



## MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

June 11, 2020, 3:45 P.M.

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE, VICTORIA BC**

**To be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting**

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

PRESENT VIA  
ELECTRONIC  
PARTICIPATION:

Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, 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, 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, C. Havelka -  
Deputy City Clerk, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations,  
M. Betanzo - Senior Planner, AK Ferguson - Committee Secretary,  
J. Paul - Assistant Director of Engineering, J. O'Reilly, Senior  
Planner

### **A. CONVENE COUNCIL MEETING**

### **B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

that the agenda be approved as amended

#### **Amendment:**

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

That the motions from the June 11, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting be added to the agenda at D.1.c.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C. PROCLAMATIONS**

**C.1 "World Refugee Day" - June 20, 2020**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. "World Refugee Day" - June 20, 2020

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C.2 "International Medical Cannabis Day" - June 11, 2020**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. "International Medical Cannabis Day" - June 11, 2020

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C.3 "World Refrigeration Day" - June 26, 2020**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. "World Refrigeration Day" - June 26, 2020

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C.4 "Longest Day of Smiles" - June 20, 2020**

**Moved By** Councillor Dubow

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. "Longest Day of Smiles" - June 20, 2020

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**D.1 Committee of the Whole**

**D.1.a Report from the May 28, 2020 COTW Meeting**

**D.1.a.a 1475 Fort Street - Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00120 (Rockland)**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Councillor Loveday

Subject to the applicant undertaking a CALUC community meeting that includes mail notices to owners and occupiers within 50 metres of the subject property and subject to staff providing an update report to COTW along with a revised motion reflecting any changes to the proposal.

That, subject to the preparation and execution of the following legal agreements in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor:

- a. A Housing Agreement to secure rental tenure of the dwelling units in perpetuity while allowing all or a portion of the dwelling units to be leased to a third party housing provider for non-market housing, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development
- b. A Section 219 covenant to ensure that the dwelling units are not strata titled, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development
- c. A Section 219 covenant to secure a Statutory Right-of-Way of 0.72m along Fort Street, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
- d. An agreement to secure sixteen car share memberships, to the satisfaction of the 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 with Variance Application No. 00120 for 1475 Fort Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped April 8, 2020
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
  - i. reduce the vehicle parking from 45 stalls to 26 stalls;
  - ii. reduce the visitor parking from 3 stalls to 2 stalls;

- iii. increase the building height from 12 metres to 14.39 metres;
  - iv. reduce the front setback from 10.5 metres to 1.81 metres
  - v. reduce the rear setback from 7.2 metres to 3.96 metres
  - vi. reduce the east side yard setback from 7.2 metres to 3.05 metres
  - vii. reduce the west side yard setback from 7.2 metres to 3.86 metres
  - viii. increase the site coverage from 40 percent to 47 percent
  - ix. allow for an accessory structure to be located in the front yard rather than the rear yard
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.”

FOR (5): Councillor Alto, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Dubow  
OPPOSED (3): Mayor Helps, Councillor Isitt, and Councillor Young

**CARRIED (5 to 3)**

**D.1.a.b COVID-19 Update (Verbal)**

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

That the report from the City Manager be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D.1.a.c Festival Investment Grant Report**

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

That Council direct staff to:

1. Report back with 2020 Festival Investment Grant recommendations based on organizations' programming intentions outlined in their grant applications
2. Require recipients to observe provincial health orders in their planning and delivery of cultural programming
3. Require recipients to submit final reports detailing how funds were used to pay artists, deliver cultural programming and engage audiences by December 31, 2020.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D.1.a.d Tree Preservation Bylaw Update**

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

That Council direct staff to prepare a new Tree Protection Bylaw generally consistent with this report in order to:

- a. Differentiate permit applicant types and requirements according to the complexity and magnitude of projects
- b. Clarify information required from applicants for tree removal permit applications
- c. Define tree retention and replacement requirements to maintain a stable or expanding tree canopy, consisting of new tree replacement ratios, tree planting standards, and tree density targets
- d. Update the requirements for security deposits and update tree permit application fees
- e. Require modification or relocation of proposed building footprints or structures within the zoning setbacks, to retain protected trees
- f. Establish transition provisions to apply the new bylaw in order to minimize impacts to existing applications
- g. Repeal the existing Tree Preservation Bylaw No. 05-106.

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

**CARRIED (7 to 1)**

**D.1.b Report from the June 4, 2020 COTW Meeting**

**D.1.b.a Create Victoria Progress Report**

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

That Council receive this report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Isitt left the meeting at 3:56 pm.

### **D.1.b.b Curbside Fees for Parking Stands and Yellow Curb Use**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That Council:

1. Approve the suspension of Parking Stand fees for Horse Drawn Carriages for 2020
2. Approve the suspension of Parking Stand fees for Sightseeing vehicles for 2020.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **D.1.c Report from the June 11, 2020 COTW Meeting**

#### **D.1.c.a Parks and Recreation COVID-19 Recovery Plan**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That Council approve the Parks and Recreation COVID-19 Recovery Plan (Attachment A), with implementation commencing on June 12, 2020.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **D.1.c.b Proposed Adjustments to Parking Fees**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council:

1. Extend the reduced parking fees as follows:
  - a. Reduced rates in all parkades:
    - i. Daily rate - \$1 per hour with the 1st hour free
    - ii. Monthly rate - \$85
    - iii. Daily rate maximum of \$5 in all parkades excluding the Yates Street Parkade and Centennial Square Parkade, which would have a maximum of \$9 per day
  - b. Reduced on-street metered rates:
    - i. In the 90 minute zone- \$2 per hour, and reinstate the time limit to 90 minutes
    - ii. All other zones- \$1 per hour, with no time limits
  - c. Reduced parking lot rates - \$1 per hour with a \$5 daily maximum

- d. Suspend enforcement of unmetered time-limited zones, except for 30 minute zones
2. Direct staff to report back as soon as parking capacity becomes a challenge with proposed policy changes for Council's consideration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D.1.c.c Council Member Motion - Welcoming Cities Task Force**

**Moved By** Councillor Dubow

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

1. That Council allocated \$40,000 from the Mayor and Council travel budget to the Welcoming Cities Initiative.
2. That Council direct staff to extend the application phase for three more weeks and promote the opportunity to submit applications.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E. BYLAWS**

**E.1 Bylaw for 11 Chown Place: Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00132**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

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

1. Housing Agreement (11 Chown Place) Bylaw (2020) No. 20-038

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E.2 Bylaw for 1009 Southgate Street: Heritage Designation Application No. 000190**

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

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

1. Heritage Designation (1009 Southgate Street) Bylaw No. 20-073

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**F. CLOSED MEETING**

**Moved By** Councillor Dubow  
**Seconded By** Councillor Young

MOTION TO CLOSE THE JUNE 11, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and*
- *Section 90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

**K.1 Legal Advice – Community Charter Section 90(1)(i)**

This item was referred to the June 25, 2020 meeting.

**K.2 Litigation – Community Charter Section 90(1)(g)**

Council received a report regarding a Litigation matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

All staff, except the City Manager, were excused from the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

**K.3 Employee Relations – Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)**

Council discussed an employee relations matter.



**M. ADJOURNMENT**

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

That the Council meeting adjourn.

Time: 5:31 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR