



## MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

March 4, 2021, 2:20 P.M.

6TH FLOOR BOARDROOM, CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT,  
625 FISGARD STREET, VICTORIA, B.C.

To be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting

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

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

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday,  
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, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community  
Relations, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, P.  
Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works, N. Sidhu -  
Assistant Director of Parks, S. Perkins – Manager of Bylaw  
Services, M. Heiser - Council Secretary

### A. CONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

### B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

That the agenda be approved.

#### **Amendment:**

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

**That the following item be forwarded to next week's Daytime Council meeting:**

**G.1 – Bylaw for Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

On the main motion as amended:

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**E.1 Rise and Report**

**E.1.a From the Closed Meeting held February 25, 2021**

**Land - 940 Caledonia and 953 and 963 Green Street - Temporary Transitional Shelter Project Update and Direction**

1. That Council authorize the Coalition to End Homeless (Coalition) to apply for a Temporary Use Permit in relation to up to 36,000 sq ft of the Royal Athletic Park parking lot at 940 Caledonia Avenue and 953 and 963 Green Street for temporary purpose-built transitional housing on the Site.

**F. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**F.1 Committee of the Whole**

**F.1.a Report from the February 25, 2021 COTW Meeting**

**F.1.a.a Neighbourhood Boundaries**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

1. That Council direct staff to report back on these motions by the end of September at least.
2. That Council direct staff to engage with the North Park Neighbourhood Association, Fernwood Community Association, the Downtown Residents Association, and the Downtown Victoria Business Association regarding the potential of the east side of Cook Street from Fort Street to Pandora Avenue as part of the downtown neighbourhood requesting comment from those associations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**F.1.a.b Interim Design Options for Parking and Pedestrian Space in Clover Point Park**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

That Council direct staff to proceed with option 2 for Clover Point Park:

1. Complete modifications to increase the pedestrian priority space in Clover Point Park, as illustrated in Attachment B, with

an allocation of up to \$275,000 in the 2021 Financial Plan, to be funded from the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve.

2. That the painting budget be restricted to delineating pedestrian trails and bike trails versus passive space.
3. That a location be found downtown for the “follow the pod” public art feature.
4. That staff be in consultation with immigrants and immigrant associations, ethno-cultural groups and the seniors’ advisory committee, youth council and City of Victoria youth council and that their views are considered.

*Council discussed the following:*

- *Proposed changes and next steps*
- *Orca pod location*
- *Pricing for proposed furnishings*
- *Pedestrian path additions*

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

**Seconded By** Councillor Young

5. **That food trucks must use sustainable practices and must submit these practices to staff.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion to speak:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

That Councillor Thornton-Joe and Councillor Young be permitted to speak again on this matter.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Young

**Seconded By** Councillor Andrew

6. **That the budget for fencing and furniture be reduced to \$25,000.**

*Council discussed the following:*

- *Proposed fencing costs*
- *Budgeting amount for park furnishing*

**Amendment to the amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Alto

**6. That the budget for fencing and furniture be reduced to ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000.**

FOR (8): Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young  
OPPOSED (1): Mayor Helps

**CARRIED (8 to 1)**

**On the amendment:**

**6. That the budget for furniture be reduced to \$50,000.**

FOR (7): Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young  
OPPOSED (2): Mayor Helps, Councillor Loveday

**CARRIED (7 to 2)**

**Amendment:**

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

**That options for adding additional west facing parking spots be examined while retaining bicycle and pedestrian pathways.**

FOR (3): Councillor Andrew, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young  
OPPOSED (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts

**DEFEATED (3 to 6)**

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Potts  
**Seconded By** Councillor Isitt

4. That staff be in consultation with immigrants and immigrant associations, ethno-cultural groups and the seniors' advisory committee, youth council and City of Victoria youth council, **Fairfield Gonzales Community Association, Accessibility Advisory Committee, Active transportation Advisory Committee**, and that their views are considered.

## **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Main motion as amended:

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1. Complete modifications to increase the pedestrian priority space in Clover Point Park, as illustrated in Attachment B, with an allocation of up to \$275,000 in the 2021 Financial Plan, to be funded from the Buildings and Infrastructure Reserve.
2. That the painting budget be restricted to delineating pedestrian trails and bike trails versus passive space.
3. That a location be found downtown for the “follow the pod” public art feature.
4. That staff be in consultation with immigrants and immigrant associations, ethno-cultural groups and the seniors’ advisory committee, youth council and City of Victoria youth council, Fairfield Gonzales Community Association, Accessibility Advisory Committee, Active Transportation Advisory Committee, and that their views are considered.
5. That food trucks must use sustainable practices and must submit these practices to staff.
6. That the budget for furniture be reduced to \$50,000.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Young  
OPPOSED (2): Councillor Andrew, Councillor Thornton-Joe

## **CARRIED (7 to 2)**

*Councillor Potts withdrew from the meeting at 3:41 p.m. due to a potential non-pecuniary conflict of interest as she as the property is within 100 m of her residence.*

*Councillor Isitt withdrew from the meeting at 3:41 p.m. due to a potential non-pecuniary conflict of interest as she as the property is within 100 m of his father’s residence.*

### **F.1.a.c 330-336 Michigan Street: Revised Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Grant Application (James Bay)**

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

That Council:

1. Revise the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund (VHRF) grant approved April 2, 2020 to the Capital Region Housing Corporation for the Michigan Square project located at 330-336 Michigan Street from \$1,020,000 to \$620,000 to reflect the applicant’s request to no longer seek funding for moderate income units and the total number of one bedroom very low income units being increased from 12 to 16 units;

2. Authorize \$310,000 to be payable to the applicant upon execution of the Housing Fund Grant Agreement and legal agreements securing the (VHRF-funded) affordable units and bedroom unit sizes in a form to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, with the remaining balance of \$310,000 to be payable to the applicant once the City has issued all required occupancy permits for the project; and
3. That the passage of this resolution creates no legal rights for the applicant or any other person, or obligation on the part of the City, until and unless all agreements are fully executed by the City.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Councillor Isitt and Councillor Potts returned to the meeting at 3:42 p.m.*

**F.1.a.d Neighbourhood Association Coordinator Funding**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council:

1. Approve the criteria as outlined in this report, to be incorporated into a policy, for the neighbourhood coordinator pilot project in the identified neighbourhoods.
2. That prior to awarding of the grant, each neighbourhood submit a basic strategy for the use of the funds that is subject to staff review and approved by the City Manager.

**Amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Andrew

3. **That the James Bay Neighbourhood Association be included in this pilot project.**

**Amendment to the amendment:**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Young

3. **That the James Bay Neighbourhood Association be included in this pilot project funded from new assessed revenue.**

FOR (6): Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

OPPOSED (3): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Potts

**CARRIED (7 to 2)**

**On the amendment:**

**3. That the James Bay Neighbourhood Association be included in this pilot project funded from new assessed revenue.**

FOR (6): Councillor Andrew, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young  
OPPOSED (3): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Potts

**CARRIED (6 to 3)**

**On the main motion as amended:**

That Council:

1. Approve the criteria as outlined in this report, to be incorporated into a policy, for the neighbourhood coordinator pilot project in the identified neighbourhoods.
2. That prior to awarding of the grant, each neighbourhood submit a basic strategy for the use of the funds that is subject to staff review and approved by the City Manager.
3. That the James Bay Neighbourhood Association be included in this pilot project funded from new assessed revenue.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **F.1.b Report from the March 4, 2021 COTW Meeting**

*Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 3:56 p.m. due to a potential non-pecuniary conflict of interest as she has been asked to sit on the Board of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness.*

##### **F.1.b.a 940 Caledonia Avenue: Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00017 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 000591 (North Park)**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Alro

1. That Council allocate \$61,866 from the remaining balance of the Restart Grant Funding, to fund the costs related to the installation of water and sewer services for the temporary transitional units and the removal of the units and capping of services when the temporary use permit expires.
2. That Council allocate \$110,000 from the 2021 Corporate Contingency Budget to contribute to the estimated 2021 operating costs, and further consider allocating \$105,000 as part of the 2022 Budget process to contribute to the estimated 2022 operating and closure costs for the temporary transitional housing operated by Our Place Society.

3. That Council authorize the City staff to consider, and if determined by staff to be eligible and advantageous to the City's overall ability to secure maximum grant funding, include the City costs for set-up and operating of the transitional housing project within any application made to the Province's Strengthening Communities' Services Program.

Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00017

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 Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00017 for 940 Caledonia Avenue and 953 and 963 Green Street, in accordance with:
  - a. Plans date stamped February 11, 2021.
  - b. The Temporary Use Permit lapsing 18 months from the date of this resolution."
2. That a special Council meeting is scheduled on March 18, 2021 to allow for an Opportunity for Public Comment.

Development Permit with Variances Application No. 000591

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 Permit with Variance Application No. 000591 for 940 Caledonia Avenue and 953 and 963 Green Street in accordance with:
  - a. Plans date stamped February 11, 2021.
  - b. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
    - i. relaxation to all of the impacted lots for setback requirements;
    - ii. relaxation to permit buildings over property lines;
    - iii. relaxation to permit more than one building on a lot;
    - iv. reduce the required number of parking spaces from five to nil.
  - c. The Development Permit lapsing 18 months from the date of this resolution."
2. That a special Council meeting is scheduled on March 18, 2021 to allow for an Opportunity for Public Comment.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to the meeting at 3:57 p.m.*

**H. CLOSED MEETING**

**Moved By** Councillor Isitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Young

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE MARCH 4, 2021 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:

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;*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the closed agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**M. NEW BUSINESS**

**M.1 Intergovernmental Negotiations – Community Charter Section 90(2)(b)**

Council discussed an intergovernmental relations matter.

The motion was recorded and kept confidential.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Alto

**Seconded By** Councillor Young

That the Closed Council Meeting be adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR