



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

January 14, 2021, 6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Centennial Square

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

PRESENT

ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, 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, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, AK Ferguson - Committee Secretary

A. Music Performance

The recording provided for this City Council meeting is by young artists from the [VCM Collegium Program](#).

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The City Clerk outlined amendments to the agenda.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.1 Diane Chimich: Telus Ocean Development

Outlined why she is opposed to the Telus Ocean Development.

D.2 Jason Leach: Building Permit Process for Older Homes Within the City of Victoria

Outlined concerns with the building permit process for older homes.

D.3 Stafford Bingham: Telus Ocean Proposed Building

Outlined concerns with the proposed Telus Ocean building development.

D.5 Negin Saadati: New benches on Dallas Road Expansion to become memorial benches

Outlined a request for a memorial bench to honour her mother.

D.6 Maria Wong: January 14 Meeting - Meegan Community Care Tent and Transitional Tiny Home Community

Outlined the need for the Meegan Community Care Tent and transitional tiny home community.

F. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS

F.1 1133 Fort Street: Rezoning Application No. 00727

Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1239) No. 20-118:

To rezone the land known as 1133 Fort Street from the R3-1 Zone, Multiple Dwelling District, to the C1-FH Zone, Fort Street Commercial Heritage District, to discharge the Land Use Contract and permit commercial uses on-site within the existing heritage designated building.

F.1.a Public Hearing & Consideration of Approval

Michael Angrove (Senior Planner): *Advised that the application is to discharge the Land Use Contract and permit commercial uses on-site within the existing heritage designated building.*

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

Nigel Banks (Applicant): Provided information regarding the application.

Council recessed from 7:03 p.m. until 7:08 p.m. to provide an opportunity for members of the public to call to speak live.

No persons called in to speak to the proposed application.

Council had no questions for the applicant.

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following bylaw **be given third reading:**

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1239) No. 20-118

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following bylaw **be adopted:**

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1239) No. 20-118

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.2 1002 Vancouver Street: Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00154

Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00154

The Council of the City of Victoria will consider issuing a Development Permit with Variances for the land known as 1002 Vancouver Street, in Development Permit Area 14: Cathedral Hill Precinct, for purposes of installing a platform lift in the rear yard of the building to move garbage, compost and recycling from ground level to the underground parking garage.

F.2.a Opportunity for Public Comment & Consideration of Approval:

Michael Angrove (Senior Planner): *Advised that the application is for the consideration of installation of a platform lift in the rear yard to lower waste bins from ground level to a basement holding area.*

Mayor Helps opened the opportunity for public comment at 7:10 p.m.

Don Brown (Applicant): Provided information regarding the application.

Council recessed from 7:17 p.m. until 7:22 p.m. p.m. to provide an opportunity for members of the public to call to speak live.

No persons called in to speak to the proposed application.

Council discussed the following:

- *The number of parking spaces used regularly.*
- *Whether there will be any loss of privacy for residents.*

Mayor Helps closed the opportunity for public comment at 7:26 p.m.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with a Variance Application No. 00154 for 1002 Vancouver Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped August 19, 2020.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the rear yard setback from 6.65 metres to 0.3 metres
 - ii. reduce the minimum parking requirement from 31 spaces to 10 spaces *Development Variance Permit Application No. 00195 reduced the parking requirement from 21 spaces to 12 parking spaces
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 901 Gordon Street: Rezoning Application No. 00743

Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 7) No. 20-117:

To rezone the land known as 901-919 Gordon Street, 617-635 Broughton Street and 620-628 Courtney Street by adding site specific regulations to the Old Town District-1 Zone (OTD-1) to permit a storefront cannabis retailer.

F.3.a Public Hearing & Consideration of Approval

Michael Angrove (Senior Planner): *Advised that the application is to rezone the property to permit the use of store front cannabis retailer.*

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Chief Ron Sam (Applicant): Provided information regarding the application for 901 Gordon Street and 1150 Douglas Street.

Christina Clarke (Applicant): Provided information regarding the application.

Vikram Sachdeva (Applicant): Provided information regarding the application.

Ann Squires Ferguson (Applicant): Provided information regarding the application.

Alex Robb (Victoria and Cannabis Retailer): Expressed his support for the Gordon Street application. He also noted that he is undecided about the Douglas Street application and is concerned about the distance between the two applications and other cannabis retailers.

Sacha Romeyn (Victoria): Expressed concern regarding the Douglas Street application and its distance to other cannabis retailers.

Council recessed from 8:04 p.m. until 8:09 p.m. to provide an opportunity for members of the public to call to speak live.

No persons called in to speak to the proposed application.

Council discussed:

- *The distances between dispensaries.*
- *what happens to the license should the current operator close.*

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 8:17 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following bylaw **be given third reading**:

1. Zoning Bylaw 2018, Amendment Bylaw (No. 7) No. 20-117

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Zoning Bylaw 2018, Amendment Bylaw (No. 7) No. 20-117

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the applicant and speakers have double the time to speak on these combined applications.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.4 1150 Douglas Street: Rezoning Application No. 00748

Zoning Bylaw 2018, Amendment Bylaw (No. 8) No. 20-125:

To rezone the land known as 1150 Douglas Street, 600-670 Fort Street, 1125-1199 Government Street and 647-655 View Street by adding site specific regulations to the Old Town District-1 Zone (OTD-1), to permit a storefront cannabis retailer.

F.4.a Public Hearing & Consideration of Approval

This application was discussed in conjunction with 901 Gordon Street.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following bylaw **be given third reading:**

1. Zoning Bylaw 2018, Amendment Bylaw (No. 8) No. 20-125

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following bylaw **be adopted:**

1. Zoning Bylaw 2018, Amendment Bylaw (No. 8) No. 20-125

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O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Young

That the Council meeting adjourn.

TIME: 8:41 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR