



MINUTES – VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017, AT 6:30 P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING:

Council Chambers, City Hall

PRESENT:

Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillors Alto, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe, and Young.

**ABSENT FOR A PORTION
OF THE MEETING:**

Councillor Coleman

STAFF PRESENT:

J. Johnson – City Manager; J. Jenkyns - Deputy City Manager; C. Coates - City Clerk; P. Bruce – Fire Chief; S. Thompson – Director of Finance; J. Tinney – Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; F. Work – Director of Engineering & Public Works; T. Soulliere – Director of Parks, Recreation, & Facilities; C. Havelka – Deputy City Clerk; C. Mycroft – Manager of Executive Operations; L. Taylor – Senior Planner; H. Follis – Customer Service Advisor; P. Martin - Council Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The City Clerk outlined amendments to the agenda.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Madoff, that the agenda be approved as amended.

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Brittany Forbes, Brandon Foreman, and Danée Forbes be added to the second Request to Address Council section of the meeting.

**On the amendment:
Carried Unanimously**

**On the main motion as amended:
Carried Unanimously**

Youth Poet Laureate, Maita Cienska, introduced two guest poets, Silja Liv Kelleris & Ian Lennox. Silja read a poem titled "I first met my shadow", Ian read a poem titled "Hostile takeover, as it were", and Maita read a poem titled "I am in a second-hand store".

READING OF MINUTES

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the following minutes be adopted:

1. Minutes from the daytime meeting held April 6, 2017
2. Minutes from the evening meeting held April 13, 2017

Carried Unanimously

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

Carried Unanimously

1. **Kristina Leach: Daycare Crisis in Victoria**
Outlined why Council should support the growth of licensed daycares in the City.
2. **John McLaren: Improvement in the Federal Government's Processing of Refugee Sponsorship**
Outlined why Council should support the motion on Advocacy to Improve the Refugee Sponsorship and Settlement Process.
3. **David MacDonald: Homelessness Myhtakes**
Outlined for Council homelessness statistics in Victoria.

PROCLAMATIONS

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the following Proclamation be endorsed:

1. "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" – May 2017

Carried Unanimously

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the following Proclamation be endorsed:

1. "Putting Investors First Month" – May 2017

Carried Unanimously

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the following Proclamation be endorsed:

1. "Huntington Awareness Month" – May 2017

Carried Unanimously

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the following Proclamation be endorsed:

1. "Cruise Industry Day" – May 2, 2017

Carried

For:

Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Madoff, Loveday, Lucas, Thornton-Joe, and Young

Opposed:

Councillor Isitt

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the following Proclamation be endorsed:

1. "Highland Games Week" – May 16 to 22, 2017

Carried Unanimously

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the following Proclamation be endorsed:

1. "Speech and Hearing Awareness Month" – May 2017

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Isitt withdrew from the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and returned at 7:06 p.m.

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS

1. Development Variance Permit Application No. 00183 for 2625 Shakespeare Street

1. Hearing

Development Variance Permit No. 00183

The City of Victoria will consider the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for the land known as 2625 Shakespeare Street for the purposes to allow for previous alterations that were completed without permits and to allow for a secondary suite. The Development Permit will vary the following requirements of the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw*:

- Reduce the rear yard setback from 8.38m to 7.6m
- Reduce the side yard setback from 1.52m to 1.5m
- Increase the maximum floor area added to a building when installing a secondary suite from 20m² to 67.8m²

Legal description of the land:

Lot 19, Block 5, Section 48, Victoria District, Plan 835

Leanne Taylor (Senior Planner): *Advised that the proposal is a Development Variance Permit for approval of additions and secondary suite, the proposal requires variances for additional floor area, rear yard and side yard setback for previous unapproved additions.*

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Ian Scott (Registered Planner for the Owner): *Provided information regarding the history of the application.*

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

2. Development Variance Permit Approval

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit Application No. 00183 for 2625 Shakespeare Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped January 24, 2017.
2. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the rear yard setback from 8.38 metres to 7.6 metres;
 - ii. reduce the side yard setback (east) from 1.52 metres to 1.5 metres;
 - iii. increase the allowable extension of enclosed floor area for secondary suites from 20 square metres to 67.8 square metres.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 7:11 p.m. and returned at 7:12 p.m.

2. Development Permit Application with Variances No. 00027 for 1070 Joan Crescent

1. Hearing

Development Permit with Variances No. 00027

The Council of the City of Victoria will consider issuing a Development Permit with Variances for the land known as 1070 Joan Crescent, in Development Permit Area 15C, Intensive Residential – Rockland, for the purpose of allowing a roof overhang of the proposed visitor centre to encroach 0.80 m into adjacent property at 1044 Joan Crescent, commonly referred to as Craigdarroch Castle.

The Development Permit will vary the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw*, Introduction and General Regulations, Part 19, to permit a portion of a building (roof overhang) to be erected partly on one lot and partly on another lot.

Legal description of the land:

Parcel L (Being a consolidation of lots 127 and 128, See CA4773883), Section 74, Victoria District, Plan 985

Leanne Taylor (Senior Planner): *Advised that the application is for a roof projection over the property line to allow for the construction of a visitor centre.*

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

John Hughes (Applicant): Provided information regarding the purpose of the application, advising it is to include an item that had been missed in a previously approved application.

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

2. Development Permit with Variances Approval

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variance Application No. 00027 for 1070 Joan Crescent, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped December 28, 2016.
2. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements, except for Introduction and General Regulations, Section 19, to permit a portion of a building (roof overhang of 0.80m) to be erected partly on one lot and partly on another lot.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of the original permit (DP No. 000448, expiry date January 14, 2018).
4. Prior to the issuance of a building permit the appropriate encroachment agreement be executed to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.

Carried Unanimously

3. Rezoning Application No. 00458 for 149 Montreal Street

1. Public Hearing

Rezoning Application No. 00458

To amend the Zoning Regulation Bylaw for the R1-8 Zone, Montreal Day Care District, relating to the lands known as 149 Montreal Street to add as a permitted use a day care that accommodates not more than 32 children and adding regulations relating to floor area, building height, setbacks and parking.

Existing Zone: R1-8 Zone, Montreal Day Care District

Legal Description: Lot 1, Section 25, Beckley Farm, Victoria City, Plan 5275

Leanne Taylor (Senior Planner): Advised that the application is to allow for the proposal of a daycare building.

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Rosalie Chartrand-Rodrigue (James Bay Child Care Society Expansion Chair): Provided information regarding the application by outlining the purpose of their non-profit group, the building design, and parking concern mitigation that has been undertaken.

Council discussed the following:

- *The possibility of having a covenant placed on the property, limiting the hours of operation.*
- *The limited level of consultation that has occurred between the applicant and neighbours.*

Nicholas Read (Montreal Street): Expressed concerns relating to the application, as the number of children allowed in a residential neighbourhood should be limited to mitigate neighbourhood impacts.

Councillor Coleman joined the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Enid Elliot (Menzies Street): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for daycares in the James Bay neighbourhood.

Tim Thielmann (Berwick Street): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for daycares in the James Bay neighbourhood.

Nicole Little (Niagara Street): Expressed concerns relating to the application, due to issues with increased traffic and increased density in the James Bay neighbourhood.

Caren Zilber-Shlensky (Wildwood Avenue): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for daycares in the James Bay Neighbourhood.

Caitlyn Lemiski (Balmoral Road): Expressed support for the application, and advised that as the new president of the James Bay Child Care Society, further consultation with neighbours will be undertaken.

Deanne Loubardeas (Niagara Street): Expressed concerns relating to the application, due to issues with increased density in the James Bay neighbourhood and the negative impact on neighbours.

Chante Davis (Lewis Street): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for daycares in the James Bay neighbourhood.

Peter Brown (Montreal Street): Expressed concerns relating to the application, as it will negatively impact the neighbours.

Sandy Bannikoff (St. Lawrence Street): Expressed concerns relating to the application, as it will create traffic congestion.

Alanna Dixon (Dallas Road): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for daycares in the James Bay neighbourhood.

Lindsay Surly (Michigan Street): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for daycares in the James Bay neighbourhood.

Councillor Lucas withdrew from the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and returned at 8:23 p.m.

Lincoln Shlensky (Wildwood Avenue): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for daycares in the James Bay neighbourhood.

Thomas Maler (Ladysmith Street): Expressed concerns relating to the application, due to parking concerns and as it will negatively impact the neighbours.

Roberta Turton (Simcoe Street): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for daycares in the James Bay neighbourhood.

Danielle Davis (Davie Street): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for daycares in the City of Victoria.

Melissa Dubois (Inverness Road): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for daycares in the City of Victoria.

Kelsey O'Romey (Bay Street): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for daycares in the City of Victoria.

Beth Collins (Berwick Street): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for daycares in the James Bay neighbourhood.

Richard Martin (Simcoe Street): Expressed concerns relating to the application, as it will negatively impact the neighbours.

Lindsay Robertson (Niagara Street): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for densification and daycares in the James Bay neighbourhood.

Jamal Hammoud (North Park Street): Expressed support for the application, as there is a need for daycares in the City of Victoria.

Council discussed the following:

- *Whether a covenant to restrict hours of the daycare operation would be viable.*

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 8:53 p.m. and returned at 8:54 p.m.

- *Whether reducing the number of children would make the application more supportable and would be feasible for the applicant.*

Councillor Isitt withdrew from the meeting at 9:01 p.m. and returned at 9:03 p.m.

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 9:03 p.m.

Council recessed from 9:03 p.m. to 9:11 p.m.

2. Bylaw Approval

Motion:

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the following bylaw **be given third reading:**

1. *Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1071) No. 17-015*

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Mayor Helps, that the motion be amended by adding the following:

Subject to registration of a covenant on title restricting child-care operations to 7:00 am - 6:00 pm from Mondays to Fridays, while permitting Board Meetings and janitorial work outside these hours, and permitting no more than two special events per month outside these hours.

On the amendment:
Carried Unanimously

Council discussed the following:

- *Whether restricting the hours of child-care operations mitigates the impact on neighbours, while allowing for an increase in daycare facilities in the James Bay neighbourhood.*
- *The impact that 32 children may have on the residential neighbourhood.*
- *How parking and traffic concerns could be mitigated.*

Main motion as amended:

That the following bylaw be given third reading:

1. *Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1071) No. 17-015*

Subject to registration of a covenant on title restricting child-care operations to 7:00 am - 6:00 pm from Mondays to Fridays, while permitting Board Meetings and janitorial work outside these hours, and permitting no more than two special events per month outside these hours.

On the main motion as amended:
Carried Unanimously

Final adoption of Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1071) No. 17-015, pending execution of legal document.

4. Victoria Housing Strategy Implementation – Secondary Suites, Part 1 Regulatory Changes

1. Public Hearing

Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1085) No. 17-017

The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend the Zoning Regulation Bylaw by moving the parking requirements for Secondary Suites from Schedule J – Secondary Suite Regulations to Schedule C – Off-Street Parking, and by subsequently deleting the remainder of Schedule J in its entirety to reduce restrictions in zoning to the development of secondary suites.

Lindsay Milburn (Senior Planner): *Advised that the amendment to the zoning bylaw is to increase the number of secondary suites while maintaining livability, safety, and affordability.*

Councillor Madoff withdrew from the meeting at 9:55 p.m. and returned at 9:58 p.m.

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 9:55 p.m.

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 9:56 p.m.

2. **Bylaw Approval**

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the following bylaw **be given third reading:**

1. *Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1085) No. 17-017*

Carried Unanimously

3. **Bylaw Approval**

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the following bylaw **be adopted:**

1. *Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1085) No. 17-017*

Carried Unanimously

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

Carried Unanimously

1. **Rebecca Siebert: Refugee Sponsorship and Settlement Processing Policy**

Outlined why Council should support the motion on Advocacy to Improve the Refugee Sponsorship and Settlement Process.

2. **Michael Rae: Refugee Sponsorship and Settlement Process**

Outlined why Council should support the motion on Advocacy to Improve the Refugee Sponsorship and Settlement Process.

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 10:13 p.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item, as her cousin is the president of the Asian Real Estate Board.

3. **Tony Joe: Foreign Buyer Tax and Vacant Property Tax**

Outlined why Council should not implement the Foreign Buyer Tax, and consider other means to increase the supply of housing.

4. **Emma Parston: Non-Resident Speculators Tax**

Outlined why Council should ask the Provincial Government to bring the 15% non-resident speculators tax to Greater Victoria.

5. **Charlie Ursell: Non-Resident Speculators Tax**

Outlined why Council should ask the Provincial Government to bring the 15% non-resident speculators tax to Greater Victoria.

6. **Lyndsey Easton: Foreign Buyers Tax**

Outlined why Council should adopt a Foreign Buyers Tax for Greater Victoria.

7. **Eric Swanson: Non-Resident Speculators Tax**

Outlined why Council should ask the Provincial Government to bring the 15% non-resident speculators tax to Greater Victoria.

8. **Mike Nugent: Affordable Housing and Foreign Buyer Tax**

Outlined why Council should not implement the Foreign Buyer Tax.

9. **Brittany Forbes: Non-Resident Speculation Tax**

Outlined why Council should adopt a Foreign Buyers Tax for Greater Victoria.

10. **Brandon Foreman: Non-Resident Speculation Tax**

Outlined why Council should ensure that if the Foreign Buyers Tax is implemented in Greater Victoria, there is a direct connection to housing affordability.

Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to the meeting at 10:49 p.m.

Council recessed from 10:49 p.m. to 10:55 p.m.

Motion to extend meeting:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the meeting be extended to 12:00 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Letter from the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, and the Minister Responsible for TransLink**

Council received a letter dated March 30, 2017 advising that the City's application for an infrastructure-planning grant has been approved for the Bowker Creek Daylighting Feasibility Study in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the correspondence dated March 30, 2017, from the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, and the Minister Responsible for TransLink be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

2. **Letter from the Office of the Minister of Finance**

Council received a letter dated March 31, 2017 acknowledging receipt of the City's letter dated February 6, 2017 regarding support for Bill C-323 for the rehabilitation of historic buildings in Canada.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the correspondence dated March 31, 2017, from the Office of the Minister of Finance be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

3. **Letter from the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada**

Council received a letter of response dated March 7, 2017 regarding the clemency of Leonard Peltier.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Young, that the correspondence dated March 7, 2017, from the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada be received for information.

Council discussed the following:

- *Disappointment in the Government of Canada's position on this matter.*

Carried

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Coleman, Madoff, Lucas, Thornton-Joe, and Young

Opposed: Councillors Alto, Isitt, and Loveday

4. **Update Report – Rezoning Application No. 00513 and Development Permit Application No. 000460 for 701 Belleville Street**

Council received an update report providing an update on the application, and recommending first and second readings of Bylaw No. 17-034, and first, second, and third readings of Bylaw No. 17-035.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Young:

Rezoning Application No. 00513

1. That Council give first and second reading and direct staff to set the Public Hearing for attached Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw No. 17-034 for 701 Belleville Street.
2. That concurrent with first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw No. 17-034, that Council give the necessary readings to Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 17-035, and that Council consider enacting Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 17-035 if Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw No. 17-034 is approved.

Development Permit Application No. 000460

That Council consider the following motion after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No.00513, if it is approved:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit Application No. 000460 for 701 Belleville Street, subject to a Statutory Right-of-Way being registered on the title of the property to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped March 24, 2017.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

Carried

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Loveday, Lucas, Thornton-Joe, and Young

Opposed: Councillors Isitt and Madoff

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Committee of the Whole – April 20, 2017

1. Land Use Contract Termination - Phase 1

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that Council direct Staff to draft a bylaw, and bring it forward for Council's consideration, that would terminate the following Land Use Contracts one year after its adoption:

1. H4795 for the property at 104 Dallas Road
2. G87520 for the property at 717 Market Street
3. E36725 for the properties at 902 Caledonia Avenue & 1911 Quadra Street
4. D5298 for the property at 910 Government Street
5. F14579 for the property at 1022 Pandora Avenue
6. A83118 for the property at 1112 Wharf Street
7. H821 for the property at 1175 Cook Street
8. F41707 for the property at 1177-1185 Fort Street
9. G97568 for the property at 1195 Fort Street
10. G34262 for the property at 1248 Fort Street
11. H3131 for the properties at 1633 Hillside Avenue & 3055 Scott Street
12. F67058 for the property at 1720 Cook Street
13. F87124 for the property at 1964 Fort Street

Carried Unanimously

2. Rezoning Application No. 00523 for 1250 Dallas Road - Update on Signage (Fairfield)

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Young, that Council advance Rezoning Application No. 00523 to first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Amendment Bylaw and a Public Hearing date be set once the following conditions are met:

1. Preparation of the following documents, executed by the applicant to the satisfaction of City Staff:
 - a. Housing Agreement Bylaw to ensure that a future strata corporation could not pass bylaws that would prohibit or restrict the rental of units to non-owners.
 - b. Section 219 Covenant for the building design, exterior materials and landscaping.

Carried Unanimously

3. Registration Fee to Attend the Canadian Capital Cities Conference, May 16-19, 2017

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that Council authorize the attendance and registration fee for Councillor Marianne Alto to attend the Canadian Capital Cities Conference to be held in Victoria, May 16-19, 2017. The conference fee is \$425.00.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 11:02 p.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item, as her cousin is the president of the Asian Real Estate Board.

4. A Motion Postponed for 3 months from the January 26, 2017 Council Meeting

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council endorse the following resolution and request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Premier of British Columbia and Ministers Responsible for Housing and Finance, and that staff forward copies of the resolution to the Mayors, Councillors and Directors of the thirteen municipalities and three electoral areas within the Capital Region, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support to the Provincial government:

Resolution: Introduction of Non-Resident Speculation Surtax in Capital Region

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia and Legislative Assembly responded to a housing affordability crisis in July 2016 by introducing a 15% Additional Property Transfer Tax on residential real-estate purchases in the Greater Vancouver Regional District by foreign entities – a policy that has helped curb rapid escalation of residential real-estate prices in that region;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced that a 15% Non-Resident Speculation surtax will be introduced for residential real-estate transactions in the Greater Golden Horseshoe region, extending from Kitchener-Waterloo to the City of Peterborough, and encompassing Greater Toronto and surrounding urban areas;

AND WHEREAS there is a substantial risk that application of these surtaxes in Greater Vancouver and Greater Toronto will create distortions in the real-estate market in other regions, notably the Capital Region of British Columbia, which has been identified as one of the top-three costliest residential real-estate

markets in Canada, alongside Greater Vancouver and Greater Toronto, resulting in a negative impact on housing affordability within BC's Capital Region;

AND WHEREAS local government jurisdictions within the Capital Region have experienced sharp escalation in real-estate prices and land values in the past year, as well as growth in purchases by foreign entities, since the Additional Property Transfer Tax was introduced in Greater Vancouver, undermining the City of Victoria and Capital Regional District's Strategic Objectives of increasing the supply of affordable housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria places itself on record requesting that the Government of British Columbia act without delay to apply the 15% Additional Property Transfer Tax to purchases of residential real-estate by non-resident foreign entities within the Capital Region or the City of Victoria, whichever is more expedient, and utilize this revenue to invest in affordable housing;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that purchases of residential property by individuals who live, work or pay provincial income tax in British Columbia be exempted from application of the Additional Property Transfer Tax and that this tax only be applied in the Capital Region or City of Victoria if this exemption for people who live, work or pay provincial income tax in British Columbia is in place and provisions for First Nations Lands be similar to those adopted in Greater Vancouver;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that the Government of British Columbia introduce additional measures to curb speculation in residential real-estate and increase housing affordability in the region and province.

Council discussed the following:

- *Whether the motion inadvertently perpetuates xenophobia.*
- *That the motion would ensure a level playing field among the three least affordable regions in the country.*

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Mayor Helps, that the motion be amended as follows:

That Council endorse the following resolution and request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Premier of British Columbia and Ministers Responsible for Housing and Finance, and that staff forward copies of the resolution to the Mayors, Councillors and Directors of the thirteen municipalities and three electoral areas within the Capital Region, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support to the Provincial government:

Resolution: Introduction of Non-Resident Speculation Surtax in Capital Region

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia and Legislative Assembly responded to a housing affordability crisis in July 2016 by introducing a 15% Additional Property Transfer Tax on residential real-estate purchases in the Greater Vancouver Regional District by foreign entities – a policy that has helped curb rapid escalation of residential real-estate prices in that region;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced that a 15% Non-Resident Speculation surtax will be introduced for residential real-estate transactions in the Greater Golden Horseshoe region, extending from Kitchener-Waterloo to the City of Peterborough, and encompassing Greater Toronto and surrounding urban areas;

AND WHEREAS there is a substantial risk that application of these surtaxes in Greater Vancouver and Greater Toronto will create distortions in the real-estate market in other regions, notably the Capital Region of British Columbia, which has been identified as one of the top-three costliest residential real-estate markets in Canada, alongside Greater Vancouver and Greater Toronto, resulting in a negative impact on housing affordability within BC's Capital Region;

AND WHEREAS local government jurisdictions within the Capital Region have experienced sharp escalation in real-estate prices and land values in the past year, as well as growth in purchases by foreign entities, since the Additional Property Transfer Tax was introduced in Greater Vancouver, undermining the City of Victoria and Capital Regional District's Strategic Objectives of increasing the supply of affordable housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ~~the City of Victoria places itself on record requesting that the Government of British Columbia act without delay to apply the 15% Additional Property Transfer Tax to purchases of residential real-estate by non-resident foreign entities within the Capital Region or the City of Victoria, whichever is more expedient, and utilize this revenue to invest in affordable housing~~ **the Mayor of Victoria, on behalf of Council, write to the Provincial Government requesting that should the percentage of non-resident purchasers in the City of Victoria be 10% or more for three consecutive months, that the Province immediately introduce a 15% Additional Property Transfer Tax on such purchasers;**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that purchases of residential property by individuals who live, work or pay provincial income tax in British Columbia be exempted from application of the Additional Property Transfer Tax and that this tax only be applied in the Capital Region or City of

Victoria if this exemption for people who live, work or pay provincial income tax in British Columbia is in place and provisions for First Nations Lands be similar to those adopted in Greater Vancouver;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that the Government of British Columbia introduce additional measures to curb speculation in residential real-estate and increase housing affordability in the region and province.

Mayor Helps ruled the amendment out of order, as amending the motion to specify any non-resident of Victoria, instead of non-resident foreign entities, is not in keeping with the motion.

Councillor Isitt challenged the ruling of the chair.

Motion on whether the chair is to be sustained:

It was moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the ruling of the chair is to be sustained.

Carried

For: Councillors Alto, Coleman, Lucas, Madoff, and Young
Opposed: Councillors Isitt and Loveday

Amendment:

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Resolution: Introduction of Non-Resident Speculation Surtax in Capital Region

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia and Legislative Assembly responded to a housing affordability crisis in July 2016 by introducing a 15% Additional Property Transfer Tax on residential real-estate purchases in the Greater Vancouver Regional District by foreign entities – a policy that has helped curb rapid escalation of residential real-estate prices in that region;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced that a 15% Non-Resident Speculation surtax will be introduced for residential real-estate transactions in the Greater Golden Horseshoe region, extending from Kitchener-Waterloo to the City of Peterborough, and encompassing Greater Toronto and surrounding urban areas;

AND WHEREAS there is a substantial risk that application of these surtaxes in Greater Vancouver and Greater Toronto will create distortions in the real-estate market in other regions, notably the Capital Region of British Columbia, which has been identified as one of the top-three costliest residential real-estate markets in Canada, alongside Greater Vancouver and Greater Toronto, resulting in a negative impact on housing affordability within BC's Capital Region;

AND WHEREAS local government jurisdictions within the Capital Region have experienced sharp escalation in real-estate prices and land values in the past year, as well as growth in purchases by foreign entities, since the Additional Property Transfer Tax was introduced in Greater Vancouver, undermining the City of Victoria and Capital Regional District's Strategic Objectives of increasing the supply of affordable housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria places itself on record requesting that ~~the Government of British Columbia act without delay to apply the 15% Additional Property Transfer Tax to purchases of residential real-estate by non-resident foreign entities within the Capital Region or the City of Victoria, whichever is more expedient, and utilize this revenue to invest in affordable housing~~ **should the percentage of foreign speculators in the region be 10% or more for 3 consecutive months, that the province immediately introduce a 15% property transfer tax in the City of Victoria or the region;**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that purchases of residential property by individuals who live, work or pay provincial income tax in British Columbia be exempted from application of the Additional Property Transfer Tax and that this tax only be applied in the Capital Region or City of Victoria if this exemption for people who live, work or pay provincial income tax in British Columbia is in place and provisions for First Nations Lands be similar to those adopted in Greater Vancouver;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that the Government of British Columbia introduce additional measures to curb speculation in residential real-estate and increase housing affordability in the region and province.

Amendment to the amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the amendment be amended as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria places itself on record requesting that ~~the Government of British Columbia act without delay to apply the 15% Additional Property Transfer Tax to purchases of residential real-estate by non-resident foreign entities within the Capital Region or the City of Victoria, whichever is more expedient, and utilize this revenue to invest in affordable housing~~ **should the percentage of purchases by non-resident foreign speculators in the region be 10% or more for 3 consecutive months, that the province immediately introduce a 15% property transfer tax in the City of Victoria or the region;**

On the amendment to the amendment:
Carried

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, and Young
Opposed: Councillor Alto

On the amendment:
Defeated

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Isitt, Madoff, and Young
Opposed: Councillors Alto, Coleman, Loveday, and Lucas

Councillor Loveday requested that the Mayor recall the motion on the amendment.

On the amendment:
Carried

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Isitt, Loveday, Madoff, and Young
Opposed: Councillors Alto, Coleman, and Lucas

Main motion as amended:

That Council endorse the following resolution and request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Premier of British Columbia and Ministers Responsible for Housing and Finance, and that staff forward copies of the resolution to the Mayors, Councillors and Directors of the thirteen municipalities and three electoral areas within the Capital Region, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support to the Provincial government:

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WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia and Legislative Assembly responded to a housing affordability crisis in July 2016 by introducing a 15% Additional Property Transfer Tax on residential real-estate purchases in the Greater Vancouver Regional District by foreign entities – a policy that has helped curb rapid escalation of residential real-estate prices in that region;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced that a 15% Non-Resident Speculation surtax will be introduced for residential real-estate transactions in the Greater Golden Horseshoe region, extending from Kitchener-Waterloo to the City of Peterborough, and encompassing Greater Toronto and surrounding urban areas;

AND WHEREAS there is a substantial risk that application of these surtaxes in Greater Vancouver and Greater Toronto will create distortions in the real-estate market in other regions, notably the Capital Region of British Columbia, which has been identified as one of the top-three costliest residential real-estate markets in Canada, alongside Greater Vancouver and Greater Toronto, resulting in a negative impact on housing affordability within BC's Capital Region;

AND WHEREAS local government jurisdictions within the Capital Region have experienced sharp escalation in real-estate prices and land values in the past year, as well as growth in purchases by foreign entities, since the Additional Property Transfer Tax was introduced in Greater Vancouver, undermining the City of Victoria and Capital Regional District's Strategic Objectives of increasing the supply of affordable housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria places itself on record requesting that should the percentage of purchases by non-resident foreign speculators in the region be 10% or more for 3 consecutive months, that the province immediately introduce a 15% property transfer tax in the City of Victoria or the region;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that purchases of residential property by individuals who live, work or pay provincial income tax in British Columbia be exempted from application of the Additional Property Transfer Tax and that this tax only be applied in the Capital Region or City of Victoria if this exemption for people who live, work or pay provincial income tax in British Columbia is in place and provisions for First Nations Lands be similar to those adopted in Greater Vancouver;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that the Government of British Columbia introduce additional measures to curb speculation in residential real-estate and increase housing affordability in the region and province.

On the main motion as amended:
Defeated

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Isitt, Loveday, and Madoff
Opposed: Councillors Alto, Coleman, Lucas, and Young

Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to the meeting at 11:52 p.m.

5. Rezoning Application No. 00566 for 778 Fort Street (Downtown)

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Madoff, that Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00566 for 778 Fort Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set.

Carried Unanimously

6. Rezoning Application No. 00534 for 851 Johnson Street (Downtown)

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00534 for 851 Johnson Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set.

Carried

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, and Thornton-Joe
Opposed: Councillor Young

7. Letter to Province regarding Draft Cannabis Regulations and Legislation

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council request that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Solicitor General of British Columbia, requesting that the Province indicate to the City of Victoria as soon as possible when it anticipates publishing draft regulations and legislation relating to the distribution, regulation and taxation of cannabis in British Columbia, in accordance with the provisions of federal Bill C-45, the proposed Cannabis Act, and that the Mayor request that the province work with City of Victoria staff on this issue.

Carried Unanimously

8. Project Update: Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council receive this report for information.

Carried Unanimously

9. Allocation of Motorized Sightseeing Vehicle Parking Stand 3

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council direct staff to:

1. Bring forward amendments to the Vehicles for Hire Bylaw that would allow human powered sightseeing vehicles that are not pedicabs or rickshaws to park in parking stands currently allocated to motor vehicle sightseeing vehicles.
2. Bring forward amendments to Schedule D of the Vehicles for Hire Bylaw that will allocate Motorized Sightseeing Vehicle Parking Stand 3 for the period from May 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 as follows:
 - a. The Rolling Barrel, a distance of 7 m on the west half of Parking Stand 3 with a monthly fee of \$585.00
 - b. Little Urban Vehicles Canada Corp. (Little Urban Vehicles), a distance of 7 m on the east half of Parking Stand 3 with a monthly fee of \$585.00, subject to proof of licensing as a commercial passenger vehicle in British Columbia by May 15, 2017.
3. If Little Urban Vehicles does not obtain proof of licensing as a commercial passenger vehicle in British Columbia by May 15, 2017, then bring forward an amendment to Schedule D of the Vehicles for Hire Bylaw that will allocate the east half of Parking Stand 3 to The Rolling Barrel with a monthly fee of \$585.00.

Carried Unanimously

10. 2016 Annual Report Community Centre Operations

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council receive this report on the operation of the community and seniors centres for information.

Carried Unanimously

11. Letter to the School District regarding Child Care Spaces

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council direct the Mayor to write to the Chair of the School District and ask that the School District work collaboratively with the City and neighbouring municipalities as it relates specifically to child care spaces on School District properties.

Carried Unanimously

Motion to extend meeting:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the meeting be extended to 12:15 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

2. Committee of the Whole – April 27, 2017

1. Key Initiatives Dashboard

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that Council receive the report of April 18, 2017 for information.

Carried Unanimously

2. Discharge of Statutory Right of Way and Covenant – 1101 Fort Street

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council direct staff to prepare the necessary documents to discharge a redundant Statutory Right of Way (CA3550357) and Covenant (CA3550359) from a portion of a property at 1101 Fort Street.

Carried Unanimously

3. Council Member Motion: Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Isitt:

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS FCM's National Board of Directors is comprised of elected officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and,

WHEREAS FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show will take place from June 1 to 4, 2017, during which time the Annual General Meeting will be held and followed by the election of FCM's Board of Directors; and,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Victoria, British Columbia endorse Councillor Chris Coleman to stand for election as 3rd Vice-President of FCM's Board of Directors; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council assume all reasonable costs associated with Councillor Chris Coleman attending FCM's National Board of Directors meetings.

Carried Unanimously

4. 2016 Financial Statements

Motion:

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council accept the 2016 Financial Statements.

Carried Unanimously

5. Rezoning Application No. 00535 for 475 Gorge Road East (Burnside)

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Coleman:

1. That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00535 for 475 Gorge Road East, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set, with final approval only considered upon receipt of proof of registration of executed Statutory Right-of-Ways (SRW) of 4.03m of Gorge Road East, 0.85m on Bridge Street, and 1.38m on Garbally Road.
2. That Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00535, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for 475 Gorge Road East, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped February 21, 2017.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. Reduce the parking requirements to 1 parking stall per 294.5m² for commercial uses.

3. The Development Variance Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

Carried

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, and Thornton-Joe
Opposed: Councillor Young

6. Rezoning Application No. 00533 for 603 Gorge Road East (Burnside)

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alto:

1. That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00533 for 603 Gorge Road East, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set, with final approval only considered upon receipt of proof of registration of an executed Statutory Right-of-Way (SRW) of 4.91m on Gorge Road East at the Land Titles Survey Authority.
2. That Council after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00533, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for 603 Gorge Road East, in accordance with:

- a. Plans date stamped March 31, 2017;
- b. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. Reduce the parking requirements to 1 parking stall per 57.9m² for commercial uses;
- c. The Development Variance Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

Carried

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, and Thornton-Joe
Opposed: Councillor Young

7. City-Wide Wayfinding Strategy (Visual Victoria – Part 1)

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council:

1. Adopt the City of Victoria Wayfinding Strategy.
2. Direct staff to begin implementation of the strategy utilizing available funds approved as part of the 2017 financial plan, and to bring forward funding requirements for implementation of Phases 2 and 3 as part of the 2018 financial planning process.
3. Direct staff to work with the Songhees Nation and Esquimalt Nation to explore opportunities to incorporate Lekwungen place-naming as part of the implementation of the Wayfinding Strategy:
 - a. Direct staff to request appointment of a representative from the Esquimalt Nation Administrator, to participate in this initiative as per the City's Committee Remuneration Policy;
 - b. Direct staff to request appointment of a representative from the Songhees Nation Executive Director, to participate in this initiative as per the City's Committee Remuneration Policy.
4. Direct Staff to explore opportunities for partnership and additional funding opportunities to support ongoing implementation of the Wayfinding program.
5. Direct Staff to share the strategy with Esquimalt, Saanich, and Oak Bay for their information and use, if desired.

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Mayor Helps, that a point 3 (c) be added as follows:

3. Direct staff to work with the Songhees Nation and Esquimalt Nation to explore opportunities to incorporate Lekwungen place-naming as part of the implementation of the Wayfinding Strategy:
 - a. Direct staff to request appointment of a representative from the Esquimalt Nation Administrator, to participate in this initiative as per the City's Committee Remuneration Policy;
 - b. Direct staff to request appointment of a representative from the Songhees Nation Executive Director, to participate in this initiative as per the City's Committee Remuneration Policy; and
 - c. **Work with First Nations representatives to incorporate indigenous place names to the greatest extent possible, including consideration of elements of both Options 1 and 2 in the design signage.**

On the amendment:
Defeated

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Isitt, and Loveday
Opposed: Councillors Alto, Coleman, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe, and Young

On the motion:
Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS

1. FIRST READINGS

a. Rezoning Application No. 00552 for 695 Alpha Street

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the following bylaw **be given first and second readings:**

1. *Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1089) No. 17-026*

Carried

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, and Thornton-Joe
Opposed: Councillor Young

b. Rezoning Application No. 00513 for 701 Belleville Street

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the following bylaw **be given first and second readings:**

1. *Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1095) No. 17-034*

Carried

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Loveday, Lucas, Thornton-Joe, and Young
Opposed: Councillors Isitt and Madoff

c. Housing Agreement Bylaw for 701 Belleville Street

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that the following bylaw **be given first, second, and third readings:**

1. *Housing Agreement (701 Belleville Street) Bylaw No. 17-035*

Carried

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Thornton-Joe, and Young
Opposed: Councillor Madoff

d. Vehicles for Hire

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the following bylaw **be given first, second, and third readings:**

1. *Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 18) No. 17-040*

Carried Unanimously

3. ADOPTION

a. 2017 Business Improvement Area Bylaw

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the following bylaw **be adopted:**

1. *Business Improvement Area Rate Bylaw, 2017, No. 17-036*

Carried Unanimously

b. 2017 Boulevard Tax Bylaw

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that the following bylaw **be adopted:**

1. *Boulevard Tax Bylaw, 2017, No. 17-037*

Carried Unanimously

c. Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the following bylaw **be adopted:**

1. *Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2017, No. 16-084*

Carried

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, and Thornton-Joe
Opposed: Councillors Isitt and Young

Motion to extend meeting:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the meeting be extended to 12:30 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

d. Tax Rate Bylaw 2017

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the following bylaw be adopted:

1. *Tax Bylaw, 2017, No. 17-039*

Carried

For: Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, and Thornton-Joe
Opposed: Councillors Isitt and Young

e. Motorized Sightseeing Vehicle Parking Stands, Vehicles for Hire Bylaw

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the following bylaw be adopted:

1. *Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 17) No. 17-038*

Carried Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from the Founder of Creating Homefulness Society

Council received a letter dated April 5, 2017 requesting that the City send a letter of support to the BC Agricultural Land Commission on the Woodwynn Farms, farm-based treatment program.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the correspondence dated April 5, 2017 from the Founder of Creating Homefulness Society be received for information.

Motion to refer:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the letter be referred to the May 4, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Thornton-Joe withdrew from the meeting at 12:18 p.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item, as her cousin is the president of the Asian Real Estate Board.

2. Letter from Generation Squeeze

Council received a letter dated April 20, 2017 expressing the organization's support for asking the province to apply the Foreign Buyers' Tax to Victoria and the Capital Regional District.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the correspondence dated April 20, 2017 from Generation Squeeze be received for information, and that this letter be included on the same Council agenda as the letter from the Capital Regional District regarding Foreign Purchaser Property Transfer Tax.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Thornton-Joe returned to the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

3. Letter from the James Bay Neighbourhood Association (JBNA)

Council received a letter dated April 18, 2017 requesting that the City of Victoria partner with the JBNA to host a Conveyancing Technical Forum to discuss the Capital Regional District wastewater project conveyance system.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the correspondence dated April 18, 2017 from the James Bay Neighbourhood Association be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

1. Advocacy to Improve the Refugee Sponsorship and Settlement Process

Council received a Council Member motion from Councillor Isitt and Councillor Loveday, requesting that the City advocate to improve the refugee sponsorship and settlement process across Canada, including Victoria.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday:

THAT Council adopt the following resolution:

Resolution: Advocacy to Improve the Refugee Sponsorship and Settlement Process

WHEREAS Many citizen sponsors responded very positively and in line with Canadian citizenship values to the federal government's call in 2015-2016 for Syrian refugees to come to Canada, building on a strong tradition of welcoming newcomers and providing sanctuary for people fleeing violence, hardship and persecution;

AND WHEREAS Many private sponsorship groups raised money, undertook training, secured housing, and generally prepared to welcome refugee families and individuals;

AND WHEREAS Many of those groups welcomed and received families and individuals who they had agreed to sponsor through an expedited process;

AND WHEREAS Because of subsequent cuts in federal government support of visa staff some of those private sponsorship groups are still waiting for refugee families and individuals;

AND WHEREAS New sponsorship groups and the refugees they wish to sponsor are faced with processing waiting periods of 1.5 to 5 years (periods that existed under the previous government) in Canadian visa offices worldwide;

AND WHEREAS It is evident from experience that private sponsorship is a proven way of integrating refugees, of involving community members in that work, and engaging financial resources that are community-raised and based;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests the federal government take action to ensure that refugee families both from Syria and other countries are processed, and travel arrangements made, so that private sponsorship groups that are ready to host such refugees can normally welcome those refugee families within twelve months of the receipt of a completed application package by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada; Advocacy to Improve the Refugee Sponsorship and Settlement Process April 21, 2017

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the federal government work with refugee resettlement partners, including sponsorship agreement holders, private sponsoring groups and their advocates, and settlement agencies, to improve the overall refugee processing and settlement system across Canada, including Victoria, with resources, including those related to coordination of effort, that are adequately financed and sustained;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Ahmed Hussen, urging them to take prompt and effective action on this matter.

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the motion be amended by switching the order of the seventh and eighth clauses, as follows:

WHEREAS Many citizen sponsors responded very positively and in line with Canadian citizenship values to the federal government's call in 2015-2016 for Syrian refugees to come to Canada, building on a strong tradition of welcoming newcomers and providing sanctuary for people fleeing violence, hardship and persecution;

AND WHEREAS Many private sponsorship groups raised money, undertook training, secured housing, and generally prepared to welcome refugee families and individuals;

AND WHEREAS Many of those groups welcomed and received families and individuals who they had agreed to sponsor through an expedited process;

AND WHEREAS Because of subsequent cuts in federal government support of visa staff some of those private sponsorship groups are still waiting for refugee families and individuals;

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AND WHEREAS It is evident from experience that private sponsorship is a proven way of integrating refugees, of involving community members in that work, and engaging financial resources that are community-raised and based;

THEREFORE AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the federal government work with refugee resettlement partners, including sponsorship agreement holders, private sponsoring groups and their advocates, and settlement agencies, to improve the overall refugee processing and settlement system across Canada, including Victoria, with resources, including those related to coordination of effort, that are adequately financed and sustained;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests the federal government take action to ensure that refugee families both from Syria and other countries are processed, and travel arrangements made, so that private sponsorship groups that are ready to host such refugees can normally welcome those refugee families within twelve months of the receipt of a completed application package by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada; Advocacy to Improve the Refugee Sponsorship and Settlement Process April 21, 2017

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Ahmed Hussen, urging them to take prompt and effective action on this matter.

On the amendment:
Carried Unanimously

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Isitt, that the motion be amended as follows:

WHEREAS Many citizen sponsors responded very positively and in line with Canadian citizenship values to the federal government's call in 2015-2016 for Syrian refugees to come to Canada, building on a strong tradition of welcoming newcomers and providing sanctuary for people fleeing violence, hardship and persecution;

AND WHEREAS Many private sponsorship groups raised money, undertook training, secured housing, and generally prepared to welcome refugee families and individuals;

AND WHEREAS Many of those groups welcomed and received families and individuals who they had agreed to sponsor through an expedited process;

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AND WHEREAS New sponsorship groups and the refugees they wish to sponsor are faced with processing waiting periods of 1.5 to 5 years (periods that existed under the previous government) in Canadian visa offices worldwide;

AND WHEREAS It is evident from experience that private sponsorship is a proven way of integrating refugees, of involving community members in that work, and engaging financial resources that are community-raised and based;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the federal government work with **settlement agencies and refugee resettlement partners, including sponsorship agreement holders, private sponsoring groups and their advocates, ~~and settlement agencies~~, to improve the overall refugee processing and settlement system across Canada, including Victoria, with resources, including those related to coordination of effort, that are adequately financed and sustained;**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests the federal government take action to ensure that refugee families both from Syria and other countries are processed, and travel arrangements made, so that private sponsorship groups that are ready to host such refugees can normally welcome those refugee families within twelve months of the receipt of a completed application package by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada; Advocacy to Improve the Refugee Sponsorship and Settlement Process April 21, 2017

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Ahmed Hussen, urging them to take prompt and effective action on this matter.

On the amendment:
Carried Unanimously

Main motion as amended:

THAT Council adopt the following resolution:

Resolution: Advocacy to Improve the Refugee Sponsorship and Settlement Process

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AND WHEREAS Many private sponsorship groups raised money, undertook training, secured housing, and generally prepared to welcome refugee families and individuals;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests the federal government take action to ensure that refugee families both from Syria and other countries are processed, and travel arrangements made, so that private sponsorship groups that are ready to host such refugees can normally welcome those refugee families within twelve months of the receipt of a completed application package by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada; Advocacy to Improve the Refugee Sponsorship and Settlement Process April 21, 2017

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Ahmed Hussen, urging them to take prompt and effective action on this matter.

On the main motion as amended:
Carried Unanimously

QUESTION PERIOD

A question period was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Loveday, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the Council meeting adjourn.
Time: 12:28 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR