,000 of the remaining new assessed revenue to the festival investment grants and that the remaining ~~\$247,000~~ **\$197,000** in ongoing new assessed revenue be used to bring the tax increase from 2.8% down to ~~2.6%~~ **2.64%**.

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

On the main motion as amended:

That Council allocates \$50,000 of the remaining new assessed revenue to the festival investment grants and that the remaining \$197,000 in ongoing new assessed revenue be used to bring the tax Increase from 2.8% down to 2.64%.

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

Motion: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded Councillor Madoff, that the \$421,000 remaining from the 2017 surplus be evenly shared between the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve and the Vehicles and Heavy Equipment Reserve.

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

That the \$421,000 remaining from the 2017 surplus be evenly shared between the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve, the Vehicles and Heavy Equipment Reserve, and **the Parks and Greenways Acquisition Fund.**

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

Motion: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that any remainder of surplus be shared between the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve Fund, the Vehicles and Heavy Equipment Reserve, and the Parks and Greenways Acquisition Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

Motion: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that staff report back to Council on any new assessed revenue and seek Council direction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

Motion: It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council direct staff to bring forward the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2018, as amended, to the April 12, 2018 Council meeting.

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

Against: Councillor Isitt

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday that the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 8, 2018, be adjourned at 11:55 am

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18/COTW

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR