



MINUTES – VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016, AT 12:59 P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING:

Council Chambers, City Hall

PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

J. Johnson – City Manager; J. Jenkyns - Deputy City Manager; C. Coates - City Clerk; P. Bruce – Fire Chief; K. Hamilton – Director of Citizen Engagement & Strategic Planning; T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities; S. Thompson – Director of Finance; J. Tinney – Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; F. Work – Director of Engineering & Public Works; C. Havelka – Deputy City Clerk; C. Mycroft – Executive Assistant to the City Manager; B. Green – Senior Planner; P. Martin - Council Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion:

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

Carried Unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. BC Lottery Corporation Request for Expressions of Interest for Siting of New Casino Facility - Phase Two

Council received a report dated June 13, 2016, from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding further information on the proposed scope and selection process for a casino.

Council discussed the following:

- *Previously discussed plans for the Crystal Gardens.*
- *Potential issues in regards to noise concerns and existing noise bylaws.*
- *Staff's decision behind putting forward Crystal Gardens for consideration.*
- *The potential to have staff discuss cooperation with Saanich, in regards to a new casino facility.*

Motion:

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Lucas, that Council direct staff to submit a response to BCLC in accordance with Attachment 2 to the Request for Expression of Interest - Phase Two for their consideration and which includes the site identification and promotion of the City-owned Crystal Gardens and Apex site as a potential site for consideration by BCLC.

Council discussed the following:

- *Concerns regarding gambling facilities in Victoria as it relates to addiction.*
- *Other possible sites that could be discussed for a new casino facility, and relating correspondence received.*

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Thornton-Joe, that the motion be amended by adding consideration of the Rock Bay / Burnside Gorge neighbourhood as a potential location for a casino.

Council discussed the following:

- *Whether the Rock Bay / Burnside Gorge neighbourhood is appropriate*

On the amendment:
Defeated

For: Councillor Young

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

Council discussed the following:

- *Potential benefits or implications that a gambling facility could bring to the City of Victoria.*
- *That further public consultation and information would be required*

Amendment:

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

That Council direct staff to submit a response to BCLC in accordance with Attachment 2 to the Request for Expression of Interest - Phase Two for their consideration and which includes the site identification and promotion of the City-owned Crystal Gardens and Apex site, **although not excluding other possible private properties as potential sites as a potential site** for consideration by BCLC.

On the amendment:
Carried Unanimously

Council discussed the following:

- *Concerns regarding the impacts a casino could have on neighbouring businesses.*
- *The previous casinos that were located in Victoria, and the importance of learning from history.*

Main motion as amended:

That Council direct staff to submit a response to BCLC in accordance with Attachment 2 to the Request for Expression of Interest - Phase Two for their consideration and which includes the site identification and promotion of the City-owned Crystal Gardens and Apex site, although not excluding other possible private properties as potential sites for consideration by BCLC.

On the main motion as amended:
Carried

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

BYLAWS

1. SECOND READING

Motion:

Bylaw – Rescind Second Reading:

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that Council rescind the second reading of:

1. *Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1036) No. 16-053*

Carried

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

Motion:

Bylaw – Second Reading with Amendment:

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

1. *Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1036) No. 16-053.*

Carried

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that the Special Council meeting adjourn.
Time: 1:53 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR