



## MINUTES – SPECIAL VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

June 4, 2020, 2:40 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE, VICTORIA BC

Special Council Meeting

To be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

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

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, C. Coates - City Clerk, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, P. Bellefontaine - Acting Director of Engineering & Public Works, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, A. Hudson - Assistant Director of Community Planning, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, A. James - Head of Strategic Operations, P. Angelblazer - Committee Secretary

### B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto  
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### D. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### D.1 Committee of the Whole

##### D.1.a Report from the June 4, 2020 Special Committee of the Whole

##### D.1.a.a COVID-19 Recovery Motions Report Back

##### D.1.a.a.a Appendix A – H.1.c. Supporting the Recovery of the Arts and Culture Sector:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

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**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That Council:

- Direct staff to shift funding allocated for the Cultural Infrastructure and Cultural Space Roadmap towards a one-time only Everyday Creativity Grant program during COVID pandemic.
- Direct staff to report back on the Everyday Creativity Grant program criteria and process by end of June 2020.
- That funding for the cultural spaces grant program and art spaces roadmap be allocated as part of the 2021 budget.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D.1.a.a.b Appendix B – H.1.h. COVID -19 Community Recovery Grants Program**

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

That Council authorize:

1. An increase in the funding for the My Great Neighbourhood COVID-19 grant stream by \$100,000 funded from 2020 contingencies.
2. A rolling intake from June to December 2020, giving the City Manager the decision-making power to approve the grants following an internal staff review.
3. A grant threshold up to \$5000 per grant application to best support as many city-based business, organization, neighbourhood, or other entity directly affected by COVID-19.
4. An increase in the funding for the current intake of the Strategic Plan Grants by \$100,000 and that unspent funds from the Canada Day Special Duty policing, first 3 officers for special events, coordinated implementation of Pandora Task Force, Protocol and Reconciliation Dialogues totaling \$310,000 to be repurposed for the strategic plan grants second intake and the remaining amount would come from the 2020 contingency.

Direct staff to undertake a second round of Strategic Plan grants of up to \$250,000 with an exclusive focus on recovery projects,

- that Council review the applications;
- that the due date is July 15, 2020; and,
- that funds are dispersed as soon as is practicable.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D.1.a.a.c Appendix C – H.1.i. COVID Recovery Housing Security**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That Council endorse the following Victoria Housing Strategy priorities in 2020 to improve housing security as part of COVID-19 recovery:

1. Advance and support the rapid supply of affordable and supportive housing in the neighbourhoods throughout the city, with government partners and non-profit housing providers;
2. Bring forward an expanded Rental Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw for consideration;
3. Develop a Rental Property Licensing Bylaw to prevent renovations and demovictions;
4. Explore the creation of a non-profit administered rent bank on a pilot basis.

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)**

**D.1.a.a.d Appendix D – H.1.I. Capital Projects**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Dubow

That Council receive the following for information.

That Council direct staff to share all of these projects with the Federal Ministry of Infrastructure and Communities and find out which ones are most likely to be funded and report

back to Council with a prioritized list based on the Ministry's feedback.

**Amendment:**

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

Including the skate and bike park at Topaz Park and Heron point and Raynor Point Bridges

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**On the main motion as amended:**

That Council receive the following for information.

That Council direct staff to share all of these projects with the Federal Ministry of Infrastructure and Communities and find out which ones are most likely to be funded and report back to Council with a prioritized list based on the Ministry's feedback including the skate and bike park at Topaz Park and Heron point and Raynor Point Bridges.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D.1.a.a.e Appendix E – H.1.b. Open Air Recovery –Support for Restaurants and Cafes in Public Spaces**

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

That Council endorse the proposed program described in Appendix E - H.1.b. *Open Air Recovery – Support for Restaurants and Cafes in Public Spaces.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D.1.a.a.f Appendix E - H.1.d. Increasing Physical Distancing for Pedestrians in Public Space**

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

That Council endorse the proposed programs to provide additional space for physical distancing for pedestrians.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

That Council endorse the proposed closure for the section along Fort and View Street.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts,

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

**CARRIED (6 to 2)**

**D.1.a.a.g Appendix E – H.1.g. Assistance with Recovery Phase for Business and H.1.n Hospitality Industry**

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

That Council adopt the proposed *Business Recovery from Pandemic Bylaw* that would:

- Temporarily delegate all Development Permits and Heritage Alteration Permits proposing outdoor commercial use, with or without parking variances, to staff subject to the applicant providing the City with an irrevocable undertaking to remove any construction or alteration authorized by the Permit within six months and to restore the property to its current conditions.
- Waive fees for all delegated Development Permits and Heritage Alteration Permits proposing outdoor commercial use, with or without parking variances.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D.1.a.a.h Appendix E - H.1.f. Commercial Loading Zones to Free Time Limited Zones**

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

That Council endorse the approach to commercial loading zones described below within the context of broader demands for these zones plus potential for use to support Covid19 recovery efforts.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D.1.a.a.i Appendix E - Liquor Licensing changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Moved By** Councillor Loveday  
**Seconded By** Councillor Potts

That Council direct staff to inform the General Manager of the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch in writing that Council pre-approves all liquor primary and manufacturer establishments in the City of Victoria who may apply for expanded liquor service area before October 31, 2020.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E. BYLAWS**

**E.1 Vehicles for Hire Bylaw**

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

That Council:

1. Give first, second, and third readings to Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 21), No. 20-071
2. Reconsider and adopt Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 21), No. 20-071

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E.2 Business Recovery from Pandemic Bylaw**

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

That Council:

1. Give first, second, and third readings to Business Recovery from Pandemic Bylaw, No. 20-072
2. Reconsider and adopt Business Recovery from Pandemic Bylaw, No. 20-072

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

F. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto  
**Seconded By** Councillor Potts

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

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