



REVISED AGENDA - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, October 1, 2020

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE, VICTORIA BC

To be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting

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- **Consideration of adoption of:**
 - Tax Exemption (Permissive) Bylaw, 2021-2022 No. 20-085

The purpose of the bylaw is to provide tax exemption for lands or improvements which qualify for a permissive exemption under section 224 of the *Community Charter*.

***H. CLOSED MEETING**

MOTION TO CLOSE THE OCTOBER 1, 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:

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

Section 90(2) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:

- *Section 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.*

I. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

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Addendum: New Item

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N. CONSIDERATION TO RISE & REPORT

O. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES - SPECIAL VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

September 14, 2020, 9:30 A.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Centennial Square

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PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt,
Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Thornton-Joe

PRESENT
ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Alto, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Young

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager /
Director of Finance, C. Coates - City Clerk, T. Soulliere - Director
of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, B.
Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk,
AK Ferguson - Committee Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The City Clerk outlined amendments to the agenda.

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. BYLAWS

F.1 Bylaw for Amendment to the Parks Regulation Bylaw

The City Clerk outlines the proposed changes to the *Parks Regulation Bylaw*.

Council discussed:

- *The positive and negative effects of the Bylaw changes.*
- *Concerns with allowing camping in Centennial square and the distances between campers and schools.*
- *This bylaw only being in effect while the provincial state of emergency is in effect.*

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Parks Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 10) No. 20-102

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)

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the Council meeting adjourn.

TIME: 9:40 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

September 17, 2020, 2:30 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Councillor Dubow

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Coates - City Clerk, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, AK Ferguson - Committee Secretary

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the agenda be approved

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the Committee of the Whole Report of September 17, 2020 be added to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. READING OF MINUTES

C.1 Minutes from the evening meeting held September 3, 2020

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the minutes from the evening meeting held September 3, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D.1 Letter from the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Council received a letter of response dated August 31, 2020 regarding the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the correspondence dated August 31, 2020 from the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General be received for information.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the correspondence dated August 31, 2020 from the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General be received for information.

That Council requests that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to Health Canada and to the federal Ministers of Health and Justice, indicating the City of Victoria's support for the request from the Solicitor General of British Columbia, that the Federal Government examine issuing a license that would allow the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club to continue providing important health and wellness services in our local community.

That a copy of this letter be sent to the provincial Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

E.1 Committee of the Whole

E.1.a Report from the September 10, 2020 COTW Meeting

E.1.a.a 1023 Tolmie Avenue: Update Report for Rezoning Application No. 00672 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00097 (Hillside/Quadra)

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

Rezoning Application No. 00672

That first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a public hearing date be set for the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00672 for 1023 Tolmie Avenue.

Development Permit with Variances 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. 00627, 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 July 20, 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 6.00m to 4.30m to the building and 3.40m to the deck;
 - ii. reduce the rear yard setback on the south lot from 6.00m to 4.60m to the stairs and 5.40m to the building;
 - iii. reduce the south side yard setback on the north lot from 2.40m 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

E.1.a.b Rental Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw and Implementation Plan

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council:

1. Direct staff to bring forward the Rental Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw for consideration of introductory readings;

2. Approve written submissions from persons who consider they are affected by the proposed Bylaw as the public representations method under section 59 (2) of the Community Charter, and provide notice by way of newspaper, website, and social media advertising;
3. Provide early approval for the Tenant Ambassador to allow the position to start at the beginning of January 2021 to
 - a. Precede the commencement date of the Bylaw (January 31, 2021)
 - b. Oversee the implementation and operation of the Bylaw;
4. Launch an eighteen-month feedback and monitoring period after the Bylaw comes into force to monitor the Bylaw's operation and to collect experiential input from the public;
5. Direct staff to return to Council in eighteen months following bylaw commencement to report on the Bylaw's effectiveness and determine if any updates are needed based on data and feedback.

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

CARRIED (6 to 1)

E.1.a.c 2021-2022 Permissive Exemptions

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council:

1. Approve all applications for a permissive property tax exemption detailed in Table 2 for the 2021 - 2022 tax years.
2. Direct staff to prepare a 2020 permissive property tax exemption bylaw for Council's consideration at the September 17, 2020 Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Motion arising:

That Council direct staff to report back no later than the first quarter of 2021 on options and implications for revising the Permissive Tax Exemption policy to provide exemptions for community centers owned and operated by ethno-cultural groups.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.1.b Report from the September 17, 2020 COTW Meeting

E.1.b.a Council Member Motion: Rodenticides in the City of Victoria (Verbal)

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council:

1. Adopts the policy of introducing a complete ban on use of anticoagulant rodenticides on all City of Victoria owned properties, with immediate effect.
2. Directs staff to communicate this policy direction to residents and businesses, including information on the harmful impacts of anticoagulant rodenticides and the availability of more ecologically sustainable alternatives.
3. Requests that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the provincial Minister of Environment, requesting that the Province of British Columbia introduce a province-wide ban on the use of anticoagulant rodenticides, to increase protection for wildlife species.
4. To incorporate humane practices in regards to pest control in all City of Victoria properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.1.b.b 801 Bank Street: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 (Glenlyon Norfolk School) (Gonzales)

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

1. 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 Variance Permit Application No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street, in accordance with:

- a. Plans date stamped September 10, 2020.
- b. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Schedule F, Accessory Building Regulations requirements, except for the following variances:

Modular Classroom (1 storey):

- i. Locate the building in the side yard instead of rear yard
- ii. Increase the maximum combined floor area from 37m² to 75.8m²

- iii. Increase the maximum height from 3.50m to 3.88m

Modular Classroom (2 storey):

- i. Locate a building in the side yard instead of rear yard
- ii. Increase the maximum combined floor area from 37m² to 404.4m²
- iii. Increase the maximum height from 3.50m to 7.15m

Pre-fabricated Gym:

- i. Locate the building in the side yard instead of rear yard
- ii. Increase the maximum combined floor area from 37m² to 226.6m²
- iii. Increase the maximum height from 3.50m to 6.38m

Temporary Power Panel:

- i. Locate the building in the side yard instead of rear yard
- c. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

- 2. That recommendations be forwarded to the September 17, 2020 daytime Council Meeting so that an opportunity for public comment can be scheduled in October.
- 3. That prior to scheduling an Opportunity for Public Comment the City receive more information regarding on-site and off-site trees, including an Arborist Report and Tree Preservation Plan, and revised plans showing anchoring and base preparation for the proposed buildings to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities.
- 4. That issuance of the Development Variance Permit be subject to a legal agreement securing the removal of the buildings within three years from the date of Council approval, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.

That any future proposals for rezoning or variances on the site will address the issues of access and drop off at the campus. And that Council direct staff to report back at the Opportunity for Public Comment on options for implementing traffic calming in the vicinity of Glenlyon Norfolk School.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (6 to 1)

E.1.b.c By-Election

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

1. That Council direct staff to report back with a budget request and process for conducting a by-election during the pandemic once the planning has occurred.
2. That Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for a Ministerial Order to expand Mail Ballot Voting opportunities for anyone interested in using that option.
3. That Council request that Elections BC share any information with respect to safety plans for particular voting locations, plexiglass dividers and any other relevant or available infrastructure that will assist the City of Victoria in carrying out a By-election.
4. Direct staff to work towards a December 12, 2020 election date subject to advice from the Provincial Public Health Officer and/or sufficient information and safety plans to ensure participation and public safety.
5. That Council direct staff to engage with Elections BC and report back on the possibility of holding the by-election concurrently with a Provincial election including opportunities for safety improvements, cost savings, and expediting the City of Victoria's by-election timeline.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt recused himself due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest at 2:43 p.m. as he is a Director of a business that has applied to the program.

E.1.b.d Council Member Motion: Extending the "Open Air Recovery - Support for Restaurants and Cafes in Public Spaces" Program

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

1. That Council endorse in principal the extension of the Open Air Recovery – Support for Restaurants and Cafes in Public Spaces expanded and expedited patio initiative pending receipt of a report from City Staff detailing feedback from businesses and residents.
2. That Council request that the Mayor write to the Premier of British Columbia, MLAs representing local ridings, and the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to advocate for an extension of the temporary authorization of licensed service areas.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt returned to the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

F. BYLAWS

F.1 Bylaw for 2920 Prior Street: Rezoning Application No. 00708, Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00151, Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00147, and Development Variance Permit Application No. 00245

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1232) No. 20-086

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.2 Bylaw for 1881 Fort Street: Rezoning Application No. 00713

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1213) No. 20-009

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 Bylaw for 2021-2022 Permissive Tax Exemptions

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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

1. Tax Exemption (Permissive) Bylaw, 2021-2022 No. 20-085

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.4 Bylaw for 2615-2629 Douglas Street: Heritage Designation Application No. 00187

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Alto

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

1. Heritage Designation (2615-2629 Douglas Street) Bylaw No. 20-052

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.5 Bylaw for 2615-2629 Douglas Street: Heritage Tax Exemption

Council discussed:

- *Council receiving a property listing that lists tax exempt properties and properties that are no longer exempt spanning a 10 year period.*

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Young

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

1. Tax Exemption (2615, 2621, 2623, 2625, 2627, and 2629 Douglas Street)
Bylaw No. 20-079

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.6 Bylaw for Amendment to the Officers Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following bylaw **be adopted:**

1. Officers Bylaw (Amendment No. 2) Bylaw No. 20-101

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.7 Rental Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Potts

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

1. Rental Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw No. 20-091

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

G. CLOSED MEETING

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Potts

MOTION TO CLOSE THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

L. NEW BUSINESS

L.1 Legal Advice/Litigation - Community Charter Sections 90(1)(g) and (i)

Council discussed a Legal Advice/Litigation matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

L.2 Appointment - Community Charter Section 90(1)(a)

Council discussed an Appointment matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

L.3 Appointment - Community Charter Section 90(1)(a)

Council discussed an Appointment matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

L.4 Land - Community Charter Section 90(1)(e)

Council discussed a Land matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

L.5 Land - Community Charter Section 90(1)(e)

Council discussed a Land matter.

The discussion and motion were recorded and kept confidential.

L.6 Litigation - Community Charter Section 90(1)(i)

Council discussed a Litigation matter.

The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

All staff except the City Manager were excused at 3:27 p.m.

L.7 Employee Relations - Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)

Council discussed an Employee Relations matter.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the Closed Council Meeting be adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS”

- WHEREAS** *this 30th Anniversary of the United Nations International Day of Older Persons (UNIDOP) celebrates the importance of the 72nd anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reaffirms the commitment to promoting the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by older persons; and*
- WHEREAS** *the 2020 International Day of Older Persons has as its theme “Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Aging?” and focuses on raising awareness of the needs of older persons and of their contributions to their own health and to the functioning of the societies in which they live; and*
- WHEREAS** *growing older does not diminish a person’s inherent dignity and fundamental rights; and*
- WHEREAS** *more than 40 years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, issues of human rights for older persons were taken up in 1991 in the formulation of the United Nations Principles for Older Persons, which provided guidance in the areas of independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment and dignity; and*
- WHEREAS** *in 2002, governments for the first time agreed to link questions of aging to other frameworks for social and economic development and human rights; and*
- WHEREAS** *the interdependence between older persons’ social integration and the full enjoyment of their human rights cannot be ignored, as the degree to which older persons are socially integrated will directly their dignity and quality of life.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 1st, 2020 as “**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS**” on the **HOMELANDS** of the **Lekwungen speaking SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA**, **CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE** of **BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this September 17th, Two Thousand and Twenty.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sponsored by:
Agnes Jackman
COSCO Board Member

“WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY”

WHEREAS *the loss of one’s freedom due to a wrongful conviction has far-reaching and devastating consequences which not only affects the innocent individual’s life but also affects the quality of life of their families and has a harmful affect on society as a whole; and*

WHEREAS *wrongful convictions question the integrity and fairness of the criminal justice system and unless corrected undermines societies trust in their criminal justice system; and*

WHEREAS *Wrongful Conviction Day is a global movement dedicated to advocating for innocent individuals who have been wrongly convicted of a crime they did not commit. The implementation and recognition of this day is the start to reaching a broader audience regarding the importance surrounding miscarriages of justice. A proclamation will assist to advocate, educate, and create awareness around those miscarriages of justice in hope for reform to minimize the effect it could have on another individual.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim Friday, October 2nd, 2020 as “**WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY**” on the **HOMELANDS** of the Lekwungen speaking **SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA**, **CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE** of **BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this October 1st, Two Thousand and Twenty.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sponsored by:
Agnes Jackman
COSCO Board Member

“SMALL BUSINESS MONTH”

WHEREAS *small businesses are at the heart of Victoria, leading innovation and adding to the vibrancy of our city; and*

WHEREAS *during the pandemic, even more than before, local businesses need local support to survive; and*

WHEREAS *small businesses are and essential to our local, provincial, and national economic wellbeing and provide numerous jobs; rights; and*

WHEREAS *small businesses make up 98 percent of all business in BC; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria recognizes and values the small businesses within our community and their contributions to this beautiful city; and*

WHEREAS *the Downtown Victoria Business Association has coordinated a campaign to promote small businesses and highlight they're importance to our economy and community; and*

WHEREAS *we expand the concept of “Small Business Week” to encompass a month, as we recognize small businesses are a pillar of our community.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as “SMALL BUSINESS MONTH” on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen speaking SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this October 1st, Two Thousand and Twenty.*

**LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Sponsored by:
*Rebecca Blachut
Downtown Victoria
Business Association*

“FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”

WHEREAS *the 2020 fire prevention theme for this period is “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!”; and*

WHEREAS *fire losses in Canada, despite marked improvement, remain unacceptably high in comparison with those of other industrialized nations thereby necessitating improved fire prevention measures; and*

WHEREAS *the needless loss of lives and property as a result of fire could be significantly reduced or eliminated by individual and community fire prevention programs; and*

WHEREAS *most fires are caused by human carelessness and are both predictable and preventable if individuals are knowledgeable about fire prevention and safety; and*

WHEREAS *the members of the Fire Service and other public agencies in combining their talents and efforts can ensure a successful fight against those conditions that cause fire; and*

WHEREAS *each citizen must earnestly desire to provide a fire-safe place in which to live and work by eliminating those fire hazards that cause the loss of life, property, employment and the resources by which we exist; and*

WHEREAS *the local efforts of the Fire Service are supported by the activities of organizations such as Fire Prevention Canada, the Council of Canadian Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners, the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, the Provincial Fire Chiefs Associations, and various associations of firefighters, fire instructors, and fire prevention officers.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the week of October 4th – 10th, 2020 as “FIRE PREVENTION WEEK” on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen speaking SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA. I call upon the citizens of Victoria to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work, and school. I also call upon all public information agencies to actively participate in a coordinated effort to provide effective fire prevention programs, which will instil in the minds of each citizen, those fire safety practices which will reduce the loss of life and property damage caused by fire.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this 1st day of October Two Thousand and Twenty.*



Ref: 40679

September 18, 2020

Her Worship Mayor Lisa Helps
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6
Email: mayor@victoria.ca

Dear Mayor Helps:

Thank you for your letter of September 8, 2020, sent to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, and to my colleagues, regarding the recent proposal from the Tourism Industry Association of BC (TIABC) for stimulus funding. As your matter falls under the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, I am pleased to respond on behalf of Premier Horgan.

Our Government recognizes the deep impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has created for people whose livelihoods depend on the visitor economy. These are also incredibly trying times for communities where tourism provides a large portion of the region's employment, like the City of Victoria. As you know, over the summer the British Columbia (BC) Government consulted with people, business owners, non-profit organizations, local leaders and others, to understand their priorities for recovery and help us determine how best to prioritize provincial investments. We appreciate the openness with which everyone shared their advice, recommendations and suggestions, including through written proposals such as the one that was put forward by the TIABC. All of this feedback was taken into account in the development of our economic recovery plan, Stronger BC for Everyone, released on September 17, 2020. To read the full plan, please visit: <https://strongerbc.gov.bc.ca/>.

We have taken a cross-government approach to supporting communities, businesses and workers, while putting in place a strong foundation for long-term resilience in the sector.

The new Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program will invest \$100 M in projects that make life better for locals and improve the experience for visitors. The elements that support the tourism sector include:

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- \$20 M for tourism infrastructure projects supporting destination development. Local governments, not-for-profits and Indigenous Nations will be able to apply for project funding to help bring back visitors through investments in tourism infrastructure and amenities in communities;
- \$20 M to support economic recovery for rural communities; and
- \$20 M for investments in unique heritage infrastructure, including funding for First Nations to repair, renew or develop Indigenous cultural heritage infrastructure.

We are also investing nearly \$14 M to support targeted tourism development partnership initiatives in the six tourism regions across BC to help the industry recover from COVID-19. More details of this funding will be available soon.

In addition, Destination BC will invest an additional \$5 M to continue to market BC domestically and secure its spot in the international tourism market. It is critical that we continue to build and retain relationships with international tour operators, as we know international bookings are often made one year before the date of departure.

We know that liquidity was among the top concerns for hard-hit tourism businesses that saw reduced visitation over the summer. The Province will invest \$300 M for Small Business Recovery grants that many tourism-related businesses will be eligible for. This program will enable small businesses to access professional advice and grants to support recovery for companies heavily impacted by the pandemic and most likely to recover. The grant amounts will be scalable based on the size and annual pre COVID-19 revenues of the business, to a maximum of \$30,000. Hard-hit tourism operators will be eligible to receive a top up of up to \$10,000, for a maximum grant of \$40,000 based on overall eligibility criteria. The Provincial Government estimates that 15,000 small businesses will benefit from the program and help protect more than 200,000 jobs throughout BC.

Finally, a new Tourism Task Force will bring together leaders from business, labour, First Nations and not-for-profits to seek innovative ideas on how to best position the industry for the 2021 season. The Province is allocating \$50 M in the Economic Recovery Plan for new measures that result from the task force's work.

Other initiatives that will help the tourism sector rebound include investments in the safety of transportation networks like local paths and rail trails, and investments to improve BC Parks infrastructure. We have also set aside funding of \$21 M to provide additional relief to the arts and culture sector, and to help cultural organizations adapt their operations to the realities of the pandemic. Our economic recovery plan for the tourism sector can be found at:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/covid-19-economic-recovery-plan-boosts-bc-tourism-industry>.

I also appreciate the City of Victoria and surrounding municipalities' leadership in advocating to the federal government for further supports for BC's tourism industry, particularly when it comes to concerns around the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund delivered by Western Economic Diversification in BC. Business owners and sector associations have also raised these issues with me directly. I can assure you that I have discussed this with Mélanie Joly, Federal Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, most recently at the September 9, 2020, meeting of the Canadian Council of Tourism Ministers.

I am confident that Minister Joly understands the ongoing challenges faced by tourism-dependent communities in BC, and the industry's importance to the overall well-being of people in our province.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with BC's local leaders, such as yourself, as we collectively support British Columbians on the path towards recovery in our province.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Beare', with a stylized, flowing script.

Lisa Beare
Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture

pc: Honourable John Horgan
Premier

Honourable Carole James
Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier

Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Education

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

For the Council meeting of October 1, 2020, the Committee recommends the following:

E.1 777 Douglas Street: Development Permit Application No. 000561 (Downtown)

That Council authorize the issuance of development permit application No.000561 for 777 Douglas Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped July 3, 2020.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

E.2 2639 Fifth Street: Development Variance Permit No. 00244 (Hillside/Quadra)

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 Variance Permit Application No. 00244 for 2639 Fifth Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped June 8, 2020.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the residential vehicle parking requirement from 61 stalls to 50 stalls.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

H.3 Advocacy to Expand the Extreme Weather Response to Non-winter Extreme Weather Events

That Council request the Mayor write to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs and BC Housing, advocating for the Extreme Weather Response to be expanded to open shelters and provide other necessary services during non-winter extreme weather events including when poor air quality presents a health risk.

E.3 848 Yates Street: Development Permit Application (DDP No. 00529) (Downtown)

That Council decline Development Permit No. 00529 for 848 Yates Street and proposed modifications to the through-block walkway and terms of the statutory right-of-way.

F.1 Village and Corridor Planning: Summary of Early Engagement, Next Steps and Required Consultation

That Council:

1. Receive the Village and Corridor Planning Early Engagement Summary Report.
2. Direct staff to develop policy recommendations to inform potential Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment bylaws following consultation, and in accordance with feedback received. This may include amendments to the following sections of the OCP:
 - a. Section 6: Land Management and Development and related maps and policies;
 - b. Section 21: Neighbourhood Directions;
 - c. Appendix A: Development Permit Areas, considering new or updated development permit areas and guidelines.
3. Consider consultation under Section 475(2)(b) of the Local Government Act and direct staff to refer the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw to the Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation, the Greater Victoria School District, the Capital

Regional District Board, the Province, and the District of Saanich; and that no referrals are necessary to Island Health, the federal government, the Township of Esquimalt, and the District of Oak Bay.

4. Consider consultation under Section 475(2)(b) of the Local Government Act and direct staff to undertake consultation with those affected through a combination of printed materials and digital engagement tools including:
 - a. Workshops with stakeholders and Local Area Planning Working Group members;
 - b. An online open house process presenting policy options and concepts;
 - c. A mailing to residents, businesses and owners within the Hillside-Quadra, North Park and Fernwood neighbourhoods;
 - d. Referral to the Advisory Design Panel;
 - e. A second Open House process presenting proposed Neighbourhood Plans, OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments.

H.1 Council Member Motion: Selkirk Water Floating Swimming Platform

That Council directs staff to write to Transport Canada, indicating that the City of Victoria supports the ongoing use of the floating swimming platform in the Selkirk Water for recreational use and enjoyment by the public, and believes this use is compatible with other uses of the Selkirk Water, including navigation.

That Council direct staff to report back on the suitability of the existing location and recommendations, with view towards minimizing the impact on the marine ecology.

E.5 1314 and 1318 Wharf Street: Update Report on Rezoning Application No. 00701 and Heritage Alteration Permit with Variances Application No. 00236 (Northern Junk) (Downtown)
Rezoning Application No. 00701

That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00701 for 1314 and 1318 Wharf Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set once the following conditions are met:

1. Plan revisions to include frontage works and building access consistent with the City's Subdivision and Development Servicing Standards, revised long term bike parking spaces to meet the requirements set out in Schedule C of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw and minor plan corrections, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development and Director of Engineering & Public Works.
2. That Council authorize the placement of Pad Mounted Transformer (PMT) on public property and work with the applicant to ensure the addition of the PMT is incorporated as an enhancement to the public realm with all associated expenses being born by the applicant to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
3. Preparation of the following agreements, registered on title by the applicant, to the satisfaction of City staff:
 - a. Statutory right-of-way for public access over the area dedicated to the Harbour Pathway and the internal alley between the two heritage buildings, to the satisfaction of City staff;
 - b. Housing Agreement to secure 47 residential rental units as rental in perpetuity, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor;
 - c. Section 219 Covenant to secure off-site tree replacement at a four to one ratio with a cash in lieu contribution with values set per the Tree Preservation Bylaw

- (Bylaw No. 05-106) for public realm improvements, and a cash in lieu contribution for offsite short term bicycle parking; and
- d. A legal agreement to ensure that building amendments would be made along the north property line to comply with building code requirements should a building be proposed for the property located at 1324 Wharf Street.
4. That Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute encroachment agreements, to be executed at the time of the building permit approval, if the other necessary approvals are granted, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Director of Engineering and Public Works for:
- a. building encroachments; and
 - b. anchor-pinning in the City right-of-way.

Heritage Alteration Permit with Variances No. 00236

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. 00701, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

“That Council authorize the issuance of Heritage Alteration Permit with Variances Application No. 00236 for 1314 and 1318 Wharf Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped August 10, 2020.
2. The Conservation Plan for the Caire and Grancini Warehouse at 1314 Wharf Street, date stamped October 22, 2019.
3. The Conservation Plan for the Fraser Warehouse at 1316-1318 Wharf Street, date stamped October 22, 2019.
4. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - a. Reduce the required short term bicycle parking spaces from 10 to 0; and
 - b. Increase the maximum permitted height from 8 metres to 21 metres.
5. Final plans to be generally in accordance with the plans identified above, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
6. The applicant provide details regarding their intended process for commissioning a story wall for the north elevation of the building, including an artist selection process, scope and content, and an explanation for how their project will consider the Indigenous cultural heritage of the waterfront public realm, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
7. The applicant providing a lighting plan for the heritage buildings, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
8. That Council authorize the placement of Pad Mounted Transformer (PMT) on public property and work with the applicant to ensure the addition of the PMT is incorporated as an enhancement to the public realm to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
9. Heritage Alteration Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution”

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 1, 2020

For the Council meeting of October 1, 2020, the Committee recommends the following:

H.2 By-Election Report Back

That Council:

1. Appoint Chris Coates as Chief Election Officer.
2. Appoint Sonia Santarossa, Christine Havelka and Monika Fedyczkowska as Deputy Chief Election Officers.
3. Authorize the Chief Election Officer to send a formal request to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for a Ministerial Order to facilitate a by-election during the pandemic including legislative changes to respond to enhanced mail ballot voting, reduced touch points and other pandemic related matters that may be required.
4. Approve a budget addition of up to \$350,000 from the Financial Stability Reserve for the by-election.
5. Forward the by-election motions to the October 1, daytime Council meeting for ratification.

NO. 20-085

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

To provide tax exemption for lands or improvements which qualify for a permissive exemption under section 224 of the *Community Charter*.

Section 224 of the *Community Charter* provides that a Council, by bylaw, may exempt from taxation imposed under section 197 of the *Community Charter* certain lands and improvements or both, for the period and subject to the conditions stated in the bylaw;

Council wishes to exempt from taxation certain lands and improvements that are owned, held, or operated for the uses or purposes identified in section 224 of the *Community Charter*;

Notice of this bylaw has been given in accordance with section 227 of the *Community Charter*.

THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts the following provisions:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "TAX EXEMPTION (PERMISSIVE) BYLAW, 2021-2022."
2. Each parcel of land described in Columns B and D of the Schedule to this Bylaw and any improvements on such parcel shall be exempt from taxation under section 197(1) (a) of the *Community Charter* for the term specified in Column C, on the condition that such parcel is used, held, owned or occupied by the organization named in the corresponding row of Column A of the Schedule.

READ A FIRST TIME the **17th** day of **September** 2020.

READ A SECOND TIME the **17th** day of **September** 2020.

READ A THIRD TIME the **17th** day of **September** 2020.

ADOPTED on the _____ day of _____ 2020.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

| Column A Owner/Occupier | Column B Folio | Column C Term | Column D Legal Description |
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| NON PROFIT EXEMPTIONS: | | | |
| Victoria Cool Aid Society | 10738014 | 2021-2022 | LOT A PLAN 20534 SECTION 4 VICTORIA |
| PLACES OF WORSHIP EXEMPTIONS: | | | |
| Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism | 12824001 | 2021-2022 | LOT 111/112, BLOCK O, SECTION 31, ESQUIMALT, VIP549 (EXEMPTION NOT EXTENDED TO LEASED AREA) |
| Gurdwara Singh Sabha Society of Victoria | 10744041 | 2021-2022 | B SECTION 4 VICTORIA PLAN VIP2214 (EXEMPTION APPLIES TO PORTION OF PROPERTY BEING USED FOR WORSHIP) |