



## MINUTES - SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

November 23, 2020, 9:00 A.M.

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE**

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PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Isitt (joined in person at 9:06 a.m.), Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, C. Coates - City Clerk, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, AK Ferguson - Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Manak - Chief Constable, S. Hurcombe - Controller, D. Crowder - Finance Board Chair

### **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Councillor Young

That the agenda be approved.

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### **F. STAFF REPORTS**

#### **F.1 2021 Draft Financial Plan**

##### **F.1.1 Department Presentations**

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#### **F.1.1.1 Victoria Police Department**

The Chief Constable provided Committee with the City of Victoria Police department's 2021 Draft budget.

*Committee discussed:*

- *How much of the travel and training budgets were left unused*
- *How the retirements drawing down on the Employee Retirement and Sick Leave Fund will effect the future of the fund*
- *Officers serving on their days off while being on contract with the Coho or Clipper.*
- *The difference in cost with ECOMM and in house services.*
- *Which vehicles are scheduled for replacement in 2021*

Committee recessed at 11:06 a.m. and returned at 11:11 a.m.

#### **F.1.1.2 Engineering and Public Works**

The Director of Engineering and Public Works provided an overview of the department's 2021 draft budget.

*Committee discussed:*

- *Possibility of cost recovery for refurbishment of areas in Chinatown*
- *What the City will be taking on as the bridge warranty nears an end.*

Committee recessed at 12:31 p.m. and returned at 1:01 p.m.

Councillor Alto was absent following the lunch break and returned at 1:20 p.m.

#### **F.1.1.3 Bylaw Services**

The Manager of Bylaw provided an update on the department's 2021 draft budget.

#### **F.1.1.4 Human Resources**

The Head of Human Resources provided an update on the department's 2021 draft budget.

#### **F.1.1.5 Sustainable Planning and Community Development**

The Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development provided Committee with the department's 2021 draft budget.

*Committee discussed:*

- *Concerns with the length of time it takes for the department to respond to public inquiries*
- *The possibility for increasing fees for developments*

#### **F.1.1.6 Business and Community Relations**

The Head of Business and Community Relations provided Committee with an overview of the department's 2021 budget

**Moved By** Mayor Helps

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications of adding South Island Prosperity Project (SIPP) as an ongoing item in the budget from 2021 to 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **F.1.1.7 Corporate**

The Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance provided an overview of the department's 2021 draft Budget.

*Committee discussed:*

- *Concerns with the amount the City may collect for business licenses.*

### **I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Councillor Young

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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MAYOR

