



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 7, 2019, 9:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

ABSENT FOR A PORTION OF THE MEETING: Councillor Dubow

ABSENT: Councillor Loveday

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Coates - City Clerk, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, S. Thompson – Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, T. Zworski - City Solicitor; R. Morhart – Manager of Permits and Inspections; J. Handy – Senior Planner; A. Johnson – Senior Planner; L. Milburn – Senior Planner, Housing Policy; R. Batallas – Senior Planner; J. Paul – Assistant Director of Engineering; M. Fedyczkowska – Legislation and Policy Analyst; T. Patterson – Emergency Program Coordinator; O. Koziatsek – Deputy Emergency Program Coordinator; S. Hunn – Emergency Management Community Liaison

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the agenda be approved.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

Amendment:

That the motion be amended to include the following items on the consent agenda:

C.2 - Minutes from the special meeting held November 27, 2018

C.3 - Minutes from the special meeting held December 7, 2018

F.3 - Proclamations - Heritage Week 2019

F.4 - Proclamations - Rare Disease Day

H.1 - Commemorative Tree Planting in Mayors Grove

H.3 - Conference Attendance Request: New Westminster Mayor's Housing Roundtable

H.5 - Conference Attendance Request: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show

H.6 - Conference Attendance Request: 2019 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention

H.9 - Provincial Universal School Food Program

And that the following item be removed from the agenda:

H.4 - Conference Attendance Request: Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Annual Meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the following items be approved without further debate

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.1 Minutes from the special meeting held November 27, 2018

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the minutes from the special meeting held November 27, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. 2 Minutes from the special meeting held December 7, 2018

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the minutes from the special meeting held December 7, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.3 Proclamations - Heritage Week 2019

Committee received a report dated January 15, 2019, from the City Clerk regarding a proclamation for Heritage Week 2019.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the *Heritage Week 2019* Proclamation be forwarded to the February 14, 2019 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.4 Proclamations - Rare Disease Day

Committee received a report dated January 15, 2019, from the City Clerk regarding a proclamation for Rare Disease Day.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the *Rare Disease Day* Proclamation be forwarded to the February 14, 2019 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.5 Commemorative Tree Planting in Mayors Grove

Committee received a report dated February 1, 2019, from Councillors Alto and Thornton-Joe regarding the planting of a tree in Mayor's Grove to honour former Victoria Mayor Gretchen Mann Brewin.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the City of Victoria plant a tree in Mayor's Grove to honour former Victoria Mayor Gretchen Mann Brewin, the species to be determined by the Director of Parks, at a time in the spring of 2019 when such a planting has the best chance of success, as determined by the Director of Parks.

That a ceremony be held at the time of the planting, including the installation of a small commemorative plaque to complement the style of others in the Grove, and that Former Mayor Brewin be invited to attend that ceremony.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.6 Conference Attendance Request: New Westminster Mayor's Housing Roundtable

Committee received a report dated February 1, 2019, from Mayor Helps regarding attendance at the New Westminster Mayor's Housing Roundtable.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Mayor Helps to attend the New Westminster Mayor's Housing Roundtable at New Westminster, BC, on February 16, 2019, with estimated costs as follows:

Transportation (Airfare): \$430.99

(Flying instead of travelling By ferry in order to return in time for the Chinese New Year protocol event on February 16 in Victoria).

Transportation (Taxi): \$110

Accommodation: \$0

Estimated total costs: \$540.99

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.7 Conference Attendance Request: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show

Committee received a Council member motion dated from February 1, 2019, regarding a request to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council authorize the attendance and the associated costs for Mayor Helps to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show at Quebec City, QC, from May 30 - June 2, 2019, with estimated costs as follows:

Registration: \$869

Transportation (Airfare): \$535

Transportation (Taxi): \$100

Accommodation: \$874.64

Estimated total costs: \$2,405.64

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. 8 Conference Attendance Request: 2019 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention

Committee received a Council member motion dated February 1, 2019, from Mayor Helps regarding a request for attendance at the 2019 Union of BC Municipalities Convention.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council authorize the attendance and the associated costs for Mayor Helps to attend the 2019 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention at Vancouver, BC from September 23 - 27, 2019, with estimated costs as follows:

Registration: \$475

Transportation (Airfare): \$430.99

Transportation (Taxi): \$15

Accommodation: \$750

Estimated total costs: \$1,670.99

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.9 Provincial Universal School Food Program

Committee received a report dated February 3, 2019, from Councillors Collins and Loveday regarding advocacy for a Universal Healthy School Food Program that will enable all students in BC to have access to healthy meals at school.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

THAT Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister of Education, the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention, and member local governments and regional districts within the Capital Region, AVICC and UBCM, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

WHEREAS almost 500,000 individuals in BC experience food insecurity, and Canada remains one of the only Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) nations without a national school food program. And, Canada's current patchwork of school food programming reaches only a small percentage of students.

WHEREAS school food programs have been shown to increase children's consumption of vegetables, fruits and other healthy foods and decrease the consumption of unhealthy ones; improve students' mental health, including reductions in behavioural and emotional problems; improve cognitive skills and increase scholastic success.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities advocate to the provincial government for a Universal Healthy School Food Program that will enable all students in BC to have access to healthy meals at school, building on existing programs and including food education to serve culturally appropriate, local, sustainable food to the fullest extent possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. READING OF MINUTES

C.1 Minutes from the special meeting held November 26, 2018

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That the minutes from the special meeting held November 26, 2018, be adopted with the following correction:

Note Councillor Collins as absent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D.1 Observed Inhalation Sites for Overdose Prevention

Committee received a Council member motion dated January 15, 2019, from Councillors Potts, Loveday, Isitt and Alto regarding inhalation sites for overdose prevention.

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Alto

THAT Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Premier of British Columbia, the Ministers responsible for Local Government, Health, Mental Health and Addictions, the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention, and member local governments and regional districts within the Capital Region, AVICC and UBCM, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Observed Inhalation Sites for Overdose Prevention

WHEREAS British Columbia is currently experiencing an unprecedented public health emergency due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug supply;

WHEREAS smoking or inhalation is the second most common mode of consumption among all people who have died from a suspected illicit drug overdose and the most common mode of consumption among men and those between the ages of 15 and 29;

WHEREAS observed consumption services (i.e. supervised consumption services and overdose prevention services) are evidence-based harm reduction approach shown to reduce overdose-related harm;

WHEREAS there is not adequate access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation where communities are facing crisis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT to ensure that people at risk of overdose across B.C. have access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation, that the Province of British Columbia work through local communities, Health Authorities across the Province, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and the Ministry of Health to provide these services as part of a holistic response to the public-health emergency, including prevention, treatment, and recovery.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

Councillor Dubow joined the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Amendment:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT to ensure that people at risk of overdose across B.C. have access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation, that the Province of British Columbia work through local communities, Health Authorities across the Province, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and the Ministry of Health to **provide the necessary funds** to provide these services as part of a holistic response to the public-health emergency, including prevention, treatment, and recovery.

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

Amendment:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT to ensure that people at risk of overdose across B.C. have access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation, that the Province of British Columbia work through local communities, Health Authorities across the Province, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and the Ministry of Health to fund **and to** provide these

services as part of a holistic response to the public-health emergency, including prevention, treatment, and recovery.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main motion as amended:

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 1)

D.2 Resolution: Revitalizing Island Rail

Committee received a report dated January 30, 2019 from Councillor Ben Isitt recommending the province take immediate actions to provide funding to restore the railway infrastructure of Vancouver Island.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Collins

THAT Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister of Transportation, Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies on Vancouver Island, the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention, and member local governments within the Capital Region and AVICC, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Revitalizing Island Rail

WHEREAS One of the conditions of the original Order-in-Council establishing the Esquimalt and Nanaimo (E&N) now Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) railway corridor is that if the corridor is no longer needed or used for railway purposes, it goes back to the original owner;

AND WHEREAS Assembling a similar multi-modal corridor connecting the Alberni Inlet to the Comox Valley to Greater Victoria in the context of current land values and land uses would be impossible to replicate;

AND WHEREAS Repair of the railway infrastructure can only reasonably be accomplished By way of capital investment from senior levels of government;

AND WHEREAS Rail transport and a parallel trail system are integral sustainable transportation options in the context of climate change, including the option of electrified rail for the sustainable movement of people and goods on the island;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Province of British Columbia take immediate actions to provide sufficient funding in a timely manner to restore the railway infrastructure of Vancouver Island and ensure that the corridor remains intact and available to future generations of indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

Motion to table:

That consideration of the item be postponed to the end of the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.3 To Seek Council Support to Allow Permanent Residents to Vote in BC Municipal Elections

Committee received a report dated January 30, 2019 from Councillor Dubow, Councillor Collins and Councillor Potts recommending the Province of British Columbia make the necessary changes to allow Permanent Residents to vote in municipal elections in Victoria and other municipalities.

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Collins

THAT Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Premier of British Columbia, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention, and member local governments and regional districts within the Capital Region, AVICC and UBCM, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Permanent Residents to vote in BC municipal elections.

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has the governing authority to implement electoral legislative changes including allowing for Permanent Residents to vote in municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS more than 45 countries have granted Permanent Residents some form of voting rights — including seven jurisdictions in the U.S. and 25 European Union countries; and 11 municipalities in Canada are working toward extending local election voting rights to Permanent Residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia to make the necessary changes to allow Permanent Residents to vote in municipal elections in Victoria and other municipalities.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 1)

D.4 Renters' Advisory Committee

Committee received a report dated January 25, 2019 from the City Clerk regarding amendments to the Terms of Reference for the recently created Renters' Advisory Committee.

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council:

1. Approves the formation of a Renters' Advisory Committee.
2. Adopts the attached Interim Terms of Reference for the committee, pending input from committee members on potential revisions.
3. Directs staff to invite applications from members of the public for appointment to the committee, aiming for an initial committee meeting in January 2018.
4. Appoints Councillors Dubow and Loveday as the initial Council Liaisons to the committee.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

Amendment:

5. The Renters' Advisory Committee shall establish a work plan within six months of their first meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Mayor Helps

Amendment:

That Council direct staff to refer the staff report to the Renter's Advisory Committee along with the original Terms of Reference, and:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main motion as amended:

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Councillor Potts, Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (7 to 1)

E. LAND USE MATTERS

E.1 #100-184 Wilson Street (Browns Crafthouse) - Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00099 (Vic West)

Committee received a report dated February 7, 2019, from the Acting Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding an application to add a covered patio and window awnings to a restaurant.

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an Opportunity for Public Comment at a meeting of Council, consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00099 for Unit 100, 184 Wilson Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped January 9, 2019.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce setback from Bay Street from 3.0m to 0.15m to allow construction of a covered patio and awning;
 - ii. reduce landscaped area setback from Bay Street from 3.0m to 0.15m;
 - iii. reduce setback from Tyee Road from 3.0m to 2.4m for window awnings.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.2 Update: 505, 517, 519 / 521 Quadra Street & 931 Convent Place (Beacon Arms) - Rezoning Application No. 00610 (Fairfield)

Committee received a report dated January 31, 2019, from the Acting Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding an application for a six-storey, multi-unit residential building with approximately 83 units and four townhouses.

Mayor Helps withdrew from the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Councillor Isitt assumed the Chair in her absence.

Mayor Helps returned to the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- *Rental Housing and options to negotiate affordability.*

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Young

Rezoning Application No. 00610

That Council receive this report for information and provide updated instruction to staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00610 for 505, 517 and 519/521 Quadra Street and 931 Convent Place, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered By Council and a Public Hearing date be set once the following conditions are met:

1. Preparation and execution of the following legal agreements:
 - a. Statutory Right-of-Way to secure 1.59 metres of the site adjacent Southgate Street, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
 - b. Statutory Right-of-Way to secure 2.02 metres of the site adjacent Convent Place, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
 - c. Housing Agreement to secure the following:
 - i. the residential units as rental for a 20 year period
 - ii. to secure the rent level of the four townhouse style units fronting

Convent Place at a maximum of 40% of the gross household income for moderate income households

iii. to ensure that future strata bylaws cannot restrict the rental of units to nonowners, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.

d. Section 219 covenant to ensure that the dwelling units are not strata titled prior to the 20-year term of the housing agreement lapsing.

Development Permit with Variances No. 00088

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00610, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00088 for 505, 517, 519/521 Quadra Street and 931 Convent Place, in accordance with:

1. Receipt of final plans generally in accordance with the plans date stamped January 22, 2019.

2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:

i. reduce the required vehicle parking from 115 stalls to 95 stalls;

ii. reduce the required visitor parking from 9 stalls to 8 stalls;

iii. reduce the internal boundary setback for portions of the building on the first and second storeys from 4.8m to 1.5m (to the garden shed).

3. Receipt of a car share agreement that includes MODO car share memberships for 50% of the residential units, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.

4. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Collins

Amendment:

5. That the applicant be requested to consider securing the rent for townhouse units at 30% of moderate income level.

FOR (3): Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt

OPPOSED (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

DEFEATED (3 to 5)

Main motion:

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Dubow

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Committee recessed at 11:05 p.m. and returned at 11:10 a.m.

E.3 723 Yates Street (Interactivity Board Game Café) - Application for a Permanent Change to Hours of Service for a Liquor Primary License

Committee received a report dated January 18, 2019, from the Acting Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding an application to change hours of licenced service associated with their liquor primary from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm daily, to 11:00 am to 11:30 pm Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 am to 12:30 am Friday and Saturday.

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council direct staff to provide the following response to the Liquor Licensing Agency:

1. Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts, does support the application of Interactivity Board Game Cafe, located at 721-723 Yates Street, to change the hours of liquor service from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm daily, to 11:00 am to 11:30 pm Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 am to 12:30 and Friday and Saturday.

Providing the following comments on the prescribed considerations:

- a. The impact of noise on the community in the vicinity of the establishment has been considered in relation to the request is not expected be an issue,
- b. If the application is approved, the net impact on the community is expected to be positive economically as the approval supports the request of the business and presumably their long-term viability as a local business and employer,
- c. The views of residents were solicited via a mail-out to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property, The City received one letter opposed to the application, and one letter indicating support. The City did not receive correspondence regarding the application from the Downtown Residents Association.
- d. Council recommends the issuance of the license.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (7 to 1)

E.4 308 Catherine Street (Spinnakers) - Application for a Permanent Change to Hours of Service for a Liquor Primary License

Committee received a report dated January 16, 2019, from the Acting Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding an application to change hours of licenced service associated with their liquor primary licence from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm daily to 9:00 am to 12:00 am daily.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council direct staff to provide the following response to the Liquor Licensing Agency:

1. Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts, does support the application of Spinnakers, located at 308 Catherine Street, to change the hours of liquor service from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm daily to 9:00 am to 11:00 pm daily.

Providing the following comments on the prescribed considerations:

- a. The impact of noise on the community in the vicinity of the establishment has been considered in relation to the request is not expected be an issue.
- b. If the application is approved, the net impact on the community is expected to be positive economically as the approval supports the request of the business and presumably their long-term viability as a local business and employer.
- c. The views of residents were solicited via a mail-out to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. The City received eleven letters opposed to the application, and three letters indicating support. The City did not receive correspondence regarding the application from the Victoria West CALUC.
- d. Council recommends the issuance of the license with the provision that closing hours are not supported past 11:00 pm and that the associated food primary licence (138526) is also adjusted to have closing hours not past 11:00 pm daily.
- e. A covenant exists on the property that prohibits the establishment from providing licenced service beyond 11:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.5 Consultation on Draft Old Town Design Guidelines (2019) and OCP Amendment Bylaw

Committee received a report dated January 23, 2019, from the Acting Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the draft Old Town Design Guidelines (2019) and public engagement summary.

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council:

1. Approve, in principle, the Old Town Design Guidelines - New Buildings and Additions to Existing Buildings (2019).
2. Direct staff to bring forward an Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw to amend Development Permit Area 1(HC): Core Historic with an updated reference to the Old Town Design Guidelines - New Buildings and Additions to Existing Buildings (2019); to remove reference to the Chinatown Guidelines for Buildings, Canopies, Landscaping, Colours & Signs (1983); and to amend Development Permit Area 9(HC): Inner Harbour with an updated reference to the Old Town Design Guidelines - New Buildings and Additions to Existing Buildings (2019).
3. Consider consultation under Section 475(2)(b) of the *Consider consultation under Section 475(2)(b) of the Local Government Act* and direct staff that no referrals of the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw are necessary to

the Capital Regional District Board, Island Health, Songhees Nation, Esquimalt Nation, provincial or federal governments, Township of Esquimalt, District of Saanich and the District of Oak Bay.

4. Consider consultation under Sections 475(1) and 475(2) of the *Local Government Act* and direct staff to undertake consultation with the community including downtown residents, Old Town property owners, local development and business communities and local heritage organizations on the proposed amendments to the Official Community Plan through online consultation concurrent with public review of the proposed Old Town Design Guidelines (2019).

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

Amendment:

5. Direct staff to amend the document in Section 1.1 on page 3 to include a sentence that acknowledges that locals love the human-scale of Old Town and structure the content to begin with making benefit for locals and then making benefit for visitors and economic development impacts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

Amendment:

6. Direct staff to amend the document in Section 1.2 on page 5 to amend “traditional territories” to read as “traditional homelands”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Mayor Helps

Amendment:

7. Direct staff to include recognition of the family group if possible in the document.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.6 Resolution: Revitalizing Island Rail Continued...

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Mayor Helps

Motion to lift from the table:

THAT Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister of Transportation, Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies on Vancouver Island, the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention, and member local governments within the Capital Region and AVICC, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Revitalizing Island Rail

WHEREAS One of the conditions of the original Order-in-Council establishing the Esquimalt and Nanaimo (E&N) now Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) railway corridor is that if the corridor is no longer needed or used for railway purposes, it goes back to the original owner;

AND WHEREAS Assembling a similar multi-modal corridor connecting the Alberni Inlet to the Comox Valley to Greater Victoria in the context of current land values and land uses would be impossible to replicate;

AND WHEREAS Repair of the railway infrastructure can only reasonably be accomplished By way of capital investment from senior levels of government;

AND WHEREAS Rail transport and a parallel trail system are integral sustainable transportation options in the context of climate change, including the option of electrified rail for the sustainable movement of people and goods on the island;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Province of British Columbia take immediate actions to provide sufficient funding in a timely manner to restore the railway infrastructure of Vancouver Island and ensure that the corridor remains intact and available to future generations of indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Mayor Helps

Amendment:

AND WHEREAS Repair of the railway infrastructure can only reasonably be accomplished By way of capital investment from senior levels of government, in co-operation with First Nations and local governments and respecting first nations interests

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 12:03 p.m. and returned at 12:25 p.m.

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 Renewing Opportunities for Citizen Involvement in Emergency Preparedness

Committee received a report dated January 21, 2019, from the Fire Chief regarding renewing opportunities for citizen involvement in Emergency Management and preparedness activities.

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That resources be dedicated to the continued enhancement and opportunities for citizen involvement in the Emergency Social Services (ESS), Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) support, Auxiliary Communications Services (ACS), and Cyclist Response Team (CRT) volunteer teams as well as public education programs and initiatives such as Connect and Prepare, as identified through the Emergency Management BC Public Safety Lifeline Volunteer Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.2 Cannabis Retail Store License Referrals

Committee received a report dated January 25, 2019, from the City Clerk regarding the provincial licensing process for cannabis retailers under new legislation.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council receive this report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.2 Resolution: Youth Voting in Local Government Elections

Committee received a report dated January 30, 2019, from Councillors Isitt and Loveday regarding advocacy for youth voting in local government elections.

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Alto

THAT Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2019 annual conventions of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities, and directs staff to forward this resolution to member local governments requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Youth Voting in Local Government Elections

WHEREAS youth have a strong interest in the future of local communities;

AND WHEREAS empowering young people to participate in democratic processes fosters ongoing and active civic participation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia revise the voting age for local government elections to 16 years of age.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 1:41 p.m. due to a pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item, as her husband is employed with BC Transit.

H.8 Support Transformational Improvements to Regional BC Transit

Committee received a report dated February 3, 2019, from Councillor Collins regarding advocacy for transformational improvements to transit infrastructure to promote and enable rapid mode shift to transit.

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Alto

THAT Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister of Transportation, BC Transit and the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Support Transformational Improvements to Regional BC Transit

WHEREAS the transportation sector is the second-largest contributor of GHG

AND WHEREAS some of the largest reductions in GHGs are possible through facilitating a mode shift to low carbon mobility options, such as increased ridership of emissions-free transit.

AND WHEREAS transforming regional public transit could drastically increase mode-shift to clean public transit system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia and BC Transit take immediate actions to support and provide funding for transformational improvements to regional BC transit infrastructure to promote and enable rapid mode shift to transit, including transitioning the BC Transit fleet to zero emissions as early in the 2020s as possible, and:

- i. Completion of dedicated bus lanes on all connections between the West Shore and downtown.
- ii. Installation of Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) sensors in all busses that operate in the City of Victoria.
- iii. Installation of 'all door loading' capabilities for all busses in the Victoria regional transit system.

- iv. Introduction of real-time, digital bus information to enable super- convenient, accessible transit operational information.
- v. Introduction of "tap" payment-systems common to multi-modal service providers, to support rapid loading of busses and align with Smart Mobility goals.
- vi. Completion of the business-case to determine the most effective investments in public transportation to realize the highest potential mode-shift and ridership in the South Island, including but not limited assessing commuter ferry, public transit along the E&N rail corridor and Douglas Street / Highway 1 / Highway 99, bus rapid transit (BRT) or light-rail transit (LRT).
- vii. Reporting of annual regional transit GHG and combustion pollutants, mitigation priorities, progress and business cases for investments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.7 Support Transformational Improvements to Transit Across BC

Committee received a report dated February 3, 2019, from Councillor Collins regarding advocacy for regional BC transit infrastructure to promote and enable rapid mode shift to transit.

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Alto

THAT Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2019 annual convention of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, and directs staff to forward this resolution to member local governments requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Support Transformational Improvements to Transit

WHEREAS the transportation sector is the second-largest contributor of GHG AND WHEREAS some of the largest reductions in GHGs are possible through facilitating a mode shift to low carbon mobility options, such as increased ridership of emissions-free transit.

AND WHEREAS transforming regional public transit could drastically increase mode-shift to clean public transit system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that local governments call on the Government of British Columbia and the Victoria Regional Transit Commission to support transformational improvements to transit infrastructure to promote and enable rapid mode shift to transit, including transitioning transit fleets to zero emissions as early in the 2020s as possible, and where applicable consider:

- i. Introduction of "tap" payment-systems common to multi-modal service providers, to support rapid loading of busses and align with Smart Mobility goals.
- ii. Introduction of real-time, digital bus information to enable super-convenient, accessible transit operational information.
- iii. Installation of Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) sensors in busses
- iv. Installation of 'all door loading' capabilities for busses

- v. Increases in dedicated bus lanes
- vi. Completion of the business-case to determine the most effective investments in public transportation to realize the highest potential mode-shift and ridership, including but not limited assessing commuter ferry, public transit along rail corridors and highways, bus rapid transit (BRT) or light-rail transit (LRT).
- vii. Reporting of annual regional transit GHG and combustion pollutants, mitigation priorities, progress and business cases for investments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MAYOR