



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 30, 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 Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Young

ABSENT: Councillor Alto

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, C. Coates - City Clerk, 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. Hudson - Assistant Director of Community Planning, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, B. Stark – Manager of Parks Operations, P. Angelblazer - Committee Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the agenda of the January 30, 2020, Committee of the Whole meeting be amended as follows:

Consent Agenda:

C.1 Minutes from the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held January 17, 2020

C.2 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 16, 2020

H.1 Council Member Motion – Endorsement of a Universal School Food Program for BC

H.3 Council Member Motion – Advocacy for Partnerships for Fare-Free Public Transit

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That item H.3 Advocacy for Partnerships for Fare-Free Public Transit be forwarded to the January 30, 2020 Council to Follow Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following items be approved without further debate

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.1 Minutes from the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held January 17, 2020

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the minutes from the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held January 17th, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.2 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 16th, 2020

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 16th be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1 Council Member Motion - Endorsement of a Universal School Food Program for BC

Council received a report dated January 16th, 2020 from Councillors Loveday and Isitt seeking Council support to endorse efforts to advocate for a universal, cost-shared healthy school food program.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the City of Victoria endorse the efforts of the Coalition for Healthy School Food to advocate for a universal, cost-shared healthy school food program. This support is based on a shared belief that all children and youth in British Columbia should have daily access to healthy food at school.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.3 Council Member Motion - Advocacy for Partnerships for Fare-Free Public Transit

Council received a report dated January 24th, 2020 from Councillors Dubow, Isitt, Loveday, and Potts seeking Council support for a resolution to be sent to AVICC advocating for the Province to introduce fare-free public transit services where communities support the elimination of user-fee barriers to public transit ridership.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, the Union of BC Municipalities and member local governments, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Partnerships for Fare-Free Public Transit

WHEREAS equitable access to mobility is fundamental to full and meaningful participation in local communities, including access to education, employment, services, recreation, culture and community life;

AND WHEREAS emissions from transportation generate a majority of community-based emissions in many communities, meaning that changes in transportation options have the potential to have a substantial impact in reducing green-house gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS forward-looking jurisdictions around the world from Kingston, Ontario to Kansas City, Missouri, to Luxembourg and Estonia are eliminating user-fee barriers to public transit

ridership, with residents paying for transit services through the tax system rather than at the fare box;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia work with local governments to introduce fare-free public transit services where communities support the elimination of user-fee barriers to public transit ridership.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 2019 Annual Progress Report: Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan

Council received a report dated January 23rd, 2020 from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, providing Council with an overview of the actions completed and initiated in 2019 associated with the Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Victoria as a garden city*
- *City Hall plantings along Pandora Avenue*
- *Plantings at Beacon Hill Park*
- *Rapidity of conversion to indigenous plantings*

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council approve an exemption for high-profile garden locations from the city-wide garden bed naturalization program including the north-west corner of Topaz Park, the planters along Government Street and Belleville Street, as well as at the cenotaph in Pioneer Square.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council approve an exemption for high-profile garden locations from the city-wide garden bed naturalization program including the north-west corner of Topaz Park, the planters along Government Street and Belleville Street, **the garden along Pandora Avenue in front of City Hall** as well as at the cenotaph in Pioneer Square.

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Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council approve an exemption for high-profile garden locations from the city-wide garden bed naturalization program including the north-west corner of Topaz Park, ~~the~~ **a portion of the** planters along Government Street and Belleville Street, as well as at the cenotaph in Pioneer Square.

FOR (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Dubow

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Young

CARRIED (5 to 2)

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.2 Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw

Council received a report dated January 24, 2020 from the Director of Engineering & Public Works and the City Solicitor providing Council with an updated version of the previously adopted Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw with a recommendation to give three readings at the following daytime Council meeting, forward the bylaw to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, and subsequently approve.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Community support for the bylaw.*
- *Next steps for advocacy.*
- *Household waste practices.*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council:

1. Give three readings to Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw No. 20-025 ("Bylaw") at the daytime meeting of Council on January 30, 2020;
2. Direct the City Clerk to forward the Bylaw to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for approval in accordance with section 9 of the Community Charter, and
3. Adopt the Bylaw once it has received approval of the Minister.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the item be forwarded to the January 30, 2020 Council Meeting to follow Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.2 Council Member Motion - Expansion of Youth Bus Pass Program

Council received a report dated January 24th, 2020 from Councillors Dubow, Isitt, Loveday, and Potts seeking Council support for an endorsement of a regional pilot program to provide fare-free public transit for youth, and for requesting that the Victoria Regional Transit Commission reconsider the initiation of a fare-free public transit program for youth.

Committee discussed the following:

- *How other municipalities, boards, and commissions might vote if given a second opportunity.*
- *Economies of scale.*

Councillor Thornton-Joe left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Helps left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Councillor Young assumed the Chair.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council endorses the following resolution and directs staff to forward a copy to Victoria Regional Transit Commission for consideration at its meeting of February 25, 2020:

The City of Victoria:

1. Endorses the initiation of a pilot program to provide fare-free public transit for youth across the Capital Region, to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and promote transit ridership and sustainable mobility from an early age.
2. Requests that the Victoria Regional Transit Commission reconsider at its February 25, 2020 meeting the initiation of a pilot program beginning in 2020 to provide fare-free public transit to people 18 years and younger in the Capital Region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR