



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

May 14, 2020, 12:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Centennial Square

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PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow,
Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe,
Councillor Young

PRESENT
ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Isitt

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager /
Director of Finance, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, C. Coates - City Clerk ,
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, C.
Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive
Operations, P. Martin - Council Secretary, A. Ferguson -
Committee Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The City Clerk outlined amendments to the agenda.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the agenda be amended by adding item H.1.b, the May 14, 2020 COTW Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. READING OF MINUTES

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the minutes from the special council meeting held April 20, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.1 Valentina Lawrence: Tent City on the Greenspace Outside My Front Door

The City Clerk read a written submission outlining concerns regarding the Tent City in Topaz Park.

C.2 Keith Cherry: Green and Just Recovery from Covid

Outlined why Council should support the motion, Moving Forward, Not Backward: A Regional Agenda for Caring, Low-Carbon Communities After Covid-19 proposal.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

D.1 “National Missing Children’s Month and Missing Children’s Day” - May 2020 and May 25, 2020

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. “National Missing Children’s Month and Missing Children’s Day” - May 2020 and May 25, 2020

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.2 “Falun Dafa Day” - May 13, 2020

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. “Falun Dafa Day” - May 13, 2020

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.3 “Do Something Good For Your Neighbour Day” - May 16, 2020

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. “Do Something Good For Your Neighbour Day” - May 16, 2020

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS

E.1 650 Speed Avenue: Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00016

Leanne Taylor (Senior Planner): *Advised that the application is to convert the existing motel to supportive housing for two years, and that the standard practice of holding an opportunity for public comment in Council Chambers has been waived by Council for this application as it is not required by legislation.*

E.1.a Opportunity for Public Comment & Consideration of Approval

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council authorize the issuance of Temporary Use Permit Application No.00016 for 650 Speed Avenue in accordance with plans submitted to the Sustainable Planning and Community Development department, date stamped April 2, 2020, to permit the additional use of multiple dwelling, subject to the following conditions:

- i. No less than 15 parking spaces shall be provided for residents.
- ii. The planting beds in the front and rear yards shall be cleaned up and reinstated.
- iii. The Temporary Use Permit, if issued, expires two years from the date of this resolution.

Council discussed the following:

- *How the Victoria Cool Aid Society will be working to alleviate the immediate neighbours' concerns.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G.1 1023 Tolmie Avenue: Rezoning Application No. 00672 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00097

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Rezoning Application No. 00672

That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw

Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00672 for 1023 Tolmie Avenue, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set.

Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00097

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00097, if it is approved, consider the following motion: That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00097 for 1023 Tolmie Avenue, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped April 6, 2020.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the front yard setback on the south lot from 6.0m to 4.2m to the building and 3.0m to the deck;
 - ii. reduce the rear yard setback on the south lot from 6.0m to 3.5m;
 - iii. reduce the south side yard setback on the south lot from 2.4m to 1.5m for any portion of a dwelling used for habitable space and which has a habitable window; and
 - iv. reduce the south side yard setback on the north lot from 2.4m to 1.73m for any portion of a dwelling used for habitable space and which has a habitable window.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.2 1700 Blanshard Street: Update Report - Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00106

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council consider the following revised 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 April 24, 2020.
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. increase the balcony encroachment into the setback from 0.6 to 2.0 metres on Blanshard Street above the twentieth storey
 - iii. reduce the building setback above 10m from 2.26 to 0.5 metres, measured at the highest building elevation on Fisgard Street
 - iv. reduce the setback above 10m from 12.35 to 6.20 metres, above the fifteenth storey on Herald Street
 - v. increase the balcony encroachment into the setback from 0.6m to 2.8 metres on Herald Street above the twentieth storey
 - vi. reduce the number of on-site short-term bicycle stalls from thirty-one to sixteen.

- vii. Registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way on Blanshard Street to secure passage over the fronting sidewalk.
- 3. Registration of an Encroachment agreement for building canopies.
- 4. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.”

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

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (6 to 2)

G.3 Letter from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

A letter dated March 27, 2020, regarding the Provincial responses to Council's 2019 resolutions.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the correspondence dated March 27, 2020 from the Union of BC Municipalities be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.4 Rise and Report

G.4.a From the February 20, 2020 Closed Council Meeting

Land - 750 and 752 Douglas Street - New Lease

That Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a lease with Max Wright Real Estate (Incorporation No. BC0675428), dba (Sotheby's International Realty Canada) for two (2) adjoining retail units located at 750 and 752 Douglas Street, in a form satisfactory to the City Clerk and the City Solicitor, for a period of five (5) years commencing February 29, 2020 which terms will reflect a combined base rent of \$62,018.00 per annum for the first two (2) years rising to \$64,802.80 per annum for the remaining three (3) years, subject to the publication of the statutory notices required by the Community Charter.

G.4.b From the March 12, 2020 Closed Council Meeting

Appointment – External Grant Review Committee

That Council:

Appoint Chris Tilden to the External Grant Review Committee for a two-year cycle,

Appoint Alan Humphries and Serena Klaver to the External Plan Grant Review Committee for a one-year cycle.

H. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

H.1 Committee of the Whole

H.1.a Report from the May 7, 2020 COTW Meeting

H.1.a.a 2019 Financial Statements

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council approve the 2019 Financial Statements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.a.b Downtown Victoria Business Association 2020 Budget

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council receive the presentation for information and approve the 2020 DVBA Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.a.c Council Member Motion - 2020 Financial Plan Review - COVID-19

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council amend the April 9, 2020 Financial Plan motion item (g) to:
That Council review and consider amendments to the 2020 budget at the August 6, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting with specific attention to the tables on pages 7 and 9 of this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Helps withdrew from the meeting at 12:30 p.m. due to a potential pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item, as she lives in close proximity.

Councillor Loveday assumed the Chair in her absence.

H.1.a.d 1230 Grant Street, 1209, 1218, 1219, 1220, 1226 North Park Street, 1219 Vining Street, 1235 Caledonia Avenue and 1211 Gladstone Avenue: Rezoning Application No. 00715, Development Permit Application No. 00567 and Associated OCP Amendment (Fernwood)

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

Rezoning Application No. 00715 and associated Official
Community Plan Amendment

1. That Council instruct the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development to prepare the necessary Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw in accordance with Section 475 of the *Local Government Act* and the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendments that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00715 for 1230 Grant Street, 1209, 1218, 1219, 1220 and 1226 North Park Street, 1219 Vining Street, 1235 Caledonia Avenue and 1211 Gladstone Avenue, and change the OCP designation from Public Facilities, Institutions, Parks and Open Space and Traditional Residential to Urban Residential
2. That first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendments be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set once the following conditions are met:
 - a. Preparation and execution of the appropriate legal agreements executed by the applicant in order to secure the following:
 - i. a housing agreement to ensure the residential rental units remain affordable or below market in perpetuity in accordance with the City's definition of affordability and below market in the *Victoria Housing Strategy 2016-2025* (Phase Two: 2019-2022)
 - ii. that the applicant provides a minimum of 14 three-bedroom, eight four-bedroom dwelling units, 15 accessible dwelling units in accordance with in accordance with CAN/CSA-B651-95, the National Standard of Canada for barrier-free design, and private amenity space with a minimum floor area of 139m²
 - iii. a Statutory Right-of-Way of 3.928m on Grant Street and 1.90m on Vining Street be registered on title to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works
 - iv. a Statutory Right-of-Way of 10.85m along the proposed driveway at Grant Street be registered on title to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works
 - v. construction of a vehicle turnaround on Grant Street adjacent to the subject properties to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works
 - vi. construction of community gardens or contribution of cash in lieu equivalent to the installation of such gardens within the 145m² road closure area on the north side of North Park Street in consultation with the Fernwood Community Association and the Compost Education Centre and to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development and Director of Engineering and Public Works

- vii. construction of an 8m wide greenway on the Victoria High lands adjacent to the development site in accordance with the plans dated April 6, 2020 to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities and the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development
- 3. That adoption of the zoning bylaw amendment will not take place until all of the required legal agreements that are registrable in the Land Title Office have been so registered
- 4. That the applicant provide a revised site plan and civil drawing showing a Grant Street turnaround to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities
- 5. That Council consider who is affected by the proposed changes to the Official Community Plan and determine, pursuant to Section 475(1) of the *Local Government Act* that the affected persons, organizations and authorities are those property owners and occupiers within a 200m radius of the subject properties.
- 6. That Council provide an opportunity for consultation pursuant to section 475 of the Local Government Act and direct the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development to:
 - i. mail a notice of the proposed OCP Amendment to the affected persons; and
 - ii. post a notice on the City's website inviting affected persons, organizations and authorities to ask questions of staff and provide written or verbal comments to Council for their consideration
- 7. That Council specifically consider whether consultation is required under Section 475(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act*, and determine that no referrals are necessary with the Capital Regional District Board, Councils of Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich, the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations, the School District Board, and the provincial and federal governments and their agencies because the proposed OCP amendment does not affect them
- 8. That Council direct the Director of Engineering and Public Works to bring forward for Council's consideration, a report and bylaws for road closures and necessary restructuring on Vining St and North Park St to accommodate the project
- 9. That Recommendations 1 to 8 be adopted on the condition that they create no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, no obligation on the part of the City or its officials, and any expenditure of funds is at the risk of the person making the expenditure.

Development Permit Application No. 000567

That, subject to:

- 1. the preparation and execution of legal agreements to secure housing affordability, unit types, accessible dwelling units, and

amenity space, Statutory Right-of-Ways, and the construction of a greenway, to the satisfaction of the Director of Community Planning and Sustainable Development and Director of Engineering and Public Works.

2. revisions to the driveway and underground parkade entrance of the four-storey, multi-unit residential building on Grant Street to accommodate the Grant Street turnaround, to the satisfaction of the Director of Community Planning and Sustainable Development and Director of Engineering and Public Works.

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 Application No. 000567 for 1230 Grant Street, 1209, 1218, 1219, 1220 and 1226 North Park Street, 1219 Vining Street, 1235 Caledonia Avenue and 1211 Gladstone Avenue, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped April 6, 2020.
2. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.”

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

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Mayor Helps returned to the meeting at 12:42 p.m. and assumed the Chair.

H.1.a.e601 Trutch Street: Rezoning Application No. 00678 and Heritage Alteration Permit with Variances Application No. 00012 (Fairfield)

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council refer back to staff to discuss with applicant staff concerns, comments made by Council and the CALUC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council recessed the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Council reconvened the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Councillor Potts was not present at the time the meeting reconvened.

H.1.b Report from the May 14, 2020 COTW Meeting

H.1.b.a Victoria 3.0 - Recovery Reinvention Resilience - 2020-2041

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council:

1. Adopt Victoria 3.0 – Recovery Reinvention Resilience – 2020-2041
2. Forward proposed 2021 actions to staff for consideration as part of the 2021 budget process.
3. That Council receives an annual report on the implementation of Victoria 3.0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b.b Open Air Recovery – Support for Restaurants and Cafes in Public Spaces

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council direct staff to report back with options for flexible, innovative, and expedited permitting of patios in public spaces for restaurants and other establishments once public health restrictions have been loosened in order to promote economic recovery, taking into consideration accessibility impacts, needs for appropriate physical distancing, and ample room for pedestrians in high-traffic areas and livability for residents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b.c Supporting the Recovery of the Arts and Culture Sector

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

1. That Council move forward at this time with the previously approved 2020 Create Victoria actions related to the creation of a Cultural Infrastructure Grant fund, Cultural Spaces Roadmap, and the new staff position for implementing *Create Victoria*
2. That Council direct staff to report back with options for a special round of grants to:
 - a. Encourage events with alternative formats that build community and social connection while allowing for physical distancing;
 - b. Once restrictions are lifted, events to bring people back downtown, support arts and culture, and inject economic vibrancy back into the core and village centres.

3. That the City of Victoria provide a \$5000 grant to the Pro Art Alliance of Greater Victoria for the creation of a City of Victoria sponsored award at the annual Pro Art Regional Arts Awards, to be aligned with the objectives of Create Victoria, to be funded from the 2020 contingency budget.
4. Staff report back on equity and inclusion at the same time as the regular report back on *Create Victoria*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b.d Increasing Physical Distancing for Pedestrians in Public Space

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to keep the physical distancing measures in place in village centres and other locations and report back to council with to further opportunities to allocate additional spaces for people to walk and roll safely in village centres and downtown in order to proactively prepare for increased pedestrian traffic as people begin to leave their homes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Direct staff to pedestrianize Beacon Hill Park while opening parking lots at Heywood Rd, Circle Drive, and Nursery Rd. and the roads that serve as their closest access points for the duration of summer. Further that Council direct staff to seek input from accessibility organizations including the AWG if that body is available, and report back with that advice, and all other input received so council can consider whether to further extend the pedestrianized approach to the park.

Council discussed the following:

- *The desire for communication from members of the public.*

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Councillor Thornton-Joe be permitted to speak a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Potts returned to the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

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

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

CARRIED (5 to 2)

H.1.b.e Extending Reduced Parking Fee Policy

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

1. Direct staff to extend the current parking fee policy, as approved April 9, 2020, through to June 15, 2020 with the option to extend, and
2. Direct staff to report back to Council on the impacts of that policy, at the June 11, 2020, meeting of Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b.f Commercial Loading Zones to Free Time Limited Zones

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council request staff to change some the Commercial Loading Zones in the City to be free time limited zones after 4 p.m. and on Sundays while leaving some spots for 3 minute passage zones or for use of seating areas for businesses if it can be achieved in a safe and accessible manner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b.g Assistance with Recovery Phase for Business

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council request that staff create temporary bylaw amendments that would:

1. Allow businesses to display and sell their merchandise in front of their business
2. Allow tables and chairs outside restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries
3. Allow businesses to use areas of public spaces or squares adjacent to a business
4. Consider how larger City spaces could be shared by businesses

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b.h COVID -19 Community Recovery Grants Program

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

1. That Council direct staff to, on an urgent basis, design and report back with options for an innovative, one time, time limited grant program that would allocate funds to organizations and/or individuals to support specific, measurable, actions to remedy a city-based business, organization, neighbourhood, or other entity directly affected by COVID-19, and in that report identify options for funding such a program and apply and report on a high level equity analysis and how those actions reflect the City's equity mandate.
2. Authorize up to \$500,000 from the 2020 contingency toward the Strategic Plan Grant Program.
3. Direct staff to initiate without delay a second intake for the Strategic Plan Grant Program for 2020, incorporating a new criterion in the evaluation of applications based on the degree to which applicants have experienced economic hardship arising from Covid-19.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b.i COVID Recovery: Housing Security

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Alto

1. That staff explore opportunities reprioritize, expedite, or amend actions within the Victoria Housing Strategy to address certain growing housing precarity within Victoria.
2. That, via council liaisons, staff solicit written recommendations from existing City Task Forces and Committees regarding potential actions to support housing security.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b.j COVID Recovery: Food security for low income tenants

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the city work with local housing providers of subsidized, low income, and supportive housing to explore avenues and partnerships to allow residents to participate in City of Victoria food security and food growing programs where they live.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b.k Recovery Town Hall

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council direct staff to hold a digital townhall in late May or early June to share the City's proposed initiatives with the public and answers questions about proposed plans and initiatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b.l Capital Projects

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded By Mayor Helps

Request staff to prepare a list of capital projects ready to go but not started or committed. These should range in cost from Crystal Pool through a second artificial turf field at Topaz to bridges on the David Foster pathway.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b.m Safe Indoor Sheltering Locations

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Request the Province to establish a safe indoor sheltering locations throughout the region with supports with sufficient capacity to meet the need of all those who are unhoused as a pathway to safe, adequate, secure, permanent housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b.n Hospitality Industry

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded By Councillor Alto

Advocate for federal and provincial programs that assist restaurants in designing physical layouts, cleaning, ventilation, and serving processes that would allow them to operate safely.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded By Councillor Alto

Respond quickly to requests by hospitality industry to changes in zoning, occupancy, etc. to allow for physical distancing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.b.o Pathway to Recovery for a Caring, Low Carbon Community

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council endorse in principle the Moving Forward, Not Backward policy statement and refer the report to the August 6, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting to inform decisions relating to the 2020 and 2021 Financial Plans.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Thornton-Joe
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 1)

H.1.b.p Food Security during COVID-19 Recovery

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council continue to support the shift toward more resilient food systems by:

1. Authorizing a grant to provide insurance to allow the Community Food Support Network hamper program to continue to operate from May 18, 2020 to August 31, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council continue to support the shift toward more resilient food systems by:

1. Endorse the continuation of the Get Growing Victoria program during the Covid-19 recovery phase, including the distribution of food plants, gardening materials and educational resources for the winter 2020-2021 growing season.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Thornton-Joe
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 1)

H.1.b.q Sustainable Transportation during COVID-19 Recovery

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council endorse the following actions for sustainable transportation during Covid-19 recovery:

1. Request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, indicating the City of Victoria's support for the following priorities for public transit during Covid-19 recovery:
 - a. Retain the current fare-free public transit program during the pandemic, to ensure driver safety, economic relief for passengers and low-carbon transport.
 - b. Deploy the existing BC Transit fleet with maximum service hours for bus and handyDart to substantially improve service and equity, alongside fast-tracking the purchase of new buses and expansion of fleet maintenance facilities.
 - c. Implement transit priority including bus lanes on existing roads, to increase transit capacity, speed and reliability at peak periods.
2. Request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Transportation, indicating the City of Victoria's support for the following priorities for public transit during Covid-19 recovery:
 - a. Job-creation investment in a third fleet maintenance facility for the Victoria Regional Transit System, to allow for major service expansion and rapid transit.
 - b. Job-creation investment in the electrification and expansion of local, regional and national inter-city bus and rail networks, under public ownership, operation and control, including bus priority lanes, LRT and other modes.

Mayor Helps separated point 1.a to be voted upon separately.

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Potts

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

OPPOSED (2): Mayor Helps, and Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 2)

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.1.c Council Member Motion - Continuation of Youth Bus Pass Program

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

1. That Council reaffirms support for the Youth Bus Pass Program and directs staff to engage BC Transit and report back to Council on funding options for continuation of the program in the September 2020 – August 2021 period.
2. That Council reaffirms its commitment to the 2019 Strategic Plan action to explore extending the fare-free transit program to include Low-Income People and Senior Citizens.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

N. CLOSED MEETING

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Young

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

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

- *Section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations;*
- *Section 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; and*
- *Section 90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

O. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the closed agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P. READING OF CLOSED MINUTES

P.1 Minutes from the special closed meeting held April 20, 2020

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the special closed minutes from April 20, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P.2 Minutes from the closed Committee of the Whole meeting held April 23, 2020

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the closed Committee of the Whole minutes from April 23, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P.3 Minutes from the closed meeting held April 23, 2020

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the closed minutes from April 23, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

S. NEW BUSINESS

S.1 Land/Intergovernmental negotiations - Community Charter Section 90(1)(e) and Section 90(2)(b)

Council discussed a land/intergovernmental negotiations item.

All staff except the City Manager were excused from the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

S.2 Employee Relations – Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)

Council discussed an employee relations matter.

U. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the Closed Council Meeting be adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR