

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016, 9:00 A.M.**

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

Committee Members Present: Councillor Thornton-Joe (Chair); Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, and Young

Absent: Mayor Helps; Councillors Lucas and Madoff

Staff Present: J. Johnson – City Manager; J. Jenkyns – Deputy City Manager; C. Coates – City Clerk; C. Havelka – Deputy City Clerk; D. Manak - Acting Police Chief; P. Bruce – Fire Chief; A. Neilson – Acting Director of Citizen Engagement & Strategic Planning; T. Soulliere – Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities; S. Thompson – Director of Finance; J. Huggett – Project Director of Johnson Street Bridge Replacement Project; B. Dellebuur – Acting Assistant Director of Transportation; A. Meyer – Assistant Director of Development Services; S. Olak – Acting Director of Human Resources; P. Rantucci – Manager of Strategic Real Estate; C. Mycroft – Executive Assistant to the City Manager; A. M. Ferguson – Recording Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the Agenda of the September 22, 2016, Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

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3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes from the Meeting held June 23, 2016

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the Minutes of June 23, 2016, be adopted.

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4. STAFF REPORTS

4.1 Johnson Street Bridge Replacement Project Quarterly Update

Committee received a report dated September 13, 2016, from the Project Director for the Johnson Street Bridge Replacement project providing an update on the progress towards the Johnson Street Bridge Project.

Committee discussed:

- Public realm improvements and potential to implement protected bike lanes.

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 9:41 a.m. and returned at 9:41 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- Various users of the bridge and potential linkages to ease commuting.
- Media sharing opportunities to inform on the engineering process.
- Potential for salvaging or re-using materials from the old bridge.

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Young, that Council receive this report for information.

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4.2 2016 Second Quarter Report

Committee received a presentation from the Victoria Police Department regarding an update on quarter two progress.

Committee discussed:

- Bicycle theft and the bate bike program.
- The “Black Lives Matter” movement and Victoria Police’s involvement.
- Proposed integration of police services and concerns associated with this.
- Involvement with the tent city issues and how officers are engaging with the community.

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council receive the Victoria Police Quarter Two report for information.

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Committee received a report dated September 14, 2016, from the City Manager providing an update on quarter two progress

Councillor Young withdrew from the meeting at 10:47 a.m. and returned at 10:47 a.m.

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 10:53 a.m. and returned at 10:54 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- Updates regarding the BC Lottery Corporation’s casino site selection and private operator selection processes.

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Council receive the City Manager’s Quarter Two report for information.

Committee discussed:

- Receiving updates on various initiatives and projects.

Councillor Coleman withdrew from the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

The Manager of Strategic Real Estate joined the table to answer questions regarding the long-term plan for the relocation of the bus terminal.

Councillor Coleman returned to the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- Various crosswalks that need to be upgraded and different treatment approaches.
- Risk analysis for the Crystal Pool replacement/refurbishment project.

The Acting Director of Human Resources joined the table to answer questions regarding the amount of sick time used over the years.

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 11:37 a.m. and returned at 11:39 a.m.

Committee discussed:

- Alternative plans for the use of the Crystal Gardens.
- The amount of priorities and concerns about staff capacity.
- Identifying ways for various departments to incorporate 150th Celebrations.
- Receiving information regarding the amount of in-camera meetings in future quarterly updates.

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Committee recessed at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

4.3 My Great Neighbourhood Grant Applications

Committee received a report dated September 9, 2016, from the Director of Finance and Acting Director of Citizen Engagement and Strategic Planning providing information on the 2016 My Great Neighbourhoods Grant applications.

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council approve the eligible 2016 My Great Neighbourhood Grant applications.

Committee discussed:

- The neighbourhoods that did not apply and desire to see applications from all neighbourhoods in following years.
- Remaining funds and whether or not the funds could be used for other neighbourhood projects previously declined from a lack of funds.

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4.4 Park Improvement Plan for Topaz Park

Committee received a report dated September 10, 2016, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities providing information and recommendations regarding the development of a Park Improvement Plan for Topaz Park.

Committee discussed:

- Reviewing the needs for various amenities in neighbourhoods.

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council direct staff to work with the community to develop a Park Improvement Plan for Topaz Park, to be completed by December 2017.

Committee discussed:

- The pros and cons for having the park in its current state until a park upgrade plan is implemented.

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Motion: It was moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council direct staff to complete the removal of the broken asphalt surface and fencing where the tennis courts previously existed.

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For: Councillors Alto, Coleman, Loveday, Thornton-Joe, and Young
Against: Councillor Isitt

4.5 Project Update: Crystal Pool Changeroom Renovation

Committee received a report dated September 10, 2016, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities providing information and recommendations regarding the Crystal Pool Changeroom Renovation project.

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council direct staff to place the Crystal Pool Changeroom Renovation project on hold pending the completion of the Crystal Pool Feasibility Study.

Committee discussed:

- The high demand on the construction market and the option of postponing projects.
- Interim solutions to meet the needs of the community.

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For: Councillors Coleman, Thornton-Joe, and Young
Against: Councillors Alto, Isitt, and Loveday

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council direct staff to re-post the public tender to see if a construction partner can be found.

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For: Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, and Thornton-Joe
Against: Councillor Young

4.6 950 Kings Road - City Support for Community Use of Gymnasium

Committee received a report dated September 14, 2016, from the Manager of Strategic Real Estate providing information regarding funding for operating costs of the gymnasium building located at 950 Kings Road.

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council approve:

1. The use of \$15,000 for initial repairs and \$25,000 in 2016 building operating costs, from the Corporate Contingency Account in 2016.
2. The ongoing annual operational funding in the Financial Plan of \$49,000 with the specific funding source to be determined through the budget process for 2017 and beyond.
3. Directing staff to include 950 Kings Road in the 2017-2019 permissive tax exemption bylaw.

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5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Young, that the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 22, 2016, be adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR