



## MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

February 7, 2019, 1:41 p.m.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE  
VICTORIA, BC

To be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting  
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 Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

ABSENT: Councillor Loveday

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Coates - City Clerk, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance

**A. CONVENE COUNCIL MEETING**

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Collins

That the agenda be approved.

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Collins

**Amendment:**

That Council convene a special closed Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on February 14, 2019.

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE FEBRUARY 14, 2019, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

That Council convene a closed meeting that excludes the public under Section 90 of the *Community Charter* for the reason that the following agenda items deal with matters specified in Sections 90(1) and/or (2) of the *Community Charter*, namely:

Section 90(1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

*Section 90(1)(f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment.*

**Main motion as amended:**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**C.1 Committee of the Whole**

**C.1.a Report from the February 7, 2019 COTW Meeting**

**C.1.a.a Observed Inhalation Sites for Overdose Prevention**

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

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

**CARRIED (8 to 1)**

**C.1.a.b**

**Revitalizing Island Rail**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**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, 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, in co-

operation with First Nations and local governments and respecting First Nations interests

AND WHEREAS rail transport and a parallel trail system are integral sustainable transportation options for Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples 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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C.1.a.c**

**To Seek Council Support to Allow Permanent Residents to Vote in BC Municipal Elections**

**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 (8 to 1)**

**C.1.a.d 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 (8 to 1)**

**C.1.a.e Support Transformational Improvements to Transit Across BC**

*Councillor Thornton-Joe recused herself from the meeting at 1:47 p.m. due to a pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item, as her husband is employed with BC Transit.*

**Moved By** Councillor Collins

**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

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 buses 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 buses
- 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**

*Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to the meeting at 1:47 p.m.*

**C.1.a.f Provincial Universal School Food Program**

**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 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.

**Moved By** Councillor Collins  
**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

**Amendment:**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM 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**

**Main motion as amended:**  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D. CLOSED MEETING**

**Moved By** Councillor Collins

**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

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*Section 90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;*

*Section 90(1)(f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;*

*Section 90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**A. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That the closed agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**G.1 Appointment - Community Charter Section 90(1)(a)**

Council received a confidential report dated January 24, 2019, from the City Clerk regarding appointments.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**I.1 Law Enforcement - Community Charter Section 90(1)(f)**

Council received a verbal update from the Police Chief regarding law enforcements matters.



The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

**I.2     Legal Advice - Community Charter Section 90(1)(l)**

Council received a confidential report dated February 1, 2019, from the City Solicitor regarding legal advice.

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

**I.3     Legal Advice - Community Charter Section 90(1)(l)**

Council received a verbal update from the City Solicitor regarding legal advice.

*Councillor Isitt left the meeting at 1:59 p.m.*

**K.     ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Dubow

**Seconded By** Councillor Collins

That the Closed Council Meeting be adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR