



MINUTES – SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 17, 2020, 8:00 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 Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Young

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, C. Coates - City Clerk, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, F. Work - Director of Engineering & Public Works, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhower - Head of Engagement, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, A. Hudson - Acting Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, J. Karakas - Senior Urban Designer, M. Sandhu - Head of Service Innovation & Improvement, P. Bellefontaine - Assistant Director, Transportation, J. O'Reilly – Heritage Planner, M. Heiser - Committee Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That item D.2 - Report_Host of UBCM 2020 Annual Convention be removed from the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D.2 Proposed Adjustments to the Draft 2020-2024 Financial Plan

Victoria Civic Heritage Trust

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council direct staff to amend the financial plan bylaw to allocate the \$500,000 of the new assessed revenue, directed to the building and infrastructure reserve, and provide a grant of \$500,000 to the Victoria Civic Heritage Trust.

Motion to postpone:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Young

That this item be postponed to the bottom of the list.

FOR (4): Mayor Helps, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Young

OPPOSED (4): Councillor Alto, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts and Councillor Thornton-Joe

DEFEATED

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

That Council direct staff to amend the financial plan bylaw to allocate the ~~\$500,000~~ **\$250,000** of the new assessed revenue, directed to the building and infrastructure reserve, and provide a grant of ~~\$500,000~~ **\$250,000** to the Victoria Civic Heritage Trust.

Failed to proceed due to no seconder

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council request that the Victoria Civic Heritage Trust report publicly to Council each year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council direct staff to engage the VCHT and report back to council on the feasibility of introducing accessibility requirements in relation to these grants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to amend the financial plan bylaw to allocate the \$500,000 of the new assessed revenue, directed to the building and infrastructure reserve, and provide a grant of \$500,000 to the Victoria Civic Heritage Trust.

That Council request that the Victoria Civic Heritage Trust report publicly to Council each year.

That Council direct staff to engage the VCHT and report back to council on the feasibility of introducing accessibility requirements in relation to these grants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pedestrian Improvements – Sidewalk on Topaz Road

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That this item be referred to the 2021 budget process.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Young

That this item be referred to the 2021 budget process, **including consideration of traffic calming and/or traffic circles along Topaz.**

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That this item be referred to the 2021 budget process, **including consideration of traffic calming and/or traffic circles along Topaz.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That this item be referred to the 2021 budget process, including consideration of traffic calming along Topaz.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council direct staff to come back with an assessment report not later Quarter 3 for traffic calming measure on Chamber Street.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council direct staff to come back with an assessment report not later Quarter 3 for traffic calming measure on Chamber Street, **including recommendation for possible funding.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to come back with an assessment report not later Quarter 3 for traffic calming measure on Chamber Street, including recommendation for possible funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor recalled the vote on the previous motion.

On the main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to come back with an assessment report not later Quarter 3 for traffic calming measure on Chamber Street, including recommendation for possible funding.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council direct staff to come back with an assessment report not later Quarter 3 for traffic calming measure on Chamber Street, **and surrounding streets**, including recommendation for possible funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to come back with an assessment report not later Quarter 3 for traffic calming measure on Chamber Street, and surrounding streets, including recommendation for possible funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor recalled the vote on the previous motion.

On the main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to come back with an assessment report not later Quarter 3 for traffic calming measure on Chamber Street, and surrounding streets, including recommendation for possible funding.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council direct staff to come back with an assessment report not later Quarter ~~2~~³ for traffic calming measure on Chamber Street, and surrounding streets, including recommendation for possible funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to come back with an assessment report not later Quarter 2 for traffic calming measures on Chambers Street, and surrounding streets, including recommendations for possible funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Place-Making - Engagement Costs

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council approve: Place-making – Engagement Costs – \$8,000 one time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Realm

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council approve: Public Realm – Government Street \$73, 700 one-time expense to do the planning required.

Motion to postpone:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That this item be postponed until after the Sustainable Mobility Items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Service Delivery Improvement Including Equity Lens

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council reconsider Protocol Function (\$60,000).

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council reconsider Protocol Function **to allocate \$20,000 (~~\$60,000~~).**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main motion as amended:

That Council reconsider Protocol Function to allocate \$20,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council approve: Protocol Function allocation of \$20,000.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (7 to 1)

The Mayor recalled the vote on the previous motion.

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council approve: Protocol Function allocation of \$20,000.

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council approve: protocol function allocation of \$20,000 **to celebrate anniversary with Morioka. (Decreased from \$60,000)**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council approve: protocol function allocation of \$20,000 to celebrate anniversary with Morioka. (Decreased from \$60,000)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Service Delivery Improvement Including Equity Lens

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council authorize the following FTEs for 2020 and future years, as well as an one-time expenditure of \$75,000 for contracted services, and direct staff to report back by the end of Q1 in Open and Closed Meetings on options for completing and implementing the Equity Framework using the following new staff resources and / or existing resources, including draft job descriptions:

- Equity and Diversity Coordinator - 1 FTE – \$107,900 (ongoing)
- Accessibility and Inclusion Recreation Role - 1 FTE – \$52,000 (ongoing)
- Accessibility Coordinator – 1 FTE – \$107,900 (ongoing)
- Social Planner – 1 FTE - \$125,111 (ongoing)
- Contracted Services - \$75,000 (one-time)

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council authorize the following FTEs for 2020 and future years, as well as an one-time expenditure of \$75,000 for contracted services, and direct staff to report back by the end of Q1 in Open and Closed Meetings on options for completing and implementing the Equity Framework, **including the direction that priority of the Equity and Diversity Coordinator is the implementation of the Trans Inclusion work**, using the following new staff resources and / or existing resources, including draft job descriptions:

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council authorize the following FTEs for 2020 and future years, as well as an one-time expenditure of \$75,000 for contracted services, and direct staff to report back by the end of Q1 in Open and Closed Meetings on options for completing and implementing the Equity Framework, **including the direction that initial priority of the Equity and Diversity Coordinator is the implementation of the Trans Inclusion work**, using the following new staff resources and / or existing resources, including draft job descriptions:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council authorize the following FTEs for 2020 and future years, as well as an one-time expenditure of \$75,000 for contracted services, and direct staff to report back by the end of Q1 in Open and Closed Meetings on options for completing and implementing the Equity Framework, including the direction that initial priority of the Equity and Diversity Coordinator is the implementation of the Trans Inclusion work, using the following new staff resources and / or existing resources, including draft job descriptions:

- Equity and Diversity Coordinator - 1 FTE – \$107,900 (ongoing)
- Accessibility and Inclusion Recreation Role - 1 FTE – \$52,000 (ongoing)
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- Social Planner – 1 FTE - \$125,111 (ongoing)
- Contracted Services - \$75,000 (one-time)

Councillor Potts withdrew from the meeting at 10:50 a.m. and returned at 10:52 p.m.

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council defer the FTE for Fleet Energy Emissions Specialist (\$108,000) to 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council authorize the following FTEs for 2020 and future years, as well as an one-time expenditure of \$75,000 for contracted services, and direct staff to report back by the end of Q1 in Open and Closed Meetings on options for completing and implementing the Equity Framework, including the direction that initial priority of the Equity and Diversity Coordinator is the implementation of the Trans Inclusion work, using the following new staff resources and / or existing resources, including draft job descriptions:

- Equity and Diversity Coordinator - 1 FTE – \$107,900 (ongoing)
- Accessibility and Inclusion Recreation Role - 1 FTE – \$52,000 (ongoing)
- Accessibility Coordinator – 1 FTE – \$107,900 (ongoing)
- Social Planner – 1 FTE - \$125,111 (ongoing)
- Contracted Services - \$75,000 (one-time)
- **That Council add another FTE to focus on Equity and Inclusion. \$108,000**

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts and Councillor Thornton-Joe
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council authorize the following FTEs for 2020 and future years, as well as an one-time expenditure of \$75,000 for contracted services, and direct staff to report back by the end of Q1 in Open and Closed Meetings on options for completing and implementing the Equity Framework, including the direction that initial priority of the Equity and **Inclusion Diversity** Coordinator is the

implementation of the Trans Inclusion work, using the following new staff resources and / or existing resources, including draft job descriptions:

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council authorize the following FTEs for 2020 and future years, as well as an one-time expenditure of \$75,000 for contracted services, and direct staff to report back by the end of Q1 in Open and Closed Meetings on options for completing and implementing the Equity Framework **taking an intersectional approach**, including the direction that initial priority of the Equity and **Inclusion Diversity** Coordinator is the implementation of the Trans Inclusion work, using the following new staff resources and / or existing resources, including draft job descriptions:

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

On the amendment:

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

On the main motion as amended:

That Council authorize the following FTEs for 2020 and future years, as well as an one-time expenditure of \$75,000 for contracted services, and direct staff to report back by the end of Q1 in Open and Closed Meetings on options for completing and implementing the Equity Framework taking an intersectional approach, including the direction that initial priority of the Equity and Inclusion Coordinator is the implementation of the Trans Inclusion work, using the following new staff resources and / or existing resources, including draft job descriptions:

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- Accessibility and Inclusion Recreation Role - 1 FTE – \$52,000 (ongoing)
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- Contracted Services - \$75,000 (one-time)
- That Council add another FTE to focus on Equity and Inclusion. \$108,000

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt,
Councillor Potts and Councillor Thornton-Joe
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Committee recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 11:33 a.m.

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That the ongoing housing reserve allocation be revised to \$400,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sustainability Mobility Strategy

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council authorize the \$500,000 expenditure on bike parking funded from the building and infrastructure reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council approve Transportation - 1 FTE - \$142,600.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the remaining FTEs under the heading of Sustainability Mobility Strategy be sent to 2021 Budget considerations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NeighbourHub – 709-711 Douglas Street

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council approve funding for the NeighbourHub for \$11,460 from on-going.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt,
Councillor Potts and Councillor Thornton-Joe
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Victoria Conference Centre Parkade

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That staff be directed to report back at the next quarterly update regarding the financial implications to ensure that the employees of the VCC parkade receive a living wage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electrical Kiosk Beautification Program

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council approve forwarding to the 2021 budget process: the Electrical Kiosk Beautification Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Banfield Park Swimming Dock Study

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council approve: one time allocation for Banfield Dock study \$15,000.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council approve: one time allocation for Banfield Dock study \$15,000 **and report back to Council with funding options and other consideration for installing a larger dock in 2020.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council approve: one time allocation for Banfield Dock study \$15,000 and report back to Council with funding options and other consideration for installing a larger dock in 2020.

FOR (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Alto and Councillor Thornton-Joe

CARRIED (5 to 2)

Capital Projects – Countercyclical Spending

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Young

That this item be referred to the 2021 budget process

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Victoria Civic Heritage Trust

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the remainder of the VCHT and grant for VHF be approved from on-going.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Animal Control

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That staff report back what's possible to accomplish within the funds already allocated in the animal control service contract.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Our Place Funding

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council approve funding \$50,000 to Our Place for Operating costs for storage facilities from one-time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council allocate \$9,850 to the housing reserve from the one-time.

FOR (2): Councillor Isitt and Councillor Potts

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

DEFEATED

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council allocate \$9,850 to the aboriginal coalition to end homelessness from the one-time.

Councillor Thornton-Joe left the meeting at 12:40 p.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest as she sits on the Board of the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness.

On the motion:

FOR (2): Councillor Alto and Councillor Potts

OPPOSED (4): Mayor Helps, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt and Councillor Young

DEFEATED

Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council approve that \$10,000 be removed from the ongoing allocation to Council catering.

Councillor Loveday returned to the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

On the motion:

FOR (2): Councillor Alto and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts and Councillor Young

DEFEATED

I. **ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR