



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 8, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

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

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

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

PRESENT VIA
ELECTRONIC
PARTICIPATION: Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, A. Hudson - Assistant Director of Community Planning, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, L. Van Den Dolder - Assistant City Solicitor, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, K. Moore - Head of Business and Community Relations, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, M. Sandhu - Head of Service Innovation & Improvement, M. Cittone - Senior Planner, H. McKeil - Housing Planner, C. Tunis – Tenant Assistance Planner, L. Berndt – Manager of Energy & Climate Action, S. Young - Climate & Environmental Sustainability Specialist, P. Angelblazer - Committee Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the agenda be amended by removing E.1.a 812 Craigflower Road – Referral of Proposed Esquimalt OCP Amendment from the consent agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the following items be approved without further debate

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.1 Minutes from the Meeting held January 28, 2021

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 28, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.2 Minutes from the meeting held March 11, 2021

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 11, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.3 Recommendation for Pacificanna at 1881 Fort Street

Committee received a report dated March 26, 2021 from the City Clerk regarding an application by Pacificanna at 1881 Fort Street to obtain a provincial cannabis retail store license.

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

1. That Council direct staff to advise the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB):
The Council of the City of Victoria supports the application of Pacificanna at 1881 Fort Street to receive a provincial cannabis retail store license with the following comments:
 - a. The Council recommends that the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch issue a license to Pacificanna at 1881 Fort Street.

- b. City staff did not raise any concerns about this referral in terms of community impacts.
 - c. Residents' views were solicited through a mail-out to property owners and occupiers within 100 meters of this address and to the relevant neighbourhood association.
The City sent 284 notices and received 10 responses. The City did not receive correspondence from the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association.
2. That Council direct staff to advise the LCRB of Council's recommendation subject to the applicant's compliance with applicable City bylaws and permits.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.7 Proclamation: Global Meetings Industry Day

Committee received a report dated March 29, 2021 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for Global Meetings Industry Day, April 8, 2021.

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the Global Meetings Industry Day Proclamation be forwarded to the April 8, 2021 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. LAND USE MATTERS

E.1 Referral of Proposed Esquimalt OCP Amendment

E.1.a 812 Craigflower Road - Referral of Proposed Esquimalt OCP Amendment

Committee received a report dated March 29, 2021 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the consideration of a referral from the Township of Esquimalt regarding a proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment at 812 Craigflower Road and provide comments to the Esquimalt Municipal Council.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Consultation with neighbouring properties in Victoria.*
- *Length of time available for comment.*
- *Differences in zoning regulations between Esquimalt and Victoria within the area.*

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council direct staff to:

1. Forward this report to the Township of Esquimalt as comment on the Township's referral of the Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment for 812 Craigflower Road.
2. Communicate that Council finds the provision of housing along Craigflower Road, including diverse unit sizes, supports broader objectives of the City of Victoria's OCP by allowing housing convenient to services, amenities, transit, and the downtown core, thereby benefiting the region.
3. Communicate that Council encourages the inclusion of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures in a rezoning.
4. That this motion be added to the daytime Council meeting of April 8th, 2021.

Motion to postpone:

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Andrew

Postpone consideration of this motion pending receipt of information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt withdrew from the meeting at 9:19 a.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item, as a friend lives near the property.

E.1.b 819-823 Esquimalt Road - Referral of Proposed Esquimalt OCP Amendment

Committee received a report dated March 29, 2021 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the consideration of a referral from the Township of Esquimalt regarding a proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment at 819-823 Esquimalt Road and provide comments to the Esquimalt Municipal Council.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Collaboration with Esquimalt with respect to transportation planning.*
- *Sustainable transportation planning considerations.*
- *Potential displacement of tenants as a result of the proposal.*

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That Council direct staff to:

1. Forward this report to the Township of Esquimalt as comment on the Township's referral of the Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment for 819-823 Esquimalt Road.
2. Communicate that Council finds the provision of housing, and seniors' housing, in the Esquimalt Road Corridor supports broader objectives of the City of Victoria's OCP and Victoria West Neighbourhood plan

by allowing housing convenient to services, amenities and transit, thereby benefiting the region.

3. Communicate that Council encourages the Township of Esquimalt to recognize the status of Esquimalt Road as part of the City of Victoria's bicycle network, the CRD's Priority Inter-Community (PIC) network, its status as a commuter cycling route in Esquimalt's earlier Bicycle Network Plan (2001), as well as a Frequent Transit Corridor in the BC Transit Future Plan; the opportunity to align with future Bus Rapid Transit implementation; the opportunity to improve what are currently sub-optimal bicycle facilities along Esquimalt Road; and the value of the urban forest, in order to:
 - a. determine a desired cross-section for Esquimalt Road which includes sufficient space for safe cycling facilities, pedestrians, and street trees;
 - b. consult with City of Victoria Engineering staff in developing the above cross-section;
 - c. seek Statutory Right-of-Way or highway dedication to achieve this cross-section along this section of Esquimalt Road and frontage works as part of redevelopment, as appropriate.
4. That this motion be added to the daytime Council meeting of April 8th, 2021.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

5. **Communicate that Council hopes consideration and assistance will be given to any current tenants that will be displaced by this development.**

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Andrew

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

- c. seek Statutory Right-of-Way or highway dedication to achieve this cross-section along this section of Esquimalt Road and frontage works as part of **this rezoning process** ~~redevelopment~~, as appropriate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Forward this report to the Township of Esquimalt as comment on the Township's referral of the Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment for 819-823 Esquimalt Road.
2. Communicate that Council finds the provision of housing, and seniors' housing, in the Esquimalt Road Corridor supports broader objectives of the City of Victoria's OCP and Victoria West Neighbourhood plan by allowing housing convenient to services, amenities and transit, thereby benefiting the region.
3. Communicate that Council encourages the Township of Esquimalt to recognize the status of Esquimalt Road as part of the City of Victoria's bicycle network, the CRD's Priority Inter-Community (PIC) network, its status as a commuter cycling route in Esquimalt's earlier Bicycle Network Plan (2001), as well as a Frequent Transit Corridor in the BC Transit Future Plan; the opportunity to align with future Bus Rapid Transit implementation; the opportunity to improve what are currently sub-optimal bicycle facilities along Esquimalt Road; and the value of the urban forest, in order to:
 - a. determine a desired cross-section for Esquimalt Road which includes sufficient space for safe cycling facilities, pedestrians, and street trees;
 - b. consult with City of Victoria Engineering staff in developing the above cross-section;
 - c. seek Statutory Right-of-Way or highway dedication to achieve this cross-section along this section of Esquimalt Road and frontage works as part of this rezoning process, as appropriate.
4. That this motion be added to the daytime Council meeting of April 8th, 2021.
5. Communicate that Council hopes consideration and assistance will be given to any current tenants that will be displaced by this development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt returned to the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

E.1.a 812 Craigflower Road - Referral of Proposed Esquimalt OCP Amendment

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the motion is lifted from the table.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee discussed the following:

- *Differences in zoning regulations between Esquimalt and Victoria within the area.*
- *Notification of affected properties within the City of Victoria.*
- *Process changes to the City's referral process.*

- *Regularity of referrals to and from other municipalities.*

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

5. **That Council request that Esquimalt notify Victoria residents within 200 metres of the affected property and invite their comments should this proposal move forward to public hearing.**

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Mayor Helps

5. That Council request that Esquimalt notify Victoria residents ~~within 200 metres of the affected property~~ **a notification distance consistent with that provided to Esquimalt property owners for OCP amendments and rezonings** and invite their comments should this proposal move forward to public hearing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment as amended:

5. **That Council request that Esquimalt notify Victoria residents a notification distance consistent with that provided to Esquimalt property owners for OCP amendments and rezonings and invite their comments should this proposal move forward to public hearing.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt requested that the motions be considered separately.

On number one:

That Council direct staff to:

1. Forward this report to the Township of Esquimalt as comment on the Township's referral of the Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment for 812 Craigflower Road.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

On number two:

That Council direct staff to:

2. Communicate that Council finds the provision of housing along Craigflower Road, including diverse unit sizes, supports broader objectives of the City of Victoria's OCP by allowing housing convenient to services, amenities, transit, and the downtown core, thereby benefiting the region.

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

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Isitt, Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 2)

On number three:

That Council direct staff to:

3. Communicate that Council encourages the inclusion of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures in a rezoning.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the number four

1. That this motion be added to the daytime Council meeting of April 8th, 2021.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

On the number five as amended:

5. That Council request that Esquimalt notify Victoria residents a notification distance consistent with that provided to Esquimalt property owners for OCP amendments and rezonings and invite their comments should this proposal move forward to public hearing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion Arising:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That staff report back at the T2 update on the advisability of adopting the policy: "referrals from other local governments in relation to Official Community Plan amendments will be considered by Council within 30 days of the City's receipt of the referral."

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

~~That staff report back at the T2 update on the advisability of adopting the policy: "r~~ Referrals from other local governments in relation to Official Community Plan amendments will be **published on a Council Meeting agenda as soon as possible after being received by the City of Victoria** ~~considered by Council within 30 days of the City's receipt of the referral."~~

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

DEFEATED (3 to 6)

On the motion arising:

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

DEFEATED (2 to 7)

Committee recessed at 10:19 a.m., and reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 Renters' Advisory Committee - Term Extension

A report dated March 25, 2021 from the City Clerk and the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the membership and tenure of the Renters' Advisory Committee.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Accessibility accommodations for City committees.*

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

1. That Council approve extending the Renters' Advisory Committee as follows:

- a. Initiate cyclical two-year terms from April 2021 to November 2023 which will realign with annual Council committee member appointments thereafter.
 - b. Rotate half of the members annually to provide overlapping terms.
 - c. Extend the term of current committee members to November 2022.
 - d. Appoint new committee members to fill current vacancies.
 - e. Update the Terms of Reference to reflect the new cyclical term.
 - f. Continue the committee on an ongoing basis.
2. That this motion be added to the daytime Council meeting of April 8, 2021.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

- a. Update the Terms of Reference to reflect the new cyclical term **and include the same provisions in the Accessibility Advisory Committee terms of reference in the Renters' Advisory Committee terms of reference.**

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Mayor Helps

1. Update the Terms of Reference to reflect the new cyclical term **and include the same provisions with respect to accessible access to meetings in the Accessibility Advisory Committee terms of reference in the Renters' Advisory Committee terms of reference.**

Motion to postpone:

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council postpone consideration of the motion until after the lunch break.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.2 Sale of Low Carbon Fuel Credit

Committee received a report dated March 26, 2021 from the Director of Engineering and Public Works seeking Council authorization for the City to enter into contracts to sell the carbon credits it has accumulated as a supplier of low carbon fuels.

Committee discussed the following:

- *New revenue sources for the municipality.*
- *Concerns about the effectiveness of the program in reducing carbon emissions.*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council:

1. Approve the City, as a Part 3 fuel supplier under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act, to enter into contracts that enable the sale of the City's low carbon fuel credits, on terms and in a form satisfactory to the Director of Engineering and Public Works and the City Solicitor;
2. Direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the Delegation of Signing Authority Bylaw to authorize the Director of Engineering and Public Works and the Chief Financial Officer to approve the specific quantity and sale amounts received from a competitive bidding process or based on prevailing market prices values and sign contracts to effect such sales;
3. Direct revenue from such sales to electrification of City fleet and/or public EV charging infrastructure to continue to support and accelerate climate action; or to be transferred to the Climate Action Reserve for such use in future years.

Motion to refer:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

That this matter be referred to staff to report back on with information on the Climate Action Plan of the prospective purchaser of credits.

Failed to proceed due to no seconder:

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

4. That staff report back on an annual basis as part of the Climate Action Update with respect to the sale of low carbon fuel credits.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

1. Approve the City, as a Part 3 fuel supplier under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act, to enter into contracts that enable the sale of the City's low carbon fuel credits, on terms and in a form satisfactory to the Director of Engineering and Public Works and the City Solicitor **subject to transparency in the sale price;**

FOR (2): Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Isitt

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

DEFEATED (2 to 7)

On the main motion as amended:

That Council:

1. Approve the City, as a Part 3 fuel supplier under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act, to enter into contracts that enable the sale of the City's low carbon fuel credits, on terms and in a form satisfactory to the Director of Engineering and Public Works and the City Solicitor;
2. Direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the Delegation of Signing Authority Bylaw to authorize the Director of Engineering and Public Works and the Chief Financial Officer to approve the specific quantity and sale amounts received from a competitive bidding process or based on prevailing market prices values and sign contracts to effect such sales;
3. Direct revenue from such sales to electrification of City fleet and/or public EV charging infrastructure to continue to support and accelerate climate action; or to be transferred to the Climate Action Reserve for such use in future years.
4. That staff report back on an annual basis as part of the Climate Action Update with respect to the sale of low carbon fuel credits.

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)

F.4 2021 Financial Plan Update - Police Budget Allocation Formula and Request for Additional Officers to Support Bylaw Services

Committee received a report dated April 1, 2021 from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer regarding a request for additional police officers to support bylaw services.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Mechanisms by which the additional police support may be funded*
- *Timeline for phasing in the proposed property tax increase.*
- *Irregular financial requests from the Police Board.*
- *Public safety and safety of City staff.*
- *Potential outcomes from not funding additional policing support for bylaw services.*
- *Cities' financial priorities regarding solutions to homelessness.*
- *Provincial health guidelines on encampments.*

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council:

1. Approve an increase of \$296,122 or 0.21% in property taxes to fund the shift of policing costs due to the phase-in of the new budget allocation formula
2. Approve \$25,000 for additional policing support for bylaw services staff for the month of April 2021 from the 2021 contingency budget
3. Forward this motion to the daytime Council meeting of April 8, 2021

Councillor Isitt requested that the motions be considered separately.

On number one:

That Council:

1. Approve an increase of \$296,122 or 0.21% in property taxes to fund the shift of policing costs due to the phase-in of the new budget allocation formula

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

CARRIED (7 to 2)

On number two:

That Council:

2. Approve \$25,000 for additional policing support for bylaw services staff for the month of April 2021 from the 2021 contingency budget

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

CARRIED (6 to 3)

On number three:

That Council:

3. Forward this motion to the daytime Council meeting of April 8, 2021

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)

The Mayor recalled the vote on section one of the motion.

On number one:

That Council:

1. Approve an increase of \$296,122 or 0.21% in property taxes to fund the shift of policing costs due to the phase-in of the new budget allocation formula

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (3): Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday

CARRIED (6 to 3)

Committee recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:16 p.m.

F.1 Renters' Advisory Committee - Term Extension

Committee discussed the following:

- *Composition of the committee*
- *New call for applicants for the Renters' Advisory Committee*
- *Potentially adding landlords and property owners to the RAC*
- *Consultation process with recommendations which follow from the committee*
- *Creating dialogue between renters and landlords*

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

3. Council direct staff to amend the Renters Advisory Committee proposed terms of reference to add explicit reference to a class of membership for people with lived experience with disability and a reasonable accommodation provision to signal that people of various abilities can participate, specifically, amend attachment C, Terms of Reference Renters' Advisory Committee:
 - a. under 2. Composition, a sentence to follow "The Renters' Advisory Committee will be comprised of up to twelve (12) members of the public appointed for two (2) year terms (renewable for one additional term), representing the diverse perspectives and experiences of renters and renters' advocates". The new sentence will read, "**Three members will have expertise or lived experience on accessibility issues.**"
 - b. Under 4. Procedure, add a sentence at the end "**The City will reasonably accommodate members' disabilities, as appropriate.**"
4. Direct staff to ensure that members with disabilities are able to serve on all boards, task forces and advisory committees. This may be added to the Terms of Reference for the Governance Review to ensure that it is addressed comprehensively, or addressed earlier if possible, through amendment of the terms of references as they come up for review and renewal, or as a group.

Motion to postpone:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council postpone consideration of the amendments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Mayor Helps

2. That Council will consider the appointment of equity-seeking groups to the committee.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

2. That Council will consider the appointment of equity-seeking groups to the committee, **and request staff to ask members of equity-seeking groups to self-identify as they wish, to the Renters Advisory Committee.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council lift the postponed amendments from the table.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 1:24 pm due to technical difficulties.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

3. Council direct staff to amend the Renters Advisory Committee proposed terms of reference to add explicit reference to a class of membership for people with lived experience with disability and a reasonable accommodation provision to signal that people of various abilities can participate, specifically, amend attachment C, Terms of Reference Renters' Advisory Committee:

- c. under 2. Composition, a sentence to follow “The Renters' Advisory Committee will be comprised of up to twelve (12) members of the public appointed for two (2) year terms (renewable for one additional term), representing the diverse perspectives and experiences of renters and renters' advocates”. The new sentence will read, **“Three members will have expertise or lived experience on accessibility issues.”**
- d. Under 4. Procedure, add a sentence at the end **“The City will reasonably accommodate members’ disabilities, as appropriate.”**
- 4. Direct staff to ensure that members with disabilities are able to serve on all boards, task forces and advisory committees. This may be added to the Terms of Reference for the Governance Review to ensure that it is addressed comprehensively, or addressed earlier if possible, through amendment of the terms of references as they come up for review and renewal, or as a group.

The Mayor ruled section four out of order and is to be considered as a motion arising to be discussed after the main motion.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

- 3. Council direct staff to amend the Renters Advisory Committee proposed terms of reference to add explicit reference to a class of membership for people with lived experience with disability and a reasonable accommodation provision to signal that people of various abilities can participate, specifically, amend attachment C, Terms of Reference Renters' Advisory Committee:
 - e. under 2. Composition, a sentence to follow “The Renters' Advisory Committee will be comprised of up to twelve (12) members of the public appointed for two (2) year terms (renewable for one additional term), representing the diverse perspectives and experiences of renters and renters' advocates”. The new sentence will read, **“Three members will have expertise or lived experience on accessibility issues.”**
 - f. Under 4. Procedure, add a sentence at the end **“The City will reasonably accommodate members’ disabilities, as appropriate.”**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Loveday returned to the meeting at 1:47 pm.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Young

That at least one member of the Renters’ Advisory Committee be a property owner or landlord.

FOR (2): Councillor Andrew, and Councillor Young

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

DEFEATED (2 to 7)

Main motion as amended:

1. That Council approve extending the Renters' Advisory Committee as follows:
 - a. Initiate cyclical two-year terms from April 2021 to November 2023 which will realign with annual Council committee member appointments thereafter.
 - b. Rotate half of the members annually to provide overlapping terms.
 - c. Extend the term of current committee members to November 2022.
 - d. Appoint new committee members to fill current vacancies.
 - e. Update the Terms of Reference to reflect the new cyclical term.
 - f. Continue the committee on an ongoing basis.
2. That Council will consider the appointment of equity seeking groups to the committee and direct staff to ask members of equity seeking groups to self-identify if they wish, for the Renters Advisory Committee.
3. Council direct staff to amend the Renters Advisory Committee proposed terms of reference to add explicit reference to a class of membership for people with lived experience with disability and a reasonable accommodation provision to signal that people of various abilities can participate, specifically, amend attachment C, Terms of Reference Renters' Advisory Committee:
 - a) Under 2. Composition, a sentence to follow "The Renters' Advisory Committee will be comprised of up to twelve (12) members of the public appointed for two (2) year terms (renewable for one additional term), representing the diverse perspectives and experiences of renters and renters' advocates". The new sentence will read, **"Three members will have expertise or lived experience on accessibility issues."**
 - b) Under 4. Procedure, add a sentence at the end **"The City will reasonably accommodate members' disabilities, as appropriate."**

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Motion Arising:

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council refer this matter to the Governance Review:

1. Direct staff to ensure that members with disabilities are able to serve on all boards, task forces and advisory committees. This may be added to the Terms of Reference for the Governance Review to ensure that it is addressed comprehensively, or addressed earlier if possible, through amendment of the terms of references as they come up for review and renewal, or as a group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.5 Revenue and Tax Policy Benchmark Monitoring and 2021 Tax Rates

Committee received a report dated March 29, 2021 from the Deputy Director of Finance regarding updated benchmark measures related to the City's Revenue and Tax Policy and seek direction on 2021 tax rates.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Equitable distribution of tax increases.*
- *Disparate impacts of tax rate increases on different property classes.*
- *Disparate financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on different classes of property owners.*
- *Fiscal responsibility on the part of local government during the pandemic.*
- *Future changes to the Revenue and Tax Policy.*

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Young

That the meeting time is extended to 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council:

1. Approve 2021 tax rates in alignment with the Revenue and Tax Policy as follows:

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| Residential | 3.1045 |
| Utility | 36.1172 |
| Major Industrial | 11.1457 |
| Light Industrial | 11.1457 |
| Business | 11.1457 |
| Rec/Non-Profit | 6.1506 |
2. Direct staff to bring forward Tax Bylaw, 2021 for introductory readings to the daytime Council meeting on April 15, 2021.

FOR (2): Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Isitt

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

DEFEATED (2 to 7)

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That Council:

1. Approve 2021 tax rates in alignment with the Revenue and Tax Policy as follows:

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| Residential | 3.2209 |
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| Utility | 35.6621 |
| Major Industrial | 10.7096 |
| Light Industrial | 10.7096 |
| Business | 10.7096 |
| Rec/Non-Profit | 7.0635 |

2. Direct staff to bring forward Tax Bylaw, 2021 for introductory readings to the daytime Council meeting on April 15, 2021.

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)

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 2:40 p.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item as she is involved with three organizations which are a part of the grant application.

F.6 UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services Program Grant Application

Committee received a report dated March 29, 2021 from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer regarding the UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services Program, providing a list of possible project activities to include in the grant application and to seek Council approval on recommended proposed project activities, based on alignment with the grant program evaluation criteria and feedback received from UBCM staff.

Committee discussed the following:

- *Necessity of Federal and Provincial action in the housing sphere.*
- *Addressing homelessness in the community.*
- *Similarities and potential for collaboration between the Burnside-Gorge Community Association request and the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness request.*
- *Public safety improvements in the Burnside-Gorge neighbourhood.*
- *Concerns over the proposal for additional police funding.*
- *Potentially initiating the pilot alternative mental health response earlier than planned.*
- *Moving from transitional housing to full housing*

Councillor Dubow withdrew from the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That Council:

1. Authorize City staff to submit an application to the UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services Program for the following proposed activities:
 - a. Tiny Homes Project
 - b. Outdoor Sheltering in Parks – Temporary Service Supports

- c. Additional Bylaw and Peer Outreach Resources
 - d. Additional Protective Services Resources
 - e. Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness – Move-in Mobilization and Welcoming Neighbourhoods Mobilization
 - f. Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness – Outreach Services and Supports
 - g. Burnside Gorge Community Association – Community Integration and Inclusion Working Group, Improved Safety, and Clean and Safe Team
 - h. Canadian Mental Health Association – Pilot of Civilian-Led Mobile Mental Health Crisis Team
2. Authorize staff to provide overall grant management, should the grant application be awarded funding.
 3. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a grant agreement with terms generally in accordance with the outline in this report.

Councillor Isitt requested that “d. Additional Protective Services Resources” be considered separately.

On the main motion:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On section d.:

d. Additional Protective Services Resources

FOR (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts

CARRIED (6 to 2)

Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Andrew

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR