MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

February 11, 2021, P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE, VICTORIA BC
To be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting
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PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Coates - City Clerk, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, 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. CONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the Committee of the Whole Report from February 11, 2021 be added to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. CLOSED MEETING

Motion to go into a closed Council meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

MOTION TO CLOSE THE FEBRUARY 11, 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

N. NEW BUSINESS

N.1 Intergovernmental Relations - Community Charter Sections 90(2)(b)

Council discussed an intergovernmental relations matter.

The conversation was recorded and kept confidential.

G. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the Closed Council Meeting be adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. CONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

The Council meeting reconvened at 11:14 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That all the items of the agenda be moved except:

G.1 – Bylaw for Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 21-033

G.2 – Bylaw for Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 21-034

Amendment

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following items be pulled for discussion:

C.2 – Minutes from the daytime meeting held January 21, 2021

F.1 a.f. – Council Lead Workshops – Neighbourhood Boundaries

F. 1. a.d. – Strategic Plan #3 – Affordable Housing

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the meeting be extended to 11:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. READING OF MINUTES

C.1 Minutes from the evening meeting held January 28, 2021

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the minutes from the evening meeting held January 28, 2021 be adopted.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

D.1 "Chamber of Commerce Week" - February 15 to 22, 2021

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. "Chamber of Commerce Week" - February 15 to 22, 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.2 "National Engineering Month" - March 2021

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following proclamation be endorsed:

1. "National Engineering Month" - March 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E.1 1244 Wharf Street: Update Report for Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00023

Committee received a report dated January 28, 2021 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding a corrected approval motion for Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00023 for 1244 Wharf Street, which eliminates a variance that is not actually required under the applicable Zoning Bylaw.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council consider the following amended motion in relation to the proposed Heritage Alteration Permit for 1244 Wharf Street:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00023 for 1244 Wharf Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans, date stamped November 20, 2020.
2. The Conservation Plan for the Yates Block at 1244 Wharf Street by Donald Luxton and Associates Inc., dated September 2020.
3. Final plans to be generally in accordance with the plans identified above to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
4. Revisions to the existing Statement of Significance to include restored heritage features as character-defining elements to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
5. Revisions to elevation details of the proposed restored pediment and cornice, including molding profiles, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
6. Minor plan amendments to illustrate frontage improvements to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering.
7. Preparation and execution of a legal agreement to secure frontage improvements, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering.
8. Council authorizing the restoration of historic features, including a pediment, roof level cornice and balcony, which will project over the City Right-of-Way, provided that the applicant enters into an Encroachment Agreement in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
9. Heritage Alteration Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

F.1 Committee of the Whole

F.1.a Report from the February 4, 2021 COTW Meeting

F.1.a.a 1611 Stanley Avenue: Heritage Designation Application No. 000194 (Fernwood)

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council approve the designation of the property located at 1611 Stanley Avenue, pursuant to Section 611 of the Local Government Act, as a Municipal Heritage Site, and that first and second reading of the Heritage Designation Bylaw be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.a.b Council Member Motion: Amending Schedule E of the Animal Responsibility Bylaw to Include a portion of Vic West

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council direct staff to report back with options for and implications of implementing the following recommendation:

That Council direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the Animal Responsibility Bylaw amending Schedule E to increase the area that a person must not intentionally feed or leave food out for the purposes of feeding rock doves (pigeons), crows, or gulls to include the triangle of Vic West from Bay Street to Esquimalt Rd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.a.c Council Member Motion: UBCM Resolution: Increase Disability Benefits and Income Assistance Rates

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council endorses the following resolution and directs staff to forward copies to UBCM member local governments, as well as the Provincial ministers

responsible for Social Development, Poverty Reduction, Finance, and Housing, requesting favourable consideration.

Resolution:

WHEREAS after many years of frozen income assistance rates and only minimal increases to disability benefits the current Provincial Government increased rates, for single people, by $150 between 2017 and 2019 but most people who receive disability benefits or income assistance continue to live well below the poverty line;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government added a $300/month COVID benefit for those receiving disability and income assistance, which temporarily reduced people's risk of losing their housing and increased their access to necessities including food and medical supplies, but as of January 2021 the benefit has been reduced to $150/month and there is no commitment to provide additional support past March 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia permanently reinstate the automatic, $300/month benefit for people receiving disability benefits and income assistance and move to raise disability and income assistance to a livable rate that is above the market basket measure (MBM).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.a.e 2564 Graham Street: Heritage Designation Application No. 000191 (Hillside/Quadra)

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council approve the designation of the property located at 2564 Graham Street, pursuant to Section 611 of the Local Government Act, as a Municipal Heritage Site, and that first and second reading of the Heritage Designation Bylaw be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.a.g Council Member Motion: Electronic Participation at Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council direct staff to report back on the implications and ability to amend the Council Procedures Bylaw to require remote participation to occur so that Council members are visible to the Chair and the City Clerk in order to be recorded as present in a meeting, and visible to Council and the public via the webcast when called on to vote or comment, provided that the City's meeting management programs are operational to enable the video connection, for the duration of the Ministerial Order M192 and that Council, through the mayor, affirm each Council members' choice to participate remotely or in council chambers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.b Report from the February 11, 2021 COTW Meeting

F.1.b.a Expansion of Pedestrian Space in Clover Point Park

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the matter be referred to staff, to report back as soon as possible with **options for** revised interim parking plans, ideally by February 25, 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.b.b Council Member Motion: Cold Weather Shelter

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council direct staff to work with BC Housing and other partners to permit the Dandelion Society to operate a cold weather shelter in the Save on Foods Memorial Centre foyer or other suitable locations from February 11 to February 15, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Appointment of City Clerk

Council received a report dated February 4, 2021 from the Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer regarding the appointment of Mr. Curt Kingsley as City Clerk.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Mr. Curt Kingsley be appointed as City Clerk, the officer responsible for corporate administration pursuant to section 148 of the Community Charter effective March 15, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. READING OF MINUTES

C.2 Minutes from the daytime meeting held January 21, 2021

Councillor Thornton-Joe advised that the minutes incorrectly state that she was absent for the meeting.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the minutes from the daytime meeting held January 21, 2021 be adopted with the noted amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

F.1 Committee of the Whole

F.1.a.d Strategic Plan #3 Affordable Housing

Committee discussed:

- *Ensuring that the City has public buildings open for people during times of crisis.*

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council approve the amendments as outlined in the report dated January 19, 2021 for Strategic Plan #3 Affordable Housing, including this further amendment:

Municipal Housing Corporation Remove from Plan.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Council add the following 2022 action to the Strategic Plan:

Work with partner agencies to explore the creation of an emergency housing function.

Amendment:
Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

Council add the following ~~2022~~ **2021** action to the Strategic Plan:

Work with partner agencies to explore the creation of an emergency housing function.

Amendment to the Amendment::
Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Potts

replace "work with partner agencies" with "request that partner agencies explore the creation of an emergency housing function and the city participates in that process."

Motion to refer:
Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That this matter be referred to the February 18, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1 Committee of the Whole

F.1.a Report from the February 4, 2021 COTW Meeting

F.1.a.f Council Led Workshop - Neighbourhood Boundaries

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

1. That Council direct staff to engage the North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association and the Oaklands Community Association regarding the potential recognition of the 2700-block to 3000-block of the east side of Shelbourne Street as part of the Oaklands neighbourhood, requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.

2. That Council direct staff to engage the Fernwood Community Association and the Oaklands Community Association regarding the potential recognition of the 2500-blocks between Cook Street and Shelbourne Street, and Bay Street and Haultain Street, as part of the Oaklands neighbourhood, requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.

3. That Council direct staff to engage the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association, the Downtown Residents Association, and the Downtown Victoria Business Association regarding the potential recognition of the 800-blocks between Fort Street and Academy Close, and Blanshard Street and Quadra Street, as part of the Downtown neighbourhood,

requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.

4. That Council direct staff to engage the Burnside-Gorge Community Association, the Downtown Residents Association, and the Downtown Victoria Business Association regarding the potential adjustment of the boundary between Burnside-Gorge and Downtown from Chatham/Discovery/Caledonia to Bay Street, so that Bay Street would become the northern boundary of Downtown and the southern boundary of Burnside-Gorge, requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.

5. That Council direct staff to engage the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association and the North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association regarding the potential recognition of a unified Jubilee neighbourhood and their thoughts on how one CALUC could potentially be formed to service the one new unified neighbourhood, requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.

6. That Council direct staff to engage the Downtown Residents Association and the Downtown Victoria Business Association regarding the potential recognition of Downtown and Harris Green as a unified Downtown neighbourhood, requesting comment from that association by April 30, 2021.

7. That Council direct staff to engage the Victoria Community Association Network regarding these proposed adjustments to neighbourhood boundaries, requesting comment from VCAN and any neighbourhood association that wishes to provide comment by April 30, 2021.

8. That Council direct staff to engage with North Park Neighbourhood Association and the Fernwood Community Association regarding the potential adjustment that would make Chambers Street the eastern boundary of North Park and the western boundary of Fernwood between Bay and Pandora.

9. That proposed neighbourhood boundary changes, that coincide with current local area planning (i.e. Village and Corridor Planning: Fernwood, North Park, Hillside-Quadra), be included in the local area planning engagement, taking into consideration the end date of engagement as suggested in the neighbourhood boundaries report.

That Council direct staff to engage the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association, the Gonzales Neighbourhood Association and the Rockland Neighbourhood Association on options for CALUC representation in the Fairfield, Gonzales and Rockland neighbourhoods, including the possibility of:

a. recognition of the Gonzales Neighbourhood Association as the CALUC for the Gonzales neighbourhood; or

b. recognition of a unified Gonzales-Rockland Neighbourhood Association as the CALUC for a unified Gonzales-Rockland neighbourhood; or

c. the status quo.

Requesting comment from those associations by April 30, 2021.

That Council direct staff to engage with the 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 by April 30, 2021.

And that Council request staff to work with neighbourhood associations and report back on options for supporting them in outreaching and serving parts of their neighbourhood that are currently under-represented by their current function and services.

That Council direct staff to send the proposed adjustments to Destination Victoria for any comments with respect to downtown boundaries.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council refer this matter to the staff to report back at the February 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. BYLAWS

G.1 Bylaw for Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

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

1. Parks Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 13) No. 21-033

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G.2 Bylaw for Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw

Councillor Dubow left the meeting at 11:46 pm.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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

1. Parks Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 14) No. 21-034

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Potts

CARRIED (7 to 1)

P. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the Council meeting adjourn.

Time: 11:47 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR