



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 23, 2020, 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 Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Young

ABSENT: Councillor Potts

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. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, A. Hudson - Assistant Director Community Planning, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, J. Dykstra - Manager of Parks Design and Construction, L. Westinghouse - Manager – Accounting, M. Betanzo - Senior Planner, M. Angrove - Planner, M. Heiser - Committee Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the Agenda of the January 23, 2020, Committee of the Whole meeting be amended as follows:

Consent Agenda:

- C.1 Minutes from the meeting held January 9, 2020**
- E.4 2330 Government Street: Application for a Lounge Endorsement to a Manufacturer's License (brewing) for Vancouver Island Brewing (Burnside)**
- F.1 Local Government Recommendation for Pacificanna at 1560-1564 Fairfield Road**
- F.3 Proclamation - Eating Disorder Awareness Week**
- H.1 Council Member Motion - Support for Universal Health Coverage for Prescription Contraception in British Columbia**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following items be approved without further debate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.1 Minutes from the meeting held January 9, 2020

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 9, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.4 2330 Government Street: Application for a Lounge Endorsement to a Manufacturer's License (brewing) for Vancouver Island Brewing (Burnside)

Committee received a report dated December 18, 2019 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding an application by Vancouver Island Brewing to add a lounge endorsement to their manufacturer's licence, having hours of operation from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily, and an occupant load of 86 person.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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

Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts, does support the application of Vancouver Island Brewing, located at 2330 Government Street, to have a lounge endorsement added to their manufacturing license, having hours of operation from 9:00 am to 11 :00 pm daily, and an occupant load of 86 persons.

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. Anticipated impacts related to noise are based on experience with licenced establishments of comparable size, absence of existing licenced seating in the area, and the moderate closing time of 11 :00 pm. The proposed hours of operation and occupant load are not expected to result in negative impacts to the community.
- b. If the application is approved, the impact on the community is expected to be positive economically as the approval supports the business's vision and long term viability. The business has recently rezoned the property to accommodate the proposal for the lounge.
- c. The views of residents were solicited via a mail out which included 250 letters to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. The City received five letters in response to the request, four indicated support for the application and one was opposed. The Burnside Gorge Community Association has not provided correspondence.
- d. Council recommends the license endorsement be approved

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1 Local Government Recommendation for Pacificanna at 1560-1564 Fairfield Road

Committee received a report dated January 6, 2020 from the City Clerk regarding an application by Pacificanna at 1560-1564 Fairfield Road to obtain a provincial cannabis retail store license.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

1. That Council direct staff to advise the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch:

Council supports the application of Pacificanna at 1560-1564 Fairfield Road to receive a provincial cannabis retail store license with following comments on the prescribed considerations:

- a. City staff did not raise any concerns about community impacts in relation to this application.

- b. The City obtained residents' views through a mail-out to property owners and occupiers within 100 meters of this address and to the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association.

The City sent 174 notices and received 5 responses. All respondents support issuing a provincial cannabis retail store license. The City did not receive correspondence from the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association.

2. That Council direct staff to advise the LCRB of Council's recommendation only after the applicant obtains a Delegated Development Permit for any proposed alterations to the building exterior.
3. That Council direct staff to advise the LCRB of Council's recommendation subject to the applicant's compliance with City bylaws and permits.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 Proclamation - Eating Disorder Awareness Week

Committee received a report dated January 16, 2020 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for Eating Disorders Week, February 1 to 7, 2020.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the *Eating Disorder Awareness Week* Proclamation be forwarded to the January 23, 2020 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1 Council Member Motion - Support for Universal Health Coverage for Prescription Contraception in British Columbia

Committee received Council Member Motion dated January 16, 2020 from Councillor Loveday and Councillor Potts regarding the proposed resolution for consideration at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities convention to call on the Provincial Government to cover all prescription contraception in BC as a universal health care service and make it available at no cost to residents.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities convention and forward the resolution to the Minister of Health and local Members of the Legislative Assembly:

PROVIDE UNIVERSAL NO-COST COVERAGE OF PRESCRIPTION CONTRACEPTION

WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities;

AND WHEREAS providing free prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities call on the Provincial Government to make all prescription contraception in BC available at no cost under the Medical Services Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D.1 Topaz Park Improvement Plan Construction Funding

Committee received a report dated January 3, 2020 from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities providing information to support the allocation of funding to complete the skate and bike parks, and the artificial turf field replacement at Topaz Park.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Recycling possibilities*
- *Designs to ensure no plastic ends in waterways*
- *Community feedback*
- *Meeting the needs of residents*
- *Historical information pertaining to this improvement plan*
- *The specifics of the project's materials for the field and structures*
- *Environmental impacts*

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council approve the following investments for Topaz Park, in the 2020 Financial Plan:

Allocate \$3.02 million from the Building Infrastructure Reserve Fund, and \$1.2 million from the Artificial Turf Field Reserve Fund, to complete the construction of the artificial turf field replacement project.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (6 to 1)

E. LAND USE MATTERS

E.1 844 Johnson Street: Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00056 (Downtown)

Committee received a report dated January 9, 2020 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the proposed Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00056 for 844 Johnson Street in order to vary the Fence Bylaw to permit a 2.85m fence and to approve the overall design of the fence, and recommending that it move forward to an opportunity for public comment.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Impact on the public realm*
- *Specifics of the fence bylaw and potential review*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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. 00056 for 844 Johnson Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped December 17, 2019.
2. Development meeting all Fence Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. Increase the permitted height of a fence located within a side yard from 1.83m to 2.85m.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (6 to 1)

E.2 1700 Blanshard Street: Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00106 (Downtown)

Committee received a report dated January 9, 2020 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the proposed Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00106 for 1700 Blanshard Street in order to construct a twenty-three storey, mixed-use building containing approximately 245 residential units above ground floor commercial units, and recommending that it move forward to an opportunity for public comment.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Proposed bicycle parking*
- *Access to underground parking*

- *Landscaping proposed over the lane way*
- *Wind study report and results*
- *Policy with regards to building separation*
- *Changes made to the design to satisfy the ADP commentary*

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council, subject to the preparation and execution of legal agreements to the satisfaction of the City Staff, and 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.000106 for 1700 Blanshard Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped November 7, 2019.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the building setback above 10m from 12.35 to 4.8 metres, measured at the highest building elevation on Blanshard Street
 - ii. reduce the building setback above 10m from 2.26 to 0.5 metres, measured at the highest building elevation on Fisgard Street
 - iii. reduce the number of on-site short term bicycle stalls from thirty-one to sixteen.
3. Registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way on Blanshard Street to secure passage over the fronting sidewalk.
4. Registration of an Encroachment agreement for building canopies.
5. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council, subject to the preparation and execution of legal agreements to the satisfaction of the City Staff, **subject to the applicant meeting with the CALUC Land Use Committee**, and after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, consider the following motion:

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council, subject to the preparation and execution of legal agreements to the satisfaction of the City Staff, **subject to the applicant meeting with the CALUC Downtown Residents Association Land Use Committee**, and after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, consider the following motion:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

FOR (5): Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (2): Mayor Helps and Councillor Alto

CARRIED (5 to 2)

On the main motion as amended:

That Council, subject to the preparation and execution of legal agreements to the satisfaction of the City Staff, and subject to the applicant meeting with the Downtown Residents Association Land Use Committee and 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.000106 for 1700 Blanshard Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped November 7, 2019.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the building setback above 10m from 12.35 to 4.8 metres, measured at the highest building elevation on Blanshard Street
 - ii. reduce the building setback above 10m from 2.26 to 0.5 metres, measured at the highest building elevation on Fisgard Street
 - iii. reduce the number of on-site short term bicycle stalls from thirty-one to sixteen.
3. Registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way on Blanshard Street to secure passage over the fronting sidewalk.
4. Registration of an Encroachment agreement for building canopies.
5. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council request that the applicant considers locking in the rental units under a rental agreement.

FOR (5): Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (2): Mayor Helps and Councillor Young

CARRIED (5 to 2)

On the main motion as amended:

That Council, subject to the preparation and execution of legal agreements to the satisfaction of the City Staff, and subject to the applicant meeting with the Downtown Residents Association Land Use Committee and 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.000106 for 1700 Blanshard Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped November 7, 2019.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the building setback above 10m from 12.35 to 4.8 metres, measured at the highest building elevation on Blanshard Street
 - ii. reduce the building setback above 10m from 2.26 to 0.5 metres, measured at the highest building elevation on Fisgard Street
 - iii. reduce the number of on-site short term bicycle stalls from thirty-one to sixteen.
3. Registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way on Blanshard Street to secure passage over the fronting sidewalk.
4. Registration of an Encroachment agreement for building canopies.
5. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

That Council request that the applicant considers locking in the rental units under a rental agreement.

FOR (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Dubow and Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (5 to 2)

Committee recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 11:16 a.m.

E.3 805 Gordon Street: Application for Entertainment Endorsement for the Union Club of British Columbia's Food Primary Licence (Downtown)

Committee received a report dated December 19, 2019 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding an application by the Union Club of British Columbia to add an Entertainment Endorsement to their Food Primary licence.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Clarification of endorsement of events*
- *Specifics of type of application*

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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 the Union Club of British Columbia located at 805 Gordon Street to obtain an Entertainment Endorsement for their Food Primary licence having existing hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 am Monday through Saturday and 9:00 am to 12:00 am Sunday, and an existing occupant load of 759 persons.

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, and assumptions are the noise impacts would be proportional in comparison to existing licence capacity and associated noise levels in the vicinity are expected to be negligible.
- b. If the application is approved, the impact on the community is expected to be positive economically as the approval supports operational flexibility for the establishment to host a variety of special events.
- c. The views of residents were solicited via a mail out which included 260 letters to neighbouring property owners and occupants within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. The City received one letter in support of the application and no response was received from the Downtown Residents Association.
- d. Council recommends the requested change to the license be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.2 MFABC Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund

Committee received a report dated December 20, 2019 from the Deputy City Manager/CFO regarding the proposed direction for staff to write a letter to the

City of New Westminster informing them of the previous Council direction to staff to invest in MFA SRI funds.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Mitigating the risks of funds allocation*
- *Socially responsible investment funds*

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to write a letter to the City of New Westminster informing them of the previous Council direction to staff to invest in MFA SRI funds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.2 Council Member Motion - Endorsement of Declaration of Solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en People

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated January 16, 2020 from Councillor Isitt, Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Potts regarding the proposed resolution of Endorsement of Declaration of Solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en People.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Encouraging further dialogue and consultation.*
- *The importance of a peaceful resolution*
- *Meaningful reconciliation*

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council endorse the following resolution and request that the Mayor send a copy, on behalf of Council, to the Premier of British Columbia, copying the Solicitor General, Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies in the Capital Region, and member local governments of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities:

Resolution: Declaration of Solidarity with Wet'suwet'en People

WHEREAS the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs, whose representative role is recognized by the Supreme Court of Canada, have indicated a lack of consent for the Coastal GasLink pipeline through their unceded territory;

AND WHEREAS the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the BC Human Rights Commissioner have called on the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to respect Wet'suwet'en law, rights and title by suspending permits authorizing construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline until they grant their free, prior and informed consent, following the full and adequate discharge of the duty to consult;

AND WHEREAS these entities have warned of the risk of state violence against Wet'suwet'en People opposing the pipeline through non-violent methods, including the risk of an RCMP response and use of lethal force;

AND WHEREAS Canada has endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, which includes a commitment to "consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them";

AND WHEREAS Canada is a party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, which include commitments to substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pursue efforts to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius and avoid the worst impacts of climate change;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria calls on the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to suspend permits authorizing construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline and commence good-faith consultation with the Wet'suwet'en People;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria calls on the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to end any attempt at forced removal of Wet'suwet'en People from their traditional territories and refrain from any use of coercive force against Wet'suwet'en People seeking to prevent the construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline through non-violent methods.

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council endorse the following resolution and request that the Mayor send a copy, on behalf of Council, to the Premier of British Columbia, copying the Solicitor General, Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies in the Capital Region, ~~and member local governments of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities:~~

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council endorse the following resolution and request that the Mayor send a copy, on behalf of Council, to the Premier of British Columbia, copying the Solicitor General, and Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies in the Capital Region:

Resolution: Declaration of Solidarity with Wet'suwet'en People

WHEREAS the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs, whose representative role is recognized by the Supreme Court of Canada, have indicated a lack of consent for the Coastal GasLink pipeline through their unceded territory;

AND WHEREAS the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the BC Human Rights Commissioner have called on the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to respect Wet'suwet'en law, rights and title by suspending permits authorizing construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline until they grant their free, prior and informed consent, following the full and adequate discharge of the duty to consult;

AND WHEREAS these entities have warned of the risk of state violence against Wet'suwet'en People opposing the pipeline through non-violent methods, including the risk of an RCMP response and use of lethal force;

AND WHEREAS Canada has endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, which includes a commitment to "consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them";

AND WHEREAS Canada is a party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, which include commitments to substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pursue efforts to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius and avoid the worst impacts of climate change;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria calls on the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to suspend permits authorizing construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline and commence good-faith consultation with the Wet'suwet'en People;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria calls on the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to end any attempt at forced removal of Wet'suwet'en People from their traditional territories and refrain from any use of coercive force against Wet'suwet'en People seeking to prevent the construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline through non-violent methods.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

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

H.3 Council Member Motion - AVICC and UBCM Advocacy Motions Passed by the Renters' Advisory Committee

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated January 21, 2020 from Councillor Loveday and Councillor Dubow regarding the proposed advocacy

resolutions drafted by the City of Victoria's Renters' Advisory Committee that will help deliver access to safe, adequate, and affordable rental housing.

Committee received and considered each of the following three motions separately:

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

1. That Council endorse the following resolution and forward it for consideration at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities convention:

Title: Tax Land and Improvements Separately

WHEREAS unaffordable housing generally reflects high land values that are driven up by speculation, which makes ownership very expensive to buy but profitable for sellers and developers, and puts rental housing at a disadvantage when competing for buildable sites;

AND WHEREAS a lower property tax rate on improvements and a higher rate on land value could be made to keep taxes the same or lower for most properties, but would reduce the speculative gain from ownership and make rental housing developments more competitive;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the Province amend the Community Charter to grant municipalities the option of setting different property tax rates for land and improvements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

2. That Council endorse the following resolution and forward it for consideration at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities convention:

Title: Establish a provincial Standards of Maintenance Policy

WHEREAS property maintenance standards are vital for protecting existing housing stock and tenants as they help to ensure that living environments are safe, secure, and appropriate;

AND WHEREAS many jurisdictions currently lack regional and municipal standards or regulations, including municipal bylaws or health standards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province establishes a provincial standards of maintenance policy that sets out a breadth of health, safety, and security standards, and establishes enforcement mechanisms that ensure adherence to these standards.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province **amend the residential tenancy act to strengthen standards of property maintenance, establishes a provincial standards of maintenance policy** that sets out a breadth of health, safety, and security standards, and establishes enforcement mechanisms that ensure adherence to these standards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

2. That Council endorse the following resolution and forward it for consideration at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities convention:

Title: Establish a provincial Standards of Maintenance Policy

WHEREAS property maintenance standards are vital for protecting existing housing stock and tenants as they help to ensure that living environments are safe, secure, and appropriate;

AND WHEREAS many jurisdictions currently lack regional and municipal standards or regulations, including municipal bylaws or health standards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province amend the Residential Tenancy Act to strengthen standards of property maintenance that set out a breadth of health, safety, and security standards, and establishes enforcement mechanisms that ensure adherence to these standards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Mayor Helps

3. That Council endorse the following resolution and forward it for consideration at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities convention:

Title: Amend the Residential Tenancy Act to reduce or eliminate "no pet" clauses in lease agreements

WHEREAS companion animals have significant quality of life and health benefits for pet owners, and there are also significant benefits to landlords of pet-friendly housing, such as higher rents and longer-term and more reliable tenants;

AND WHEREAS no pet clauses in lease agreements greatly reduce the availability and adequacy of rental suites for renters who own pets, further exacerbating extremely challenging rental market conditions for renters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province amend the Residential Tenancy Act to eliminate “no pet” clauses in lease agreements in British Columbia.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province amend the Residential Tenancy Act to **reduce or** eliminate “no pet” clauses in lease agreements in British Columbia.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province amend the Residential Tenancy Act to ~~reduce or eliminate~~ **limit** “no pet” clauses in lease agreements in British Columbia.

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

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Isitt and Councillor Loveday
CARRIED (5 to 2)

Committee discussed the following:

- *Potential pet allergies*
- *Responsible pet ownership*
- *Landlord preference on pet allowance*

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

WHEREAS The City of Victoria supports responsible pet ownership and animal welfare.

Failed to proceed due to no seconder

Councillor Isitt withdrew from the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

On the main motion as amended:

3. That Council endorse the following resolution and forward it for consideration at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities convention:

Title: Amend the Residential Tenancy Act to limit “no pet” clauses in lease agreements

WHEREAS companion animals have significant quality of life and health benefits for pet owners, and there are also significant benefits to landlords of pet-friendly housing, such as higher rents and longer-term and more reliable tenants;

AND WHEREAS no pet clauses in lease agreements greatly reduce the availability and adequacy of rental suites for renters who own pets, further exacerbating extremely challenging rental market conditions for renters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province amend the Residential Tenancy Act to limit “no pet” clauses in lease agreements in British Columbia.

FOR (4): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow and Councillor Loveday

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

CARRIED (4 to 2)

H.4 Morioka Trip - Delegates from Victoria

Committee debated the selection of one Councillor to travel to Morioka from July 28, 2020 to August 5, 2020 as a delegate from the City of Victoria.

Councillor Isitt returned to the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Committee discussed the following:

- *The number of delegates attending*
- *Relating expenditures*

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council send 3 delegates to Morioka.

FOR (1): Councillor Isitt

OPPOSED (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe and Councillor Young

DEFEATED (1 to 6)

Committee selected Councillor Dubow to travel to Morioka from July 28, 2020 to August 5, 2020 as a delegate from the City of Victoria.

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

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Young

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR