



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

September 3, 2020, 9:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

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

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, 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, S. Perkins - Manager of Bylaw and Licensing, AK Ferguson - Committee Secretary, A. James - Head of Strategic Operations, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following items be approved without further debate:

- C.1 - Minutes from the meeting held July 23, 2020
- F.3 - 2800 Bridge Street - Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00139 (Burnside)
- F.4 - Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Application Update: 11 Chown Place (Burnside)
- G.2 - Proclamation - United Way Month

- G.3 - Proclamation - Jaswant Singh Khalra Day

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That I.2 and I.3 be moved after G. 1

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the following items be approved without further debate:

C.1 Minutes from the meeting held July 23, 2020

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the minutes from the meeting held July 23, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 2800 Bridge Street - Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00139 (Burnside)

Committee received a report dated August 20, 2020 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding a Development Permit with Variance Application to allow for a raw material receiving and storage facility(silo) at the property located at 2800 Bridge Street.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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. 00139 for 2800 Bridge Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped June 18, 2020.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variance:

- i. increase the height of a raw materials receiving and storage facility (silo) from 15m to 31.83m.
3. Registration of a legal agreement on the property's title to restrict the illumination levels and hours of operation (to midnight) of the light installation on the north elevation of the raw materials receiving and storage facility (silo), to the satisfaction of the Director of Community Planning and Sustainable Development.
4. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.4 Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Application Update: 11 Chown Place (Burnside)

Committee received a report dated August 13, 2020 from The Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development providing updated recommendations related to a previously approved Victoria Housing Reserve Fund grant application for the housing project at 11 Chown Place.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council revise the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund (VHRF) grant approved on January 9, 2020 for a 58-unit housing project at 11 Chown Place by rescinding Section 3 of the original motion and replacing it with a revised Section 3 to require that the grant is subject to:

3. The execution of a Housing Agreement, in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to secure 35 new (one bedroom) units to be dedicated for seniors (55+) for a period of 60 years as follows:
 - i. 11 units for very low income level;
 - ii. 13 units for low income level;
 - iii. 11 units for median income level.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.2 Proclamation - United Way Month

Committee received a report dated August 31, 2020 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for United Way Month, September 2020.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the *United Way Month* Proclamation be forwarded to the September 3, 2020 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.3 Proclamation - Jaswant Singh Khalra Day

Committee received a report dated August 31, 2020 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for Jaswant Singh Khalra Day, September 6, 2020.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the *Jaswant Singh Khalra Day* Proclamation be forwarded to the September 3, 2020 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. PRESENTATION

D.1 Victoria Police Q2 Report

Committee received a report dated September 3, 2020 from Chief Constable Del Manak regarding their Quarter 2 April 1 - June 31, 2020 with an update on various issues throughout the City of Victoria.

Committee discussed:

- *How police are handling the use of Personal Protective Equipment when entering confined spaces or large parties of people.*
- *Whether data is collected on where unhoused people are from.*
- *The breakdown of the Calls for Service and how those calls are categorized.*
- *The wellness of Victoria Police Officers and how leave numbers are trending.*

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Committee receive this report for information

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E.1 Council Member Motion: Newspaper Boxes in Downtown

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated July 31, 2020 from Mayor Helps and Councillor Thornton-Joe regarding newspaper and magazine boxes in the downtown area. The motion was postponed from the August 6, 2020 COTW meeting.

Councillor Thornton-Joe advised that Downtown Victoria Business Association has been working with newspaper box companies and the companies appear to be complying with removal.

Committee discussed:

- *Whether newspaper boxes are legally allowed on the City of Victoria streets*

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That this motion be postponed indefinitely:

“That Council request that staff ask the companies to remove newspaper boxes from city-owned property and if they do not, that staff remove the boxes off of public property.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council direct staff to report back in the next quarter update on the resource implications of developing regulations to permit newspaper boxes in the City of Victoria

FOR (3): Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Dubow

OPPOSED (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

DEFEATED (3 to 5)

F. LAND USE MATTERS

F.1 1802 Cook Street and 1056 North Park Street - Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00015 (North Park)

Committee received a report dated August 20, 2020 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding a Temporary Use Permit, for a period of three years, to allow for the distribution of cannabis as an ancillary use to a harm reduction service.

Committee discussed:

- *Rationale for the property not going through the rezoning process.*

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

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 Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00015 for 1802 Cook Street & 1056 North Park Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped February 19, 2020
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements
3. A street ambassador provided by the service operator during operating hours that patrols the immediate area every hour to prevent congregation and negative behaviours from clients of the harm reduction service
4. The Temporary Use Permit lapsing three years from the date of this resolution.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**F.2 43, 45 and 55 Gorge Road East and 2827, 2829, and 2831 Irma Street -
Update on Rezoning Application No. 00720 (Burnside)**

Committee received a report dated August 20, 2020 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development providing an updated recommendation for the Rezoning Application for the property located at 43, 45, and 55 Gorge Road and 2827, 2829 and 2831 Irma Street requesting an amenity contribution for traffic calming devices along Irma and Lotus Streets.

Committee discussed:

- Reason that this came up after the initial rezoning application.

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00720 for 43, 45 and 55 Gorge Road East and 2827, 2829 and 2831 Irma Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council, and that a Public Hearing date be set once the following conditions are met:

1. 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 rental in perpetuity;
 - ii. statutory right-of-ways of 4.82m on Gorge Road and 1.38m on Irma Street be registered on title to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works;
 - iii. construction of a public plaza on the corner of Gorge Road East and Irma Street to the satisfaction of the Director of Community Planning and Sustainable Development and Director of Engineering and Public Works;
 - iv. purchase of two car share vehicles with assigned parking spaces on-site, 121 car share memberships for the life of the building along with \$100 usage credit for each membership and 6 commercial parking spaces assigned to residential visitors after business hours and on weekends to the satisfaction of the Director of Community Planning and Sustainable Development; and
 - v. preparation of the appropriate legal agreement to ensure the appropriate construction methodology would not impact the health of the Garry Oak trees to be retained.
2. The applicant confirms that all the current tenants have reviewed the Tenant Assistance Plan and had an opportunity to identify their individual needs and that the applicant update the Tenant Assistance Plan accordingly to the satisfaction of the Director of Community Planning and Sustainable Development.
3. An amenity contribution of \$17,500.00 towards the Local Amenities Reserve Fund for the installation of traffic calming devices along Irma and Lotus Streets to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works is secured in the zone.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.5 Tenant Assistance Policy - Renters Advisory Committee Amendment for Moving Costs

Committee received a report dated August 13, 2020 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding proposed amendments to the *Tenant Assistance Policy*.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council direct staff to:

1. Amend the Tenant Assistance Policy Item 4.2 as follows:

4.2 Moving Expenses and Assistance

One of two options should be provided to displaced tenants, at the discretion of the landlord:

1. An insured moving company may be hired by the applicant, with all arrangements and costs covered within Greater Victoria; or
2. Flat rate compensation (based on unit size) provided to the tenant at the rate of:

\$500 for bachelor and one-bedroom households

\$750 for two-bedroom households

\$1,000 for three or more bedroom households.

When a tenant is exercising the Right of First Refusal (Section 4.4), moving expenses should be provided for both the move out and return to the building.

Tenants may request moving compensation different than that proposed by the Landlord per item 6.0: Tenants Requiring Additional Assistance.

2. Review the flat rate compensation amounts at regular intervals to ensure that they are adjusted for inflation and reflective of the market rates for moving costs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 10:31 a.m. and returned at 10:38 a.m.

G. STAFF REPORTS

G.1 City Response on Sheltering During the Pandemic

Committee received a report dated August 31, 2020 from the City Manager regarding the City response to impacts associated with sheltering in public parks during the current pandemic and seeking approval for addition funding for Bylaw Services resources.

CLOSED MEETING AT 12:00 P.M.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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)(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)(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;*
- *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;*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land/Municipal Service/Intergovernmental Negotiations - Indoor Sheltering Options

Committee discussed a Land/ Municipal Service/Intergovernmental Negotiations matter. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

The open Committee of the Whole meeting reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

Committee recessed at 12:16 p.m. and returned at 12:45 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING AT 12:45 P.M.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land/Municipal Service/Intergovernmental Negotiations - Indoor Sheltering Options

Committee discussed a Land /Municipal Service/Intergovernmental Negotiations matter. The discussion and motions were recorded and kept confidential.

The open Committee of the Whole meeting reconvened at 1:06 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

G.1 City Response on Sheltering During the Pandemic - continued

Committee discussed:

- *Reasoning for the buffer near schools being temporary.*
- *Would a 4 metre buffer allow for people to safely shelter*
- *Whether there is a need for hiring more commissioners to patrol washrooms and parks.*
- *How people will access food and warmth when the cold months arrive.*
- *How quickly the bylaw could be adopted.*
- *Concerns with gaps in services provided.*

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council

1. Direct the City Solicitor to prepare amendments to the Parks Regulation Bylaw, to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, which include
 - a. the following temporary adjustments;
 - i. no prohibition on daytime sheltering in accordance with Council direction of May 21, 2020;
 - ii. Limitation on maximum size of a shelter (limit footprint of sheltering site);
 - iii. Spacing requirements for prevention of fire spread, access for emergency services, and maintain physical distancing to reduce spread of infection;
 - iv. Restrictions on possession of open flame appliances and combustible materials;
 - v. Creation of a buffer around areas where sheltering is prohibited in parks, as well as schools; and
 - vi. A clause repealing the amendments 30 days after the last extension of the Provincial state of emergency; and

- b. the following permanent adjustment;
 - i. Adding community gardens and horticultural areas to the list of areas where sheltering is not permitted; and
 - ii. Adding Summit Park, Moss Rocks Park, MacDonald Park, South Park, Robert Porter Park, David Spencer Park, and Centennial Square to the list of parks where sheltering is prohibited.
2. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$165,000 in 2020 funded from contingencies for additional Bylaw Services resources, and direct staff to include ongoing annual budget of \$491,000 in the draft 2021 Financial Plan funded by 2021 new property tax revenue from new development.
3. Move to the daytime Council meeting of September 3, 2020.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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3. Move to the daytime Council meeting of September 3, 2020.
4. **Request that BC Housing use of the Save on Foods Memorial Centre until December 31, 2020 for temporary housing with supports.**
5. **Direct staff to report back by September 17, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary**

shelter for up to 60 individuals during the pandemic at the Royal Athletic Park, rather than at Central Park.

Amendment to amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

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5. **Direct staff to report back by September 17, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter for up to 60 individuals during the pandemic at the Royal Athletic Park, rather than at Central Park, including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to postpone:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

1-3 items be postponed until 4 and 5 are dealt with.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion Arising:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Request that BC Housing use of the Save on Foods Memorial Centre until December 31, 2020 for temporary housing with supports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion Arising:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Direct staff to report back by September 17, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter for up to 60 individuals during the pandemic at the Royal Athletic Park, rather than at Central Park, including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Alto

Direct staff to report back by September 17, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter ~~for up to 60 individuals~~ during the pandemic at the Royal Athletic Park, ~~rather than at Central Park,~~ including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Potts

Direct staff to report back by September 17, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter ~~for up to 60 individuals~~ during the pandemic at the Royal Athletic Park, ~~rather than at Central Park~~ and options for limited sheltering at Central Park, including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site.

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)

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

Direct staff to report back by September 17, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter ~~for up to 60 individuals~~ during the pandemic **state of emergency** at the Royal Athletic Park, and options for limited sheltering at Central Park, including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Postpone:

Moved By Councillor Dubow

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

Motion to postpone until next COTW meeting:

"Direct staff to report back by September 17, 2020 on options for providing managed access to showers, washrooms and temporary shelter ~~for up to 60 individuals~~ during the state of emergency at the Royal Athletic Park, and options for limited sheltering at Central Park, including seeking input from BC Housing on the availability of provincial funding and an operator to run the site."

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Committee recessed at 3:11 p.m. and 3:18 p.m.

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That items 1-3 be lifted from the table

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council:

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 - a. the following temporary adjustments;
 - i. no prohibition on daytime sheltering in accordance with Council direction of May 21, 2020;
 - ii. Limitation on maximum size of a shelter (limit footprint of sheltering site);

- iii. Spacing requirements for prevention of fire spread, access for emergency services, and maintain physical distancing to reduce spread of infection;
 - iv. Restrictions on possession of open flame appliances and combustible materials;
 - v. Creation of a buffer around areas where sheltering is prohibited in parks, as well as schools; and
 - vi. A clause repealing the amendments 30 days after the last extension of the Provincial state of emergency; and
- b. the following permanent adjustment;
 - i. Adding community gardens and horticultural areas to the list of areas where sheltering is not permitted; and
 - ii. Adding Summit Park, Moss Rocks Park, MacDonald Park, South Park, Robert Porter Park, David Spencer Park, and ~~Centennial Square~~ to the list of parks where sheltering is prohibited.
- 2. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$165,000 in 2020 funded from contingencies for additional Bylaw Services resources, and direct staff to include ongoing annual budget of \$491,000 in the draft 2021 Financial Plan funded by 2021 new property tax revenue from new development.
- 3. Move to the daytime Council meeting of September 3, 2020.

Amendment to amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

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 - iv. Restrictions on possession of open flame appliances and combustible materials;
 - v. Creation of a buffer around areas where sheltering is prohibited in parks, as well as schools; and
 - vi. A clause repealing the amendments 30 days after the last extension of the Provincial state of emergency; and
 - vii. that Centennial Square be a temporary location for the duration of the state of emergency**
 - b. the following permanent adjustment;
 - i. Adding community gardens and horticultural areas to the list of areas where sheltering is not permitted; and
 - ii. Adding Summit Park, Moss Rocks Park, MacDonald Park, South Park, Robert Porter Park, David Spencer Park, and ~~Centennial Square~~ to the list of parks where sheltering is prohibited.

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FOR (3): Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, and Councillor Dubow

DEFEATED (3 to 5)

Amendment to amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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 - vi. A clause repealing the amendments 30 days after the last extension of the Provincial state of emergency; and
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 - i. Adding community gardens and horticultural areas to the list of areas where sheltering is not permitted; and
 - ii. Adding Summit Park, Moss Rocks Park, MacDonald Park, South Park, Robert Porter Park, David Spencer Park, and Centennial Square to the list of parks where sheltering is prohibited.
 - iii. **Centennial square be only permitted for night time sheltering**
2. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$165,000 in 2020 funded from contingencies for additional Bylaw Services resources, and direct staff to include ongoing annual budget of \$491,000 in the draft 2021 Financial Plan funded by 2021 new property tax revenue from new development.
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FOR (4): Councillor Loveday, Councillor Alto, Councillor Young and Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (4): Mayor Helps, , Councillor Potts, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Dubow

DEFEATED (4 to 4)

On the amendment:

- ii. Adding Summit Park, Moss Rocks Park, MacDonald Park, South Park, Robert Porter Park, David Spencer Park, and ~~Centennial Square~~ to the list of parks where sheltering is prohibited.

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

CARRIED (5 to 3)

Committee discussed:

- *Whether staff explored other facilities than parks for sheltering like parking lots and parkades.*
- *Whether Central Park would be added to the list of no sheltering parks should Royal Athletic Park be used for sheltering*
- *when the standards of maintenance property bylaw will come into effect and would it be bylaw officers that would be required to administer that bylaw*

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the meeting be extended until 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee agreed to separate the motion

On the main motion as amended:

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OPPOSED (3): Mayor Helps, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Loveday,

CARRIED (5 to 3)

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- ii. Limitation on maximum size of a shelter (limit footprint of sheltering site);
 - iii. Spacing requirements for prevention of fire spread, access for emergency services, and maintain physical distancing to reduce spread of infection;
 - iv. Restrictions on possession of open flame appliances and combustible materials;
 - v. Creation of a buffer around areas where sheltering is prohibited in parks, as well as schools; and
 - vi. A clause repealing the amendments 30 days after the last extension of the Provincial state of emergency; and
- b. the following permanent adjustment;
- i. Adding community gardens and horticultural areas to the list of areas where sheltering is not permitted; and
 - ii. Adding Summit Park, Moss Rocks Park, MacDonald Park, South Park, Robert Porter Park, David Spencer Park to the list of parks where sheltering is prohibited.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

2. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$165,000 in 2020 funded from contingencies for additional Bylaw Services resources, and direct staff to include ongoing annual budget of \$491,000 in the draft 2021 Financial Plan funded by 2021 new property tax revenue from new development.

3. Move to the daytime Council meeting of September 3, 2020.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the meeting be extended until 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.2 Council Member Motion: Engagement to Inform City of Victoria Policy Re: Encampments

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated August 28, 2020 from Councillor Alto and Councillor Potts regarding the proposed facilitation of engagement with people sheltering and camping in the City's parks.

Committee discussed:

- *Concerns with the engagement producing valuable information or targeting the correct people*

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Potts

1. That Council approve \$40,161.00 from the Financial Stability Reserve to facilitate an engagement with people currently sheltering and camping in the city's parks, and
2. That Council provide a grant to the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness to facilitate that engagement.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Mayor Helps

1. That Council approve **up to** \$40,161.00 from the Financial Stability Reserve to facilitate an engagement with people currently sheltering and camping in the city's parks, and **seek potential funding partners.**
2. That Council provide a grant to the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness to facilitate that engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That this be moved to the daytime Council meeting of September 3, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended

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)

I.3 Council Member Motion: Additional Policing Resources to Support Public Safety

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated August 31, 2020 from Mayor Helps and Councillor Thornton-Joe regarding the proposed

recommendation to provide additional policing resources in the City of Victoria for the remainder of 2020.

Committee discussed:

- *Concerns with approving this motion without having an update on their budget.*

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council allocate \$94,528 from the Financial Stability Reserve* to provide additional policing resources in the City of Victoria for the remainder of 2020.

*The proposed revenue source is the financial stability reserve, as the 2020 Contingency was used for COVID related expenses. Some of these expenses may be recoverable through federal-provincial funding for municipalities.

Motion to Postpone:

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That this motion be postponed until next Thursday to receive a budget update from Victoria Police:

That Council allocate \$94,528 from the Financial Stability Reserve* to provide additional policing resources in the City of Victoria for the remainder of 2020.

*The proposed revenue source is the financial stability reserve, as the 2020 Contingency was used for COVID related expenses. Some of these expenses may be recoverable through federal-provincial funding for municipalities.

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

OPPOSED (3): Mayor Helps, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

CARRIED (5 to 3)

I.1 Council Member Motion: Rodenticides in the City of Victoria

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated August 28, 2020 from Councillor Isitt and Councillor Loveday regarding the proposed recommendation to ban the use of anticoagulant rodenticides on all City of Victoria owned properties.

Committee discussed:

- *Whether anticoagulant rodenticides are used within the City*

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.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

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

Motion to Refer:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council refer the matter to staff to report back verbally by September 17 on the implications of implementing the actions in part 1 and part 4:

"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"*

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

OPPOSED (1): Mayor Helps

CARRIED (7 to 1)

I.4 Council Member Motion: Approving Attendance at UBCM 2020

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated August 31, 2020 from Councillor Loveday regarding the proposal for Councillor Loveday to attend the Union of BC Municipalities convention.

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council approve the attendance and associated registration expenditure of \$367.50 each for Councillors Alto, Dubow, Isitt, Potts, Loveday, Young and Mayor Helps, to attend the Union of BC Municipalities convention taking place virtually from September 22-24, 2020

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR