



MINUTES - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

June 10, 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 Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Young

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, L. Van Den Dolder - Assistant City Solicitor, J. Biem - 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, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works, G. Milne - Head of Strategic Operations, G. Diamond - Council and Committee Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

Consent Agenda:

- C.1 – Minutes from the COTW meeting held May 27, 2021

- F.2 – Proclamation – Longest Day of Smiles

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Young

That the following items be approved without further debate

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.1 Minutes from the COTW meeting held May 27, 2021

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Young

That the minutes from the COTW meeting held May 27, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.2 Proclamation - Longest Day of Smiles

Committee received a report dated June 2, 2021 from the City Clerk regarding the proclamation for the Longest Day of Smiles, June 20, 2021.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Young

That the *Longest Day of Smiles* Proclamation be forwarded to the June 10, 2021 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. LAND USE MATTERS

E.1 425-475 Simcoe Street: Rezoning Application No. 00773 (James Bay)

Committee received a report dated May 27, 2021 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding a proposal to rezone the property at 425-475 Simcoe Street by amending the existing C1-JB Zone, James Bay Extended Commercial District, to include the use of storefront cannabis retailer.

Councillor Isitt withdrew from the meeting at 9:03 a.m. due to a pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item as his father lives within 100 metres of this property.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00773 for 425- 475 Simcoe 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

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 External Grant Review Committee - report on Strategic Plan Grant Applications Allocations

Committee received a report dated June 10, 2021 from the Deputy Director of Finance regarding the External Grant Review Committee's evaluation of the Strategic Plan grant applications and their recommendations for Council's consideration.

Councillor Isitt returned to the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Councillor Isitt withdrew from the meeting at 9:05 a.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item as he volunteers with two of the applicants.

Councillor Loveday withdrew from the meeting at 9:06 a.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item as his partner works with one of the applicants.

Committee received a presentation from the External Grants Review Committee

External Grant Review Committee representatives Chris Tilden and Luca Piscetta presented on the Committee's recommended funding allocations and recommendations for future Strategic Grant processes.

Committee discussed the following:

- The reasoning behind funding allocations and how the External Grant Review Committee made decisions*
- The decisions Council will need to make in terms of how much funding can be made available for strategic objectives in subsequent years*

Moved by Councillor Alto

Seconded by Councillor Potts

That Council:

- a. Approve the External Grant Review Committee's recommendations for grant awards for the Strategic Plan Grant program.

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

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Moved by Councillor Andrew

Seconded by Councillor Alto

- b. Adopt the External Grant Review Committee's recommendations regarding improvements to the Application Form as outlined in their report dated June 10, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Mayor Helps

Seconded by Councillor Alto

- c. Direct staff to report back to Council before the November 2022 opening of applications, with an analysis of the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Strategic Plan grants under the objective 'Health, Wellbeing and a Welcoming City' with proposed sub-categories for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Mayor Helps

Seconded by Councillor Alto

- d. Direct staff to report back before the November 2022 opening of applications, with proposed metrics to evaluate the way in which programs support the City's equity goals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Alto

Seconded by Councillor Potts

- e. That Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2022 budget considerations on the implications and potential funding source for increasing the Strategic Plan grants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Mayor Helps

Seconded by Councillor Andrew

- f. That Council direct staff to do an analysis of Strategic Plan grant submissions from 2019 through 2021 and recommend to Council a proposed grant cap for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Mayor Helps

Seconded by Councillor Potts

- g. That Council direct staff to report back on a funding mechanism for the Greater Victoria Cross Guards Association as part of the 2022 financial planning process and request that the Mayor write to the School Board chair asking for consideration of a co-funded program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Mayor Helps

Seconded by Councillor Alto

- h. Allocate one seat on the Committee to an Indigenous member and direct staff to report back to Council with recommendations for committee composition that reflect the City's equity values.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Mayor Helps

Seconded by Councillor Alto

- i. That Council invite the Victoria Foundation to present its Unravelling report and principles for trust-based philanthropy for Council and staff's consideration for the Strategic Plan Grant process going forward.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

Councillors Isitt and Loveday were present when the meeting reconvened.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Council Member Motion: Trutch Street

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated June 3, 2021 from Councillor Isitt, Mayor Helps, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts regarding directing staff to report back on the implications of changing the name of Trutch Street and inviting comments from the community.

Committee discussed the following:

- *The history of this issue and the community involvement*

- *The rationale behind the suggested name and that Council would be open to other suggestions from the community or City Family and the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.*

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council:

1. Direct staff to report back at the next triennial update on implications of changing the name of Trutch Street to Truth Street, including a municipal grant and/or other assistance to offset administrative costs incurred by the approximately 60 households that would be impacted by this address change.
2. Invite comments from the City Family and the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations on this proposed change, to be considered at the next triennial update, and on any cultural or ceremonial work that would take place as part of the renaming process.
3. Invite comments on this proposed change, to be considered at the next triennial update, from current residents of Trutch Street and the Fairfield Gonzales Community Association.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Alto

Seconded by Councillor Andrew

1. Direct staff to report back at the next triennial update on implications of changing the name of Trutch Street to ~~Truth Street~~, including a municipal grant and/or other assistance to offset administrative costs incurred by the approximately 60 households that would be impacted by this address change.

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.2 Council Member Motion: Beacon Hill

Council received a Council Member Motion dated June 4, 2021 from Councillor Young regarding direction to staff to report back on options that might provide access to essential facilities for those with mobility disabilities in Beacon Hill Park.

Committee discussed the following:

- *The need to provide access to park facilities while balancing vehicle and pedestrian access*

Moved By Councillor Young

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council:

1. Direct staff to report back on options that might provide access to essential facilities for those with mobility disabilities while minimizing the impact of motor vehicle traffic on the public enjoyment of the Park.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Andrew

Seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe

1. Direct staff to report back on options that might provide access to essential facilities **and other amenities that are accessible to able bodied individuals** for those with mobility disabilities while minimizing the impact of motor vehicle traffic on the public enjoyment of the Park.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved by Councillor Young

Seconded by Mayor Helps

1. Direct staff to report back on options that might provide **accessible** access to essential facilities **and other amenities that are accessible to able bodied individuals** for those with mobility disabilities while minimizing the impact of motor vehicle traffic on the public enjoyment of the Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved by Councillor Isitt

Seconded by Councillor Dubow

1. Direct staff to report back on options **to improve access to facilities and amenities in Beacon Hill Park for those with mobility impairments** that might provide ~~accessible~~ access to essential facilities and other amenities ~~for those with mobility disabilities~~ while minimizing the impact of motor vehicle traffic on the public enjoyment of the Park.

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

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved by Councillor Andrew

Seconded by Councillor Alto

1. Direct staff to report back on options **to restore and** to improve access to facilities and amenities in Beacon Hill Park for those with mobility impairments while minimizing the impact of motor vehicle traffic on the public enjoyment of the Park.

FOR (3): Councillor Andrew, Councillor Alto, Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Young

DEFEATED (6 to 3)

On the amendment:

1. Direct staff to report back on options **to improve access to facilities and amenities in Beacon Hill Park for those with mobility impairments** while minimizing the impact of motor vehicle traffic on the public enjoyment of the Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

Direct staff to report back on options to improve access to facilities and amenities in Beacon Hill Park for those with mobility impairments while minimizing the impact of motor vehicle traffic on the public enjoyment of the Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 11:34 a.m. and reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

H.3 Late Items

H.3.1 Council Member Motion: Canada Day 2021

Committee received a Council Member Motion dated June 8, 2021 from Mayor Help and Councillor Alto regarding a rethink of the City of Victoria's traditional Canada Day celebration for 2021, to be determined by staff in conversation with the Songhees and Esquimalt Chiefs, the City Family and the long-standing Lekwungen participants in the City's Canada Day celebrations.

Committee discussed the following:

- *That the current plan for Canada Day is already reduced to a one-hour televised event because of the pandemic*
- *The tight timeline for production changes with Canada Day being 21 days away*
- *The commitments made with the Heritage Canada grant and the flexibility of the required deliverable*

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

1. That Council direct staff to put on hold plans for the conventional Canada Day celebration this year and request that staff either:
 - a.) Do nothing further with respect to July 1st events this year or
 - b.) Work with the Songhees and Esquimalt Chiefs, the City family and the long-standing Lekwungen participants in the City's Canada Day celebrations to explore the use of the hour-long TV broadcast as an educational opportunity, potentially drawing on the footage of the Reconciliation Dialogues (including but not limited to the first dialogue where Lekwungen elders and others share the history and stories of these lands known today as the City of Victoria, the last dialogue where the Canadian College of Performing Arts students provide an educational piece on the history of residential schools and Sir John A Macdonald), and on any contributions the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations may wish to make including, but not limited to, words from the Chiefs, songs and dances by the Lekwungen Dancers, etc.

The determination as to which course of action to take a.) or b.) to be made by staff in conversation with members of the City Family, the Nations and the long-standing Lekwungen participants of Canada Day events.

2. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting of June 10th for consideration.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Isitt
Seconded by Mayor Helps

1. That Council direct staff to put on hold plans for the conventional Canada Day celebration this year and ~~request that staff either~~
 - a. Do nothing further with respect to July 1st events this year ~~or~~ **and**
 - b. Work with the Songhees and Esquimalt Chiefs, the City family and the long-standing Lekwungen participants in the City's Canada Day celebrations to explore the use of the hour-long TV broadcast as an educational opportunity **to be broadcast by September 6, 2021**, potentially drawing on the footage of the Reconciliation Dialogues (including but not limited to the first dialogue where Lekwungen elders and others share the history and stories of these lands known today as the City of Victoria, the last dialogue where the Canadian College of Performing Arts students provide an educational piece on the history of residential schools and Sir John A Macdonald), and on any contributions the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations may wish to make including, but not limited to, words from the Chiefs, songs and dances by the Lekwungen Dancers, etc.

~~The determination as to which course of action to take a.) or b.) to be made by staff in conversation with members of the City Family, the Nations and the long-standing Lekwungen participants of Canada Day events.~~

2. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting of June 10th for consideration.

Committee recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 1:16 p.m.

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

1. That Council direct staff to put on hold plans for the conventional Canada Day celebration this year and
 - a. Do nothing further with respect to July 1st events this year and
 - b. Work with the Songhees and Esquimalt Chiefs, the City family and the long-standing Lekwungen participants in the City's Canada Day celebrations to explore the use of the hour-long TV broadcast as an educational opportunity to be broadcast by September 6, 2021, potentially drawing on the footage of the Reconciliation Dialogues (including but not limited to the first dialogue where Lekwungen elders and others share the history and stories of these lands known today as the City of Victoria, the last dialogue where the Canadian College of Performing Arts students provide an educational piece on the history of residential schools and Sir John A Macdonald), and on any contributions the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations may wish to make including, but not limited to, words from the Chiefs, songs and dances by the Lekwungen Dancers, etc.
2. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting of June 10th for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. Notice of Motion

Councillor Dubow read a Notice of Motion recommending the City of Victoria endorse the UBCM resolution regarding Provincial Support for Action and Implementation of Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and that Council consider this at the June 17, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

J. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR