



## MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

January 23, 2020, 6:30 P.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 Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

**ABSENT:** Councillor Potts

**STAFF PRESENT:** J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, C. Coates - City Clerk, F. Work - Director of Engineering & Public Works, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, A. Hudson - Acting Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, A. Johnston - Planner, P. Martin - Council Secretary

### **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The City Clerk outlined amendments to the agenda.

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the agenda be approved as amended.

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That Lidia White be added to the first Request to Address Council section of the agenda.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Main motion as amended:**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. Poetry Reading**

Mayor Helps introduced the City's new Youth Poet Laureate, Neko Smart, who read a poem titled "And the words swallow themselves".

**C. READING OF MINUTES**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the following minutes be adopted:

1. Minutes from the daytime meeting held January 9, 2020
2. Minutes from the evening meeting held January 9, 2020

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D.1 Sarah Alpert: Traffic Calming Measures on Fern Street**

Outlined why Council should expedite the placement of traffic calming measures on Fern Street.

**D.2 Kayla Siefried: The Compost Education Centre's Programs & Resources**

Shared with Council information about the services, programs, and education that the Compost Education Centre offers to residents of Victoria.

**D.3 Angela Carmichael: School Zone Safety/ Police Liaison Program**

Outlined why Council should reinstate the Police Liaison Program at George Jay and put a light at Chambers Street and Bay Street.

**D.5 Kyle Cheyne: Temp Licence/ Exemption**

Outlined why Council should consider a temporary business licence or an exemption for Terp City Lounge at 950 Yates Street.

**D.6 Sean Kahil: Equity Lens**

Outlined why Council should reassess the equity lens as it applies to the Crystal Pool replacement project and move forward with the 940 Caledonia Avenue location.

**D.7 Susan Simmons: Crystal Pool**

Outlined why Council should approve Central Park as the location for a new Crystal Pool facility.

**D.8 Greg Hind: Crystal Pool**

Outlined why Council should approve Central Park as the location for a new Crystal Pool facility, and keep the old pool open while the new pool is being built.

**D.9 Dixon McGowan & Drew Sabourin: Crystal Pool**

Outlined why Council should build a new Crystal Pool facility, and keep the old pool open while the new pool is being built.

**D.10 James Fromm & Joe Richards**

Outlined why Council should approve Central Park as the location for a new Crystal Pool facility, and keep the old pool open while the new pool is being built.

**D.11 Sheenagh Morrison: Crystal Pool**

Outlined why Council should keep the original plan for the Crystal Pool.

**D.12 Lidia White: Crystal Pool**

Outlined why Council should approve Central Park as the location for a new Crystal Pool facility, and keep the old pool open while the new pool is being built.

**E. PROCLAMATIONS**

**E.1 "International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation" - February 6, 2020**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe  
**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. "International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation" - February 6, 2020

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E.2 "Eating Disorder Awareness Week" - February 1-7, 2020**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. "Eating Disorder Awareness Week" - February 1-7, 2020

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**F. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS**

**F.1 1216 Richardson Street: Development Variance Permit Application No. 00231**

Development Variance Permit Application No. 00231:

The City of Victoria will be considering the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for the land known as 1216 Richardson Street, for the purpose of varying certain requirements of the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw*.

**F.1.a Opportunity for Public Comment & Consideration of Approval:**

Alec Johnston (Senior Planner): *Advised that the application is to convert the existing building to four dwelling units.*

*Mayor Helps opened the opportunity for public comment at 7:21 p.m.*

Mark Houston (Applicant): Provided information regarding the application.

*There were no persons present to speak to the proposed application.*

*Mayor Helps closed the opportunity for public comment at 7:23 p.m.*

**Moved By** Mayor Helps  
**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00231 for 1216 Richardson Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped September 17, 2019.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
  - a. Reduce the parking requirement from four stalls to three stalls.
3. The Development on Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G.1 Katie Fillion: Crystal Pool/ Central Park**

Outlined why Council should locate the new Crystal Pool facility in the parking lot at 940 Caledonia Avenue.

**G.2 Sally Chaster: Eating Disorders and the Importance of the City's Proclamation**

Outlined why Council should approve the proclamation, "Eating Disorders Awareness Week".

- G.3 Karmen McNamara: Crystal Pool**  
Outlined why Council should build the Crystal Pool in Central Park, according to the original design.
- G.4 Peter Denby: Replacement of Finlayson Turf**  
Outlined why Council should reinstate the original plan for two full turf fields at Topaz Park.
- G.5 Rick Hoogendoorn: Finalyson Turf Field (Topaz Park Redevelopment)**  
Outlined why Council should maintain a minimum of four soccer pitches at Topaz Park, with a minimum of one full-sized turf field, and resurface that.
- G.6 Teale Phelps Bondaroff: Support for Universal Health Coverage for Prescription Contraception in BC**  
Along with Bree Gardiner, outlined why Council should support the resolution calling on the provincial government to make all prescription contraception universally available at no cost.
- G.7 Michelle Furlong-Goos**  
Outlined why Council should build a new Crystal Pool before the current pool breaks down.
- G.8 Shauna Fenwick: Crystal Pool Replacement**  
Outlined why Council should replace Crystal Pool before the existing one breaks down.

*Council recessed from 8:02 p.m. to 8:08 p.m.*

- G.9 Tara Wild: Replacement of Crystal Pool**  
Outlined why Council should replace Crystal Pool before the existing one breaks down.
- G.10 Alison Smith: Crystal Pool - Fitness Facilities that Complement Social Services Facilities**  
Outlined why Council should examine the success or failure of dual facilities within a local vicinity that provide social services in one, and fitness services in another.
- G.11 Derry McDonell: Crystal Pool Replacement Project**  
Outlined why Council should give final approval to the Central Park location for a new pool facility.
- G.12 Dawn Wilson: Crystal Pool and Fitness Center**  
Outlined why Council should return to the original plan of siting the new pool in Central Park and move forward with this project.
- G.13 Laura Rincon: Topaz Park Plans**  
Outlined why Council should keep the Finlayson Turf field.
- G.14 Steven Allen: Crystal Pool Design and Location**  
Outlined why Council should move forward with the 2018 Crystal Pool plan.

**G.16 Julie Barnes: Crystal Pool**

Outlined why Council should implement the original plan created to replace the Crystal Pool in Central Park.

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**H.1 Letter from the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship**

A letter of response dated December 13, 2019, thanking the Mayor for congratulating them on their appointment as Minister.

**Moved By** Councillor Dubow  
**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That the correspondence dated December 13, 2019 from the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**H.2 Letter from the North Coast Regional District**

A letter of response dated December 16, 2019 addressed to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, expressing support for the City's resolutions which did not make it onto the floor of the UBCM Convention.

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday  
**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That the correspondence dated December 16, 2019 from the North Coast Regional District be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**H.3 Letter from the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food**

A letter of response dated December 30, 2019, thanking the Mayor for congratulating them on their reappointment as Minister.

**Moved By** Councillor Dubow  
**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That the correspondence dated December 30, 2019 from the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**H.4 Letter from the Assistant Deputy Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure**

A letter of response dated January 3, 2020 regarding the City of Victoria's Go Victoria strategy.

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the correspondence dated January 3, 2020 from the Assistant Deputy Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**H.5 Letter from the City of Campbell River**

A letter of response dated January 8, 2020, acknowledging receipt of the City's letter requesting support of UBCM resolutions regarding safer drug supplies and observed inhalation sites.

**Moved By** Councillor Dubow  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the correspondence dated January 8, 2020 from the City of Campbell River be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**H.6 Letter from the Minister of Finance**

A letter of response dated January 15, 2020, regarding the initiatives currently underway in Victoria to address housing affordability and the wish to work with the Government of Canada to implement these projects.

**Moved By** Councillor Dubow  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the correspondence dated January 15, 2020 from the Minister of Finance be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**I.1 Committee of the Whole**

**I.1.a Report from the January 16, 2020 COTW Meeting**

**I.1.a.a Council Meeting Schedule Amendment**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the meeting schedule be amended to reschedule the February 20, 2020 Town Hall meeting to February 4, 2020 to be held in the afternoon.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I.1.a.b Council Member Motion - Attendance at the Crab Fest, Port Angeles, October 12, 2019**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That Council retroactively authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Loveday who attended Crab Fest, lunch and a tour of the City with Mayor Dexter held in Port Angeles, October 12th, 2019.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I.1.a.c Council Member Motion - Attendance at Ottawa Ministerial Meetings**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Mayor Lisa Helps to travel to Ottawa for meetings with Federal Ministers.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I.1.a.d Victoria Civic Heritage Trust**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That Council receive this presentation for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I.1.a.e Downtown Heritage Buildings Seismic Upgrade Fund**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow



That Council authorize a grant from the Downtown Heritage Seismic Upgrade Fund to the Victoria Civic Heritage Trust (VCHT) equal to the current and pending amounts in the fund to support its Seismic Parapet Incentive Program subject to the VCHT entering into a grant agreement on the terms acceptable to the Director of Finance and in the form acceptable to the City Solicitor.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I.1.a.f Council Member Motion - Advocacy to Increase Tipping Fees for International Solid Waste to Preserve Capacity of the Hartland Landfill**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That Council:

1. Requests that the Capital Regional District amend the Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw to increase the tipping fee for disposal of international solid waste from cruise ships and other sources.
2. Directs staff to engage the CRD on this potential bylaw amendment.
3. Requests that the Mayor write to the CRD Board, copying Mayors and Councils of municipalities in the region, requesting favourable consideration of this request.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

**CARRIED (6 to 1)**

**I.1.a.g Application for a New Liquor Primary Licence Kwench Culture Club at 2031 Store Street**

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday

**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 Kwench Culture Club located at 2031 Store Street having hours of operation from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm daily with a total occupant load of 265 people. Providing the following comments on the prescribed considerations:
  - a. The impact of noise on the community near the establishment was considered in relation to the request and noise impacts are expected to be proportional to existing licence capacity and associated noise levels in the

vicinity. Kwench Culture Club's primary business focus is not the service of alcohol. The primary business focus is to provide a one-stop, multi-service work club that provides office space, fitness facilities, creative studio space and food services. Approval of the licence is not expected to result in unacceptable levels of noise in due to the primary focus of business and hours of operation.

- b. If the application is approved, the impact on the community is expected to be positive economically as the approval supports the business plan to provide a unique interpretation of large-scale office facilities available to small businesses oriented to towards this model of office environment.
- 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 two letters in response to the notification that went to 56 owners and occupants. One letter stated opposition and the other was from the Burnside Gorge Residents Association, and they have no objection to the application.
- d. Council recommends the license be approved.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **I.1.a.h Setback Regulation for Retaining Walls and Other Structures on Waterfront Properties**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

- 1. That staff bring forward, for first and second readings, the attached Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 20-002 to add a regulation that applies building setbacks to garden suites, accessory buildings, outdoor features and retaining walls on waterfront properties with residential development.
- 2. That, subject to Council approving the related 2020 Supplemental Budget request, Council direct staff to undertake a second phase of this work, including initiating work on the creation of an environmental protection Development Permit Area for residential shoreline properties, delegating authority for staff to review and approve Development Permit Applications that are consistent with design guidelines, as well as small variances within this area, and begin work on incorporating provisions of the Fence Bylaw into the Zoning Regulation Bylaw.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I.1.b Report from the January 23, 2020 COTW Meeting**

**I.1.b.a 2330 Government Street: Application for a Lounge  
Endorsement to a Manufacturer's License (brewing) for  
Vancouver Island Brewing (Burnside)**

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday  
**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

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**

**I.1.b.b Local Government Recommendation for Pacificanna at 1560-1564 Fairfield Road**

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday

**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

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**

**I.1.b.c Council Member Motion - Support for Universal Health Coverage for Prescription Contraception in British Columbia**

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

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**

**I.1.b.d Topaz Park Improvement Plan Construction Funding**

**Moved By** Councillor Young

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

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)**

**I.1.b.e 844 Johnson Street: Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00056 (Downtown)**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**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. 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 (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Isitt, and Councillor Thornton-Joe

**CARRIED (5 to 2)**

**I.1.b.f 1700 Blanshard Street: Development Permit with Variances  
Application No. 00106 (Downtown)**

**Moved By** Councillor Young

**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

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)**

**I.1.b.g 805 Gordon Street: Application for Entertainment  
Endorsement for the Union Club of British Columbia's Food  
Primary Licence (Downtown)**

**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**

**I.1.b.h MFABC Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund**

**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**

**I.1.b.i Council Member Motion - Endorsement of Declaration of Solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en People**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

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)**

**I.1.b.j Council Member Motion - AVICC and UBCM Advocacy  
Motions Passed by the Renters' Advisory Committee**

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That Council receive and consider each of the following three motions separately:

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 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.

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Mayor Helps  
**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That the motion be amended by changing the title to:

Title: **Amendments to the Residential Tenancy Act With Respect to Standards of Maintenance**

**Amendment to the amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That the amendment be amended, as follows:

Title: **Amendments Amending to the Residential Tenancy Act to Strengthen With Respect to Standards of Maintenance Standards**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**On the amendment:**  
**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: Amending the Residential Tenancy Act to Strengthen Maintenance Standards

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 Dubow

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

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.

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Dubow

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That the motion be amended, as follows:

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~~ reduce “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~~ reduce “no pet” clauses in lease agreements in British Columbia.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Mayor Helps

That the last paragraph of the motion be amended as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province amend the Residential Tenancy Act to reduce “no pet” clauses in lease agreements in British Columbia, **as long as responsible ownership and animal welfare issues are also considered.**

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Loveday

**CARRIED (6 to 1)**

**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:

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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 reduce “no pet” clauses in lease agreements in British Columbia, as long as responsible ownership and animal welfare issues are also considered.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Loveday

**CARRIED (6 to 1)**

#### **I.1.b.d Topaz Park Improvement Plan Construction Funding**

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

Allocate \$3.25 million from the Building Infrastructure Reserve Fund to complete the construction of a skateboard park, bike park, and related supporting infrastructure.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **K. BYLAWS**

##### **K.1 Bylaws for 1442 Elford Street: Rezoning Application No. 00703**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That the following bylaw **be given first and second readings:**

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1212) No. 20-005

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following bylaw **be given first and second readings:**  
1. Heritage Designation (1442 Elford Street) Bylaw No. 20-004

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following bylaw **be given first, second, and third readings:**  
1. Housing Agreement (1442 Elford Street) Bylaw (2020) No. 20-006

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**K.2 Bylaw for 1017-1023 Cook Street: Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00119**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following bylaw **be given first, second, and third readings:**  
1. Housing Agreement (1017-1023 Cook Street) Bylaw (2020) No. 20-008

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**K.3 Bylaw for 2020 Temporary Borrowing**

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday  
**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That the following bylaw **be adopted:**  
1. Temporary Borrowing Bylaw, 2020 No. 20-003

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**N. QUESTION PERIOD**  
A question period was held.

**Motion:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

That Al Gallepe be allowed to address Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Al Gallepe: Crystal Pool**

Outlined to Council why Central Park is not an appropriate location for a new Crystal Pool facility.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That the Council meeting adjourn.

TIME: 9:15 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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MAYOR