



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

July 16, 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 Alto, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Young

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Isitt, 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. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, L. Van Den Dolder - Assistant City Solicitor, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, M. Fedyczkowska - Legislation & Policy Analyst, P. Bellefontaine - Acting Director of Engineering & Public Works, S. Perkins - Manager of Bylaw Services, S. Johnson - Manager of Engagement, A. James - Head of Strategic Operations, J. Lockhart - Manager of Revenue - M. Heiser - Committee Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda of the July 16, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting be amended as follows:

Consent Agenda:

G.3 Proclamation - World PVNH Disorder Awareness Day

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**On the main motion as amended:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following items be approved without further debate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.3 Proclamation - World PVNH Disorder Awareness Day

Committee received a report dated July 6, 2020 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for World PVNH Disorder Awareness Day, August 7, 2020.

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the World PVNH Disorder Awareness Day Proclamation be forwarded to the July 23, 2020 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Presentations

D.1 Strategic Grant Review Committee Recommendations

Committee received a report dated July 3, 2020 from the Deputy Director of Finance and a presentation from Chris Tilden, Chair of the External Grant Review Committee, regarding the progresses and activities of the External Grant Review Committee including grant approvals and recommendations to Council.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Process for scoring applications*
- *Feedback for applicants with unsuccessful grant applications*
- *Funds allocated to current request for applications*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council approve the External Grant Review Committee's recommendations for grant awards for the Strategic Plan Grant program.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Alto

Allocate the entire amount requested to the Burnside Gorge Community Association to the Family Self Sufficiency Program for \$5,000 from contingency.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

Allocate \$4,800 to Theatre Skam from contingency.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That \$2,250 be awarded to the Archaeology in Schools program from the balance of the contingency fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council approve the External Grant Review Committee's recommendations for grant awards for the Strategic Plan Grant program.

Allocate the entire amount requested to the Burnside Gorge Community Association to the Family Self Sufficiency Program for \$5,000 from contingency.

Allocate \$4,800 to Theatre Skam from contingency.

That \$2,250 be awarded to the Archaeology in Schools program from the balance of the contingency fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Amendments to Application Form

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

- a. In Section Six, add this question:
 - What percentage of participants are residents of the City of Victoria?

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

- b. In Section Six, in response to “How many will benefit from the project or program?” add:
- Request applicants to provide a short answer to this question.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

- c. In Section Seven, add this question:
- What is the minimum level of funding required for the program or project to occur?

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Mayor Helps

- What is the minimum level of funding required for the program or project to occur? **And provide room for comment.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

- What is the minimum level of funding required for the program or project to occur? And provide room for comment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. The Application Process:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

Direct staff to report to Council on an annual basis before the strategic plan grant process begins for direction from Council as to whether there should be a particular focus for the year's strategic grant stream.

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Direct staff to report to Council on an annual basis before the strategic plan grant process begins for direction from Council as to whether there should be a particular focus for the year's strategic grant stream **and direct staff to**

request an annual priority ranking from Councillors to assist in assessing the strategic plan grants.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

Direct staff to report to Council on an annual basis before the strategic plan grant process begins for direction from Council as to whether there should be a particular focus for the year's strategic grant stream **and direct staff to request an annual strategic plan priority ranking from Councillors to assist in assessing the strategic plan grants.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

Direct staff to report to Council on an annual basis before the strategic plan grant process begins for direction from Council as to whether there should be a particular focus for the year's strategic grant stream and direct staff to request an annual strategic plan priority ranking from Councillors to assist in assessing the strategic plan grant

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Add to the grant application process:

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Mayor Helps

How did you consider the impact of the under-served communities in the development of your program?

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Mayor Helps

How does the program advance Council's stated values on equity?

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Mayor Helps

How does this program build community capacity and empower communities most impacted by inequalities?

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.1.c Council Member Motion: Support for Destination Greater Victoria and VIATEC to promote local economic recovery

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated July 14, 2020 from Mayor Helps and Councillor Loveday regarding the authorization of grant funding for VIATEC and Destination Greater Victoria.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council authorize grant funding for VIATEC in the amount of \$20,000 and Destination Greater Victoria in the amount of \$24,000, requested in their Strategic Grant Plan applications and that this funding be allocated from the 2020 Contingency fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. STAFF REPORTS

G.1 Local Government Recommendation for the Herbert Collins Group Inc. at 1010 Cook Street

Committee received report dated June 23, 2020 from the City Clerk regarding an application by the Herbert Collins Group Inc. at 1010 Cook Street to obtain a provincial cannabis retail store license.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

1. That Council direct staff to advise the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch:
The Council of the City of Victoria supports the application of the Herbert Collins Group Inc. at 1010 Cook Street to receive a provincial cannabis retail store license with following comments:
 - a. The Council recommends that the LCRB issue a license to the Herbert Collins Group Inc. at 1010 Cook Street.
 - b. City staff did not raise any concerns about this referral in terms of community impacts.
 - c. The views of residents were solicited through a mail-out to property owners and occupiers within 100 meters of this address and to the relevant neighbourhood association.
The City sent 829 notices and received 15 letters in response. The City did not receive correspondence from the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association for this referral.
Of the 15 respondents, 9 support issuing a license and 6 oppose issuing a license.
Respondents opposed to issuing a license identified the following issues: cannabis consumption in the area, safety and security of residents and

- property in the area, and compatibility with residential and recreational uses in the area.
- d. The Council wishes the Province to make its own deliberations about the fact that this operation remained in operation for up to 2 weeks following legalization.
 2. That Council direct staff to advise the LCRB of Council's recommendation subject to the applicant's compliance with applicable City bylaws and permits.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.2 Youth Bus Passes - Proposed Funding September to December 2020

Committee received a report dated June 29, 2020 from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer regarding the proposed interim funding for Youth Bus Passes for September to December 2020.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Potential ridership levels*
- *Current transit charges for the program to the City*
- *Legal agreements in place*

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council:

1. Approve funding of up to \$200,000 from the 2020 contingency budget to fund fare free bus passes for youth 18 years and younger who live in the City of Victoria from September to December 2020
2. Direct staff to bring forward funding options for the continuation of this program or the establishment of a U-Pass program, depending on ridership levels, as part of the 2021 financial planning process

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.1 Council Member Motion: Ending Street Checks in the City of Victoria

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated July 7, 2020 from Councillors Dubow, Potts, Isitt and Loveday regarding their proposed resolution of ending of street checks in the City of Victoria.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Lived experiences with regards to street checks*
- *Specifics to engaging the Director of Police Services*

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward a copy to the Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board:

Resolution: Ending Street Checks in the City of Victoria

WHEREAS street checks occur when police or other law enforcement officers stop an individual for reasons: (1) not related to a reported or observed criminal offence, (2) not related to an investigation of a reported or observed criminal offence, or (3) not part of a random vehicle check;

AND WHEREAS carding is the practice of recording information about an individual who is the subject of a street check in a police database;

AND WHEREAS available data points to a pattern of discrimination against Black, Indigenous, people of colour (BIPOC) and unhoused people in the deployment of this tactic in various jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS the harmful effects of street checks have been well-documented across Canada and found to disproportionately and negatively impact members of the BIPOC community and unhoused people;

AND WHEREAS the City of Victoria has adopted a strategic plan that includes ensuring a welcoming, compassionate and neighbourly atmosphere in our community where all people are welcomed, accepted, respected and encouraged to participate;

AND WHEREAS the City of Victoria is committed to ending racism and has an important role to play in making a collective response to end fear-mongering, racism and human suffering;

AND WHEREAS police boards and police departments should take into account the priorities, goals and objectives of local communities when establishing fiscal and operational policies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Victoria City Council declares that street checks and carding are against the priorities, goals and objectives of the City of Victoria;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board and the Victoria Police Department take immediate action to implement a ban on street checks and carding in the City of Victoria.

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Council requests that the Police Chief present to Council with respect to provincial direction and current VicPD practices with respect to police checks.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Council requests that the Police Chief and Director of Police Services present to Council with respect to provincial direction and current VicPD practices with respect to police checks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**On the amendment:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

On the main motion as amended:

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Council requests that the Police Chief and Director of Police Services present to Council with respect to provincial direction and current VicPD practices with respect to police checks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.2 Council Member Motion: International Decade for People of African Descent

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated July 16, 2020 from Councillor Dubow and Mayor Helps regarding the international decade for people of African descent.

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Mayor Helps

Therefore, be it resolved as follows:

1. That the City of Victoria joins the government of Canada, the province of Ontario, the cities of Toronto and Ottawa, in acknowledging the International Decade for People of African Descent for the purpose of promoting respect, protection and fulfillment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of people of African descent, as recognized in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

That Council directs staff to report back at the Period 2 2020 Update on the resource implications of reporting back as part of the 2021 budget on how to implement the International Decade of People of African Descent from 2021-2024 including:

2. i) Raising awareness in the general public about the heritage and culture of people of African descent and around the International Decade of People of African Descent's broader goals and actions in Victoria.
ii) Delivering anti-racism including anti-black racism training to prevent systematic racism in city policy, bylaws, programs and services.
3. Creating an advisory committee of people of African descent to work with and advise staff between 2021-2024 on the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent and commitment to People of African descent.
4. Developing a capacity building grant program for Black-led organizations, black business owners, and institutions supporting and working with people of African descent.
5. Tracking and demonstrating progress with respect to City hiring practices at all levels to reflect the diversity of the community.
6. Creating internship opportunities for people of African descent to diversify the city's workforce

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 10:47 a.m. and returned at 10:50 a.m.

Committee discussed the following:

- *History related to the proposed motion*
- *Staff's proposed action and report back*
- *How this motion relates to the Strategic Plan*

Councillor Young withdrew from the meeting at 11:10 a.m. and returned at 11:11 a.m.

On the motion:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR